



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM; Councilmember Wells was absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – Councilmember Hollis did the invocation and Councilmember Mailman led the pledge.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (*Citizens are encouraged to speak but to keep their comments to three minutes*)

- Judy Asher from 5287 Mountain Village Court; spoke on cat trapping and the use of small housing to build shelters for them; congratulations to the new council members and remember that they were voted in by the citizens; suggested big boxes with bows in the downtown area during the holidays; the city needs activities for kids during summer; suggested two story mixed use buildings where the MARTA property is with lofts above and businesses below; dog park not a good proposed location; also wanted the city to talk to DeKalb about the lights on Main.
- Joan Monroe from 5499 Woodsong Trace; thanked the previous council members for their service; she hopes the new members know there are many parts to this town and she wants them to care as much with their service.
- Steve Higgins from 1028 Ridge Avenue; welcomed the three new members and stated he was glad to have someone from the Rockborough area and to have Ms. Hollis with all of her previous notetaking; talked about a recreation committee saying that he wanted to get the Rock Gym open as soon as possible; spoke on ethics and questions being asked of the board that are not ethical in nature but procedural; he stated the city attorney should determine if items are of the ethical nature and we should at other cities to see ramifications.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

- A. Minutes of City Council Regular Council Meeting – 12/05/17; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 5/0 with corrections.**
- B. Minutes of City Council Special Called Meeting – 12/18/17; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 5/0 with corrections.**
- C. Minutes of City Council Work Session Meeting – 12/18/17; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 5/0.**
- D. Minutes of City Council Special Called Meeting – 12/21/17; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 5/0 with corrections**

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS; Mayor Wheeler read a memo from Judge Barnes-Wiggins.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Request to add by unanimous consent under New Business: Item F. Letter of Engagement – Audit Services – James L. Whitaker, P.C. – For Year Ended December 31, 2017; and Item G. Local Government Entities Agreement between American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the City of Stone Mountain; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 5/0.**

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR-None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda-None
- B. Conditional Use Application – Mr. Richard Keyton; Applicant – Parcel No. 18 090 15 011, 1024 Hill Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; for consideration of a request for an accessory structure. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to deny; Councilmember Mailman seconded; Councilmember Hollis asked some questions that were answered by City Manager Thornton; **motion carried 5/0.**
- C. Variance Application - Mr. Richard Keyton; Applicant – Parcel No. 18 090 15 011, 1024 Hill Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; for consideration on variance requests for exterior materials, kitchen use and property size; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to deny; Councilmember Mailman seconded; **motion carried 5/0.**
- D. Appointment by the Mayor – Board of Ethics – Two Members Appointed by the Mayor; One with term 2018 and One with the term 2018-2020; Mayor Wheeler appointed Barb Iverson and David Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem made a motion; Councilmember Mailman seconded; **motion carried 5/0.**
- E. Appointments by the City Council – Board of Ethics – One Member Appointed by Each Council Member for Two Year Terms – 2018-2019; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson appointed Jacquelyn Neubauer; Councilmember Hollis appointed Andrea Redmond; Councilmember Mailman appointed Al Capagrossi; Councilmember Jasmine Little appointed Jeff Carey; Mayor Pro Tem made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; Mayor Wheeler stated the other two appointments will be done at the February Regular meeting; **motion carried 5/0.**
- F. Letter of Engagement – Audit Services – James L. Whitaker, P.C. – For Year Ended December 31, 2017; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 5/0.**
- G. Local Government Entities Agreement between American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the City of Stone Mountain; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 5/0.**

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2018-01 FY2017 Budget Amendment; Mayor Pro Tem made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; City Manager Thornton went through the amendment and summarized for Council; **motion carried 5/0.**

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Planning and Zoning - None
- B. Community Affairs - None
- C. Economic Development - None
- D. Finance - None
- E. Community Outreach - None
- F. Public Safety – Councilmember Mailman - thanked the new members; spoke about the Rock Gym repairs and the recreation committee; thanked Ms. Monroe and the others that came forward to speak; public safety is going well; more policing and code enforcement in this new year.
- G. Public Works – Councilmember Wells absent
- H. Historic Preservation Commission - None
- I. Visitor Center - None

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE; Councilmember Little and Bryant spoke about being elected. City Manager Thornton also spoke to the new members; Councilmember also spoke; Mayor Pro Tem spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR; Mayor Wheeler thanked the new members and spoke a little about the job. Mayor then announced that the City was invited by House of Representative Billy Mitchell and our Senator Steve Henson to dinner this coming Tuesday night, January 16, 2018 at The Village Corner.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 5/0;** meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Mayor Patricia Wheeler

City Clerk Rhonda A. Blackmon

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The public comments are reserved exclusively for comments from the public and not for immediate reply. The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice city related requests, concerns or opinions only during the public comment portion of the City Council meeting. I. The Mayor and City Council reserves the right to extend or limit the length of public comments based on: (1) the issue under discussion; (2) the number of items on the agenda; and (3) the extent to which the speaker remains constructive in their comments and questions. II. The public may not directly confront the public speaker but must direct all comments and questions to the Mayor and City Council. III. Public harassment of or confrontation with a public speaker will not be tolerated. Members of the public violating tenets two or three will be asked to sit down or leave the premises.