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Mayor Jerkins stated, no, we will not move the gazebo because it would cost more to move it. The railroad will take the gazebo down probably on February 1, 2008. Mayor Jerkins stated the plans are to build another gazebo in the park next to the Community Center and plant some trees as well. Ms. King asked, do you know on Veterans Memorial where we have the Season Greetings, could we have the Christmas tree lighting there at that location? Mayor Jerkins stated he did not think it would be large enough for everyone to park and participate. Ms. King asked if the City or the State installed the stop signs past the gas company. Mayor Jerkins stated the City of Austell installed two stop signs. The residents asked for the stop signs because the trucks were going too fast through that street. Ms. King stated one of the problems she has experienced is, if she is trying to make a left hand turn and another truck is trying to make a right hand turn we cannot get through. In other words we are in each other's way or in each other's lane. Is there any consideration to remove one of the stop signs? Mayor Jerkins stated, no, because we just installed these stop signs a couple of months ago. Mayor Jerkins asked Ms. King, if the stop sign wasn't there you could turn? Ms. King stated if the stop sign was gone, I wouldn't have the problem. Mayor Jerkins stated Joe Street may not be wide enough to turn to the left but it was not wide enough before the stop sign was installed. Ms. Boyd stated we had a lot of complaints from people coming out of Austell Boxboard turning onto Joe Street going so fast and we put the speed humps there to try and slow them down and this is another reason the Council passed this. Ms. King's daughter asked why they had not reinstalled the speed humps after the paving of Joe Street. Ms. Boyd stated she was not aware they had not reinstalled the speed humps. Mr. Bowens stated he would check into this matter. Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone else would like to speak to the council. No one did.

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
JOE JERKINS**

A. Tax Anticipation Notice for Austell Gas System

Mr. Kimbrough stated this is a Resolution to adopt the Tax Anticipation Notice for the Austell Gas System. This is basically a line of credit for the gas system to help if they have a negative cash flow throughout the year as needed. The gas company can borrow against this line of credit up to \$3.5 million over the next 2-3 years.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation to approve the Tax Anticipation Notice for Austell Gas System in the amount of \$3.5 million. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (4-0).

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7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**BEVERLY JAMES BOYD, CHAIRPERSON
Denise Soesbee, Director**

- A. Financial Report
- B. 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Ms. Boyd stated this report was discussed in length at our pre-agenda meeting. Ms. Boyd asked if anyone had any questions about the audit. No one did.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation to approve the 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Seconded by Mr. Traylor. Motion passed (4-0).

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

**KIRSTEN ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
Carolyn Duncan, Director**

- A. No Report

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

**VIRGINIA REAGAN, CHAIRPERSON
Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

- A. Police Report
- B. Code Enforcement Report
- C. Live Scan – Purchase

Ms. Reagan stated the Police Department has received bids in reference to purchasing a live scan fingerprint system. Copies of the bids are attached. This was not a budgeted item. The purchase is necessary due to the GBI limiting their timely response to our requests. Also the OBTS (Offender Based Tracking System) has to be reported electronically now. This system will allow that. And a recent GCIC audit recommended that we make this purchase.

Chief Starrett talked to Finance Director Denise Soesbee about a budget revision in the amount of \$13,559.00 to make this purchase, with \$10,759.00 payable to Synergistic and \$2,800.00 to our current software company (RIMS), which will make this software work. A budget revision form is attached.

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The Police Committee is asking Council to approve the Budget revision and to approve the purchase of Live Scan from Synergistic, which is the lowest bid, and the software fee to RIMS.

Ms. Reagan moved to follow the recommendation of the Police Committee to approve the Live Scan-Fingerprint Purchase. Seconded by Ms. Boyd. Motion passed (4-0).

D. Computer Purchase

Ms. Reagan stated the Police Department needs to purchase a computer to replace the Chief's computer which is outdated and in need of repair. The cost is \$1,755.00 purchased from Dell through Intandem, LLC. The money will come from Dept. 100/3210 Account No. 54.2400. A copy of the quote is attached. This was a budgeted item. The Police Committee requests Council to approve this purchase.

Ms. Reagan moved to follow the recommendation of the Police Committee to approve the Computer Purchase. Seconded by Ms. Boyd. Motion passed (4-0).

E. Privilege License for 2008

Ms. Reagan stated the Police Committee requests Council to approve the following Privilege License Requests for the year 2008:
(Note – All Renewals and applications may have not been turned in to the City Clerk's Office at the time this material was submitted.)

2008 Privilege License Renewals and Requests

Beer, Wine, and Liquor

Package Retail
Malt Beverages Only
1. Texaco Food Mart

Package Retail
Malt Beverages and Wine
1. Quick Pick
2. Austell Food Store
3. Austell Beer and Wine
4. Austell Food Mart

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Package Retail
Malt Beverages, Wine and Liquor

1. Joe's Bottle Shop
2. Al's Package Store
3. Nana's Liquor (Al's Package Store)
4. South Cobb Package

Consumption on Premises
Malt Beverages and Wine

Café Hot Wing

Consumption on Premises
Malt Beverages, Wine and Liquor

1. Sweetwater BBQ
2. La Tinaja Restaurant
3. Fat Cats Fun and Games
4. The Cigar Pub

Other

Title Pawn

1. Austell Title Pawn
2. Austell Gold and Pawn
3. South Cobb Pawn

Towing Services

1. Henson's Wrecker Service
2. Willie's Wrecker Service
3. Dixie Wrecker Service

Bail Bonding Companies

1. Lee Quick Bail
2. A 24 Hour Bail Bonds
3. Lighthouse Security Bond, Inc.

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Game Rooms

1. Fat Cats Fun and Games

Ms. Reagan moved to follow the recommendation of the Police Committee to approve the Privilege Licenses for 2008. Seconded by Mr. Traylor. Motion passed (4-0).

F. Maten Meeting

Ms. Reagan stated the Police Department has been asked to host the Maten Meeting on February 6, 2008, and it will cost approximately \$1,200.00.

Ms. Reagan moved to follow the Police Committee recommendation to approve to host the Maten Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Boyd. Motion passed (4-0).

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

**SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON
Tim Williams, Fire Chief**

A. Fire Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**DAVID "BO" TRAYLOR, CHAIRPERSON
Randy Bowens, Director**

A. No Report

Mr. Traylor stated he would like to comment and bring to the Council's attention as information only: We have been mandated to cut our water consumption by 10% and as of September we had a decrease of 10% and October, 14% decrease, and in November, 27%, and in December, 26% and we would like to thank the citizens of Austell for helping us get these numbers down.

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

**RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

A. No Report

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Ms. Boyd asked Mayor Jerkins to please report on the new walking trail. Mayor Jerkins stated he had been down two to three times but the parking part of it hasn't been finished. Mr. Graham stated because of the rain this is why it is not finished. Mayor Jerkins stated it looks good. It is a lot longer than what it looks. I have walked it about three times and it is long. It looks real good and I see deer every time I walk. This is behind Frog Rock and you have to go down Spring Street to get to it.

**13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BEVERLY JAMES BOYD, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

- A. Changes to the City of Austell Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance
Ms. Boyd stated we have Amendments to our Sign Ordinance and I would like to turn this over to Mr. Kimbrough for a public hearing. Mr. Kimbrough stated he would like to call for a public hearing for the changes to the City of Austell Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone had signed up to speak in opposition to this amendment. No one did. Mr. Kimbrough asked Mr. Graham if he was speaking on behalf of the City of Austell.

Mr. Graham stated basically last year we were in a lawsuit over a billboard and since then we have changed the sign ordinance twice and this is our last effort. We have gone over the ordinance to reassure this will not happen again in the future. These changes will be made and inserted into the zoning manuals. Mr. Noah Givens asked what are the changes? Mr. Graham stated without reading the entire Sign Ordinance it is to close up some loopholes in the ordinance. I will be glad to give you a copy of the sign ordinance amendments. Mr. Kimbrough stated it is an ever changing animal because of lawsuits that come up and will come up.

Ms. Boyd stated the company tried to put up billboards all up and down the main street, Veterans Memorial Highway, and we stopped it.

Mr. Kimbrough stated he would like to close the public hearing at this time on the Amendment to the Sign Ordinance.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of Mr. Kimbrough to adopt the changes to the City of Austell Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (4-0).

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Ms. Boyd stated she would like to turn the meeting over to Mr. Kimbrough for a public hearing for changes in impound lots for cars ordinance. Mr. Kimbrough stated this pertains to impound lots and wrecker services. At this time we will call a public hearing for the amendment for impound lot for a wrecker service. Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone had signed up to speak in opposition. No one did. Mr. Kimbrough asked who would speak on behalf of the City of Austell.

Mr. Graham stated he would. Mr. Graham stated in 1998 we adopted a Comprehensive Zoning Manual. Actually, it mirrored Cobb County's Zoning Manual. Prior to that, impound was only allowed in light industrial and heavy industrial. We had a recent case to come up and both had to have special related permits to operate. In 1998 they were allowed in general commercial and heavy industrial and we didn't really catch this until we had a conflict this past year. We have no intention of having an impound yard in our local business district. This is an effort to clean this up the way it was and it allows wrecker service and impound of damaged vehicles and confiscated vehicles all in light industrial and heavy industrial with special land use permits and takes it out of general commercial zoning. Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone had any questions. No one did. Mr. Kimbrough stated at this time we will close the public hearing dealing with the proposed amendment dealing with impound lots.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation to adopt the amendments for the City of Austell Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance in reference to impound lots and wrecker services. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (4-0).

14. CITY ATTORNEY

A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA MEETING

DATE:	January 8, 2008
TIME:	6:30 P.M.
LOCATION:	Marietta – Cobb Chamber

B. Committee Appointments

Mayor Jerkins stated all Committee Appointments will remain the same.

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16. ADJOURN

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed (4-0).