



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Councilmember Hollis did the invocation and Councilmember Wells led the pledge.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

- A. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY;** Request to add by unanimous consent under New Business: Item F-Consideration for Bids to Repair the Rock Gym; and under New Ordinances and Resolutions: Item B-Resolution 2018-04 FY2018 Budget Amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 6/0.**

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

- Jim Callahan on behalf of Discovery (Adventure) Day in the Village of Stone Mountain; he spoke about the fundraiser and all the events that will be happening on April 28, 2018 at the Baptist Pavilion. He gave a handout to go over the event.
- Joan Monroe of 5499 Woodsong Trace informed everyone that Judy Asher was in the hospital for blood poisoning; she thanked Mayor Wheeler, Councilmember Wells, Councilmember Mailman and Councilmember Hollis for their help and efforts with the cat project; she stated there should be representation at the Stone Mountain Improving Lives Every Day. March 12, 2018 is on code.
- Katrina Jarrell of 613 Penny Brook Lane to report about the clean-up last Saturday at Medlock Park. She also wanted to invite everyone to her event at the Thirsty Mona Lisa on Saturday, February 17th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm; New Atlanta Workshop featuring local artists and businesses for a fundraiser to go toward creative space supporting music arts in Stone Mountain.
- Ron Jones of 5343 Zachary Drive spoke on behalf of Latasha Wray of Ridgewood Subdivision; the conversations with the Chief will be this coming weekend at Stone Mountain Public House (formerly Café Jaya) from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Saturday.
- Nicole Hall Nickel Works Consulting, LLC of 3398 Wickum Road, Atlanta, GA is a consultant working on the annexation project. She talked about the mailers and she brought some items to the city for the project.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

- A. Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting – 01/09/18; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded with corrections stating that on page 2 paragraph 1 she had made commentary; **motion carried 6/0.**
- B. Minutes of City Council Special Called Meeting – 01/18/18; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 6/0.**
- C. Minutes of City Council Work Session Meeting – 01/22/18; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded with corrections on page 1 paragraph 5 with the executive session, that should also include the DDA; **motion carried 6/0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Appointments by the City Council – Board of Ethics – One Member Appointed by Each Council Member (Wells/Bryant) for Two Year Terms – 2018-2019: Councilmember Wells appointed Clint Monroe and Councilmember Bryant appointed Steve Higgins; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Mailman seconded; **the motion carried 6/0.**

- B. Ordinance 2017-08 To Amend Appendix A – Zoning, Article V: District Regulations to Include Provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units: Draft 2 of this ordinance; Administration recommends retracting R1 from the title in section 5-1. City Manager Thornton stated that R1 needs to come out of the title. **This was the 1st reading.**
- C. Ordinance 2017-09 To Amend Appendix A – Zoning, Article VI: Supplemental Regulations, Section 6-8 Accessory Uses; Draft 2 of this ordinance; discussion previously was about where to have the dwelling unit and it was said only in the rear yard; change to no less than 400 sq. ft. which will align in the changes that will be made in the Building Code to reference the IIBC; Councilmember Mailman asked if we would have to come to the city because of size and lots or variances; and City Manager Thornton stated that it would be by the district regulations. **This was the 1st reading.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda; none.
- B. Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the ART STATION – Use of the property fronting Second Street for Internal Storage; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion passed 6/0.**
- C. Consideration of Community Development Block Grant Application and Submission to the DeKalb County Community Development Department for a potential grant award of \$70,000 for the Purchase and Installation of Play Ground Equipment at McCurdy Park; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; City Manager Thornton stated that we are still gathering information as it relates to SPLOST and the use of SPLOST for this project. She also stated that we should start up community discussion again on items that are wanted at the park; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson said that there was not a hard deadline; City Manager Thornton said that we do want to try and get in early as the funds run out quickly. (Discussion Only)
- D. Proposal – Southeastern Commercial Painting – To Paint City Hall - \$4,875.00; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 6/0.**
- E. Consideration to Change the Monthly Work Session Meetings from the 3rd Monday of the Month to the 3rd Tuesday of the Month; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 6/0.**
- F. Consideration for Bids to Repair the Rock Gym; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to consider bids; Councilmember Mailman seconded; **motion carried 6/0.** City Manager Thornton gave a summary stating that the bids were for Life Safety and repairs. There are four quotes, so Ms. Thornton read through all quotes. She then gave a budget amendment amount that would be needed. The council gave more discussion on the item.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2018-03 FY2018 Budget Amendment; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; City Manager Thornton gave a summary of the amendment; **motion carried 6/0.**
- B. Resolution 2018-04 FY2018 Budget Amendment; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; City Manager Thornton gave a summary of the amendment for the Rock Gym and the funding;
- C. City Manager Thornton discussed the repairs and the quotes; there was discussion; Councilmember Wells asked if there was any kind of matching from the County and the City Manager stated that we will be asking for that. Councilmember Hollis read the motion and read each of the quotes; Councilmember Hollis made the motion; Councilmember Mailman seconded; **motion carried 6/0 with H & R Flooring as the contractor. motion carried 6/0.**

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Planning and Zoning; none
- B. Community Affairs; none
- C. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority; Errol Newark gave a summary of the handout he presented with updates; City Manager Thornton also gave information on the DDA and the projects. She also stated that administration will be bringing an amendment for breweries to the Council.
- D. Finance; City Manager Thornton discussed an employee that is due an increase but has topped out at the grade level; the personnel pay compensation needs to be upgraded and not have grading steps but have salary ranges and policy restrictions for increases.

- E. Community Outreach: none
- F. Public Safety; Councilmember Mailman talked about code enforcement and the employee moves that have been made; he also talked about the coyotes and the increasing dangers. He talked about the patrolling and that we need to be more offensive and not defensive, but things are getting better. City Manager Thornton gave information that Sgt. Norrington is retiring and about his service with the City.
- G. Public Works; Councilmember Wells stated that we are still trying to get the speed bumps with DeKalb County but there is some pushback; Mayor Wheeler stated that we are not the only ones getting pushback.
- H. Historic Preservation Commission; none
- I. Visitor Center; none

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: Mayor Wheeler gave the information again on the Saturday event Strong Together Building Relationships and Building Trust One Conversation at a Time at the Stone Mountain Public House from 9:00 am to 10:00 am where the Chief will be speaking.

- Councilmember Mailman gave information on Kathryn Wright and her status after having surgery for injuries related to a car crash.
- Mayor Pro Tem Johnson spoke about the Nickel Works information for annexation in to the city.
- Councilmember Wells thanked the feral cat team; he also gave Councilmember Mailman a Happy Birthday!

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Wheeler called for a motion to adjourn; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmembers Mailman and Hollis seconded; **motion carried 6/0**; meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Mayor Patricia Wheeler

City Clerk Rhonda A. Blackmon