

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 @ 7:30 P.M.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricia Wheeler at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Council Members Coletti, Johnson, Mailman, Redmond, and Wells and City Attorney Joe Fowler. Council Member Higgins was absent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Wheeler determined a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Redmond gave the invocation and Council Member Wells led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – July 7, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Redmond noted corrections to the minutes. Mayor Wheeler called for a vote to approve the minutes with necessary corrections.

Motion approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – July 20, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for mention of additions or corrections to the minutes. No corrections noted.

Motion approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – July 20, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Redmond noted corrections to the minutes. Council Member Coletti noted the commemorative flags discussed during the Community Affairs Report were reported at a cost of \$43.00 each and that the actual cost is \$47.00 each. Mayor Wheeler called for a vote to approve.

Motion approved 5-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wheeler read a letter written by Stone Mountain Police Chief Chancey Troutman thanking Specialty Car Company for the use of carts during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Mayor Wheeler presented a flag and certificate to Marine Sgt. Joseph Ross Stowell in honor of his military service. The flag was raised on the city's flagpole on July 30, 2015 to further honor Sgt. Stowell.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda of the day. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bid award for resurfacing a portion of the Rock Gym parking lot is to be placed on the August 17th, 2015 work session agenda for consideration. Bid opening for the project is scheduled for August 7th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda – No items.

Increase in Compensation – City Clerk

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 5-0.

East Mountain Street Sidewalk Proposal for Construction Management – Atwell, LLC

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the proposal in the amount of \$20,323, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion passed 5-0.

Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Georgia Municipal Association – Vehicles - \$167,054.82

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 5-0.

Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Georgia Municipal Association – Vigilant License Plate Reader - \$17,683.00

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 5-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2015-09 – Vacant Property Registry

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2015-23 – FY 2015 Budget Amendment

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2015-25 – Sale of Surplus Property

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Mailman.

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 5-0.

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Resolution 2015-26 – Preparation of a Transition Plan for the Position of City Manager
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.
There was an opportunity for further discussion.
Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Zoning – No report.

Community Affairs – Council Member Coletti reminded those present about the commemorative flag program that will honor those local members of the Armed Forces that have returned home from military service. Mrs. Coletti also asked Council their thoughts on the City Wide Yard Sale being held on Saturday, October 17th, 2015.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro-tem Johnson reported that the DDA has a work session scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. and regular meeting will be held August 25th, 2015. Ms. Johnson reported that the DDA has approved the appointment of one member, and that recommendation for appointment will be brought before Council during the next Council work session. She also reported that the Stone Mountain Historical Society will hold its annual barbeque this Saturday, August 8, 2015.

Finance – No report.

Community Outreach – Council Member Redmond reported that the community watch group will have a cookout and cleanup later this month. Yard of the Month was awarded this month to 5157 Poplar Springs with award including a gift certificate from Café Jaya. Last month's award winner received a gift certificate from Sweet A'Roma. Ms. Redmond asked that the Code Compliance Officer visit the property at 5444 Rockbridge Road to ensure that the building is up to par and is meeting code requirements. Ms. Redmond further reported that CSX Transportation has repaired the west side of the railroad bridge, but that the east side of the bridge needs maintenance. Mayor Wheeler announced that citizens would need to write formal letters of complaint about the bridge.

Public Safety – Council Member Mailman reported that the Back to School Bash was held Saturday, July 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Baptist Church Pavilion. He thanked all of those that volunteered and those that gave donations, including the Women's Club and the Rotary Club. The event serviced over 400 children and supplies were given to the local library, churches, and schools. Volunteers also distributed supplies to different places in town that have children that were in need of back to school supplies. City Manager Gary Peet thanked Mr. Mailman and his team of volunteers for their efforts in putting the event together.

Public Works – Council Member Steve Wells reported that paving on East Ponce De Leon road will be done on August 10th and 11th, 2015. He also reported that Public Works has been working to keep the grass cut around the City. Mr. Wells announced that he will be planning a cleanup event for mid to late September. He will take suggestions about public places around the City that are in need of cleanup and he will announce the date and time of the cleanup event during the next Council work session. Mayor Wheeler informed Mr. Wells that the Rotary Club is interested in helping with cleanup efforts.

Historic Preservation Commission – No report.

Visitor Center – No report.

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REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Johnson announced that the BOOST Stone Mountain Investment Group, a group of private citizens who put monies into an investment group, and make awards to businesses within the City, made two awards on July 31, 2015. One award was to Sweet A’Roma and the other was to Artsy Fawn Studio. Those interested in participating in the group should contact DDA Executive Director Mechel McKinley.

City Clerk ChaQuias Thornton announced that qualifying dates for the 2015 general municipal election for 3 Council Member seats will be published in the local news organ next week. The qualifying period will begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and end on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Wheeler thanked all of those present for attending and she also thanked Council Member Mailman for the hard work he puts forth for the annual Back to School Bash. Mrs. Wheeler also announced the upcoming Work Session to be held on August 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk