

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conyers, Georgia, City Council was held at 7:02 p.m. on November 18, 2015, in the City Council Chambers at 1194 Scott Street, Conyers, GA.

Roll Call – Present: Mayor Randy Mills; Council Members Vince Evans, John Fountain, Gerald Hinesley and Cleveland Stroud. Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.

Invocation – The invocation was given by Council Member John Fountain.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Mills led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Communication – Mayor Mills welcomed everyone.

Citizens' Comments – There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Agenda Revisions – City Manager Tony Lucas asked the Council to add a presentation by Officer Debbi Krisher of the Police Reserve Unit after the recognitions.

Minutes:

- Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council Member John Fountain seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015 City Council work session. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Recognitions:

Years of Service

Ryan Peterson (Conyers Police Department) was recognized for 10 years of service to the City.

Antony Thrasher (Public Works & Transportation) was recognized for 15 years of service to the City.

Sadina Jurgens (Cherokee Run Golf Club) was recognized for 20 years of service to the City.

Other:

Officer Debbi Krisher of the Conyers Police Reserve Unit presented to Chief Wilson a check in the amount of \$300.00 from the Reserve Unit for Shop-With-A-Cop.

New Business:

1. **Public hearing. A request to approve Ordinance No. 998, an ordinance requesting a Special Permit for a Banquet Hall as an additional permitted use within the BG, General Business District; to provide for a reduction in distance to 837 +/- feet from a residential dwelling unit; to provide for an amendment to the official zoning map for the City of Conyers to reflect said special use permit; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; for other purposes; and to waive the second reading.** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Earl Cameron representing Cameron Hall addressed the Council in favor of the request.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

After discussion, Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 998 and waive the second reading. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

2. **Public hearing. A request to approve Ordinance No. 999, an ordinance requesting to rezone 1.08 acres from ID, Industrial Distribution District to HSB, Highway Service Business District; to provide for an amendment to the official zoning map for the City of Conyers to reflect said rezoning; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; for other purposes; and to waive the second reading.** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

There was no one wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance 999 and waive the second reading. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

3. **Public hearing. A request to approve Ordinance No. 1000, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Conyers to provide for Religious Uses on the same basis as other assemblage uses; to provide for definitions; to make technical corrections; to amend enforcement procedures; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting ordinances; for other purposes; and to waive the second reading.** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and asked Mayor Mills to open the public hearing.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Connie A. Spann of C&T Investment Properties, LLC addressed the Council in favor of the request.

Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Council Member John Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1000 and waive the second reading. Council Member Vince Evans seconded the motion. After discussion, Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

4. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IA) between the City of Conyers (CITY) and Rockdale County for the installation of an 8-inch water line, fire hydrants and water line service connection to participating homes along Haynes Ridge Road. Estimated cost is \$150,502. City will pay 30% and Rockdale County will pay 70%.** Council Member John Fountain presented the request to the Council and made a motion to approve. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. After discussion, Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
5. **Request approval of a Contract Agreement between Peach State Construction Co., LLC and the City of Conyers for cart path repair at Cherokee Run Golf Club. We received three bids with Peach State Construction Co., LLC being the low bid for a cost of \$37,186.** Director of Public Works & Transportation Brad Sutton presented the request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion to approve the request of a Contract Agreement between Peach State Construction Co., LLC and the City of Conyers for cart path repair at Cherokee Run Golf Club for a cost of \$37,186. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
6. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a contract between the City of Conyers and Cagle Grading, Inc. for the installation of, but not limited to, 290 linear foot of 36" pipe to control ditch erosion and sediment control at Cherokee Run Golf Course at an estimated cost of \$58,315.** Director of Public Works & Transportation Brad Sutton presented the request to the Council and asked for Council's approval. Council Member Gerald Hinesley made a motion to approve the request of a contract between the City of Conyers and Cagle Grading, Inc. for the installation of, but not limited to 290 linear foot of 36" pipe to control ditch erosion and sediment control at Cherokee Run Golf Course at an estimated cost of \$58,315. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.
7. **Request for Mayor and Council to approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Conyers for pedestrian lighting services that will be installed by Georgia Power. This MOA is for six (6) street lamps at the new Race Trac that will be located at 1744 Highway 138, Conyers, GA 30012.** Council Member Gerald Hinesley presented the request to the Council to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Georgia DOT and the City of Conyers for pedestrian lighting services that will be installed by Georgia Power for six (6) street lamps at the new Race Trac that will be located at 1744 Highway 138, Conyers, GA 30012 and made a motion to approve. Council Member Cleveland Stroud seconded the

motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

8. **Application for a beer and wine consumption on premise license – (Matthew Talbot Robinson – Folks, Inc. – d/b/a Folks Southern Kitchen – 1081 Iris Drive, Conyers, GA 30094.** Council Member John Fountain presented the application to the Council. He stated that all background checks were done and no violations were found, and made a motion to approve. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Council Member John Fountain, Chairman of the *Community Development Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Vince Evans, Chairman of the *Economic Development Committee*, reported that this year's Olde Town Fall Festival was one of the best attended, and that this is the 35th year for this event; and that the ice skating rink is now open. He also reported that Sandy Fowler is the new Olde Town Event Coordinator.
- Council Member Cleveland Stroud, Chairman of the *Public Safety Committee*, had nothing to report.
- Council Member Gerald Hinesley, Co-Chairman of the *Finance Oversight Committee* and Chairman of the *Transportation and Stormwater Committee*, reported that the Irwin Bridge project is about 70% complete and should be completed in April 2016. He also reported that a meeting will be held on December 3 at the Library from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for property owners on Hardin and O'Kelly Streets to meet about the improvement project.
- Council Member Chris Bowen, Chairman of the *GIHP, Cherokee Run, BHCNC, and Cemetery Committee*, was absent.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Tony Lucas addressed the Council and stated that the Employee Thanksgiving luncheon was, as usual, enjoyed by everyone. He reported that Bob Bell celebrated his 20th year at the GIHP. He also asked the Mayor and Council about some dates for the Mayor and Council Planning Retreat. City Manager Lucas stated that he, Council Member Vince Evans, Chief Gene Wilson, Major Mike Waters, and Captain Derek Parker will be going to Miami regarding CALEA re-accreditation for the Conyers Police Department.

Executive Session – City Manager Tony Lucas stated there an executive session was needed to discuss litigation and potential litigation. Council Member Vince Evans made a motion for an executive session to include the City Manager. Council Member Gerald Hinesley seconded the motion. Mayor Mills called for a vote of the Council. All members present voted aye. (Council Member Chris Bowen was absent.) Mayor Mills declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest:

Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk