

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

Present: Mayor Joe Jerkins
Kirsten Anderson
Beverly James Boyd
Randy Green
Virginia Reagan
David "Bo" Traylor
Scott Thomas

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Austell City Council was held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Carolyn Duncan, City Clerk; Sandra Farmer, Deputy City Clerk, General Administration; Randy Bowens, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Affairs Director; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; Bob Starrett, Police Chief; Tim Williams, Fire Chief.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jerkins called the meeting to order. Pastor Bill Shattles gave the Invocation, and Mayor Jerkins led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jerkins asked if any Council Member would like to add items to the Agenda. Mr. Traylor stated he would like to add 9C. – Request for Privilege License for Cobb Pawn Shop.

Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to add the item to the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

Mayor Jerkins and Mr. Traylor presented Randy Bowens with a plaque and pin for his twenty years of service. Mayor Jerkins thanked Mr. Bowens for his hard work and dedication to the City of Austell. Mr. Traylor stated Mr. Bowens started at the City of Austell in December 19, 1988 as a city mechanic and was promoted as Public Works Director on February 1997. Mr. Traylor stated Mr. Bowens as Director has twenty-one employees and is a member of the Georgia Association Water Professionals and a member of the American Waterworks Association and a charter member of the Georgia Association of Flood Plain Management. Mr. Traylor thanked Mr. Bowens for his service and dedication to the City of Austell. Mr. Thomas told the story of when Mr. Bowens would help repair the Police Cars when he was a mechanic for the city and what a blessing he was.

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2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE

(No Action Required by Council – See Specific Department Director before Meeting.)

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills \$600.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting January 5, 2009
- D. Reception – 6:30 P.M. – 20 Year Service pin Ceremony – Randy Bowens

Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone would like to speak to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Ann Turner stated her name and stated the petroleum prices have gone down and how much further behind the pump prices and the wholesale prices does the gas price land. How much longer will it be before I see a reflection on my Austell gas bill that the rates are going down? Mayor Jerkins stated oil and gasoline and natural gas are three different things but your gas bill has been coming down in the last three months. Mr. Kimbrough stated it had actually been in the last four months that natural gas prices have decreased. Mayor Jerkins stated maybe you have used more gas because it has gotten colder. Ms. Turner stated she understood that, but the cost per therm hasn't come down. Mayor Jerkins stated, yes, it has and we have proof of this I can show you the figures. It has definitely come down three months in a row. Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone else would like to speak to the Council. No one spoke.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

JOE JERKINS

Mr. Kimbrough stated he attended the meeting two weeks ago and the regular gas schedule was adopted. As we just discussed the natural gas prices have been down for the last four months. We have no idea what it will be next month because the oil prices have go up and natural gas usually tracts oil.

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7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

BEVERLY JAMES BOYD, CHAIRPERSON
Denise Soesbee, Director

- A. Financial Report
- B. Budget Revisions

a) Spring Street Property

Ms. Boyd stated we need to establish a budget for the Spring Street Property. The house on Spring Street was recently donated to the City. In order to comply with the budget regulations the City needs to establish a budget for this new piece of property on Spring Street. The proposed budget is attached. We are asking to set up an account for fifteen thousand dollars. Please see the attached breakdown:

Account Number	2008-09 Fiscal Budget
52.2200 Repairs and Maintenance	8,000.00
53.1210 Water/Sewerage	500.00
53.1220 Natural Gas	500.00
53.1230 Electricity	1,000.00
54.1200 Site Improvements	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	<u>15,000.00</u>

The site improvements have already started looking better already.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the set up of an account in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the Spring Street Property. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

b) Parks Administration transfer to Austell Supermarket

Ms. Boyd stated we need to transfer funds from Parks Administration to Austell Supermarket to repair the roof. Last week at pre-agenda we discussed \$15,000.00 for the roof repair.

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I have furnished you with a copy of the estimate and the quote is more and we have had to increase the roof repair from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 for the repairs. The total cost is \$22,000.00 and material cost at the time of delivery is \$13,945.00 and the remaining balance will be \$8,055.00 due at time of completion. It is important you know that this will come with a ten (10) year leak proof warranty beginning the day the payments are made. This warranty will cover all materials and this warranty will not cover anything like an Act of God.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of the Finance Committee to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Parks Department to Austell Supermarket department Account 100/7565 52.2200 in the amount of \$25,000.00 for roof repairs. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

Mayor Jerkins stated to Ms. Boyd we need to vote on this contract and waive the three bids. This company will use a spray on material and have one coat and then come back with another coat and it will end up as a solid sheet. The problem with the other material we had on the roof was seamed together and didn't work and caused a lot of problems. I am real impressed with the material and after meeting with the company. I think this is what we really need.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to waive the three bids and accept the bid from Southeastern Foam and Coating, Inc. for \$22,000.00. for the repairs of the grocery store. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).

c) Budget Revision – James Park Property

Ms. Boyd stated we need to increase Parks Administration budget by \$20,782.00 for purchase of James Park property. This is to be funded by contingency fund. You gave the Mayor permission to purchase this property and now we have to find the money to pay for it.

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Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation to approve the transfer from the General Fund of \$20,782.00 to the Parks Department, Line Item 100/6210 -54.1000 in the amount of \$20,782.00 to pay for the James Park property. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

d) Donations to South Cobb High School Band and Garrett Middle School Truancy Board

Ms. Boyd stated the need to increase Legislative department fund by \$15,000.00 for donations to the South Cobb High School Band and Garrett Middle School and I would like to separate these two. Donate \$10,000.00 to the South Cobb High School Band and donate \$5,000.00 to Garrett Middle School Truancy Board.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation to approve and transfer from the General Fund Contingency \$15,000.00 to the Legislative department. Budget Line item 100/1110-53.3900 the amount of \$10,000.00 for the band trip to Washington for the inaugural parade. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation to approve and transfer \$5,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Legislative Fund Account# 100/1110 – 53.3900 the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Garrett Middle School Truancy Board. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).

C. Corrections on Salary Grid for 2008-09

Ms. Boyd stated the 2008-09 salary grid for General Administrative personnel proposed with the 2008-09 budget is incorrect. Please review the corrected salary grid.

Ms. Boyd moved to follow the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the corrections of the 2008-09 Salary Grid. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).

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**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Carolyn Duncan, Director**

- A. No Report

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT
DAVID “BO” TRAYLOR, CHAIRPERSON
Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

- A. Police Report
B. Code Enforcement Report
C. Privilege License Request – Cobb Pawn Shop

Mr. Traylor stated the Police Department is requesting Council to approve a Privilege License Request for Cobb Pawn Shop, located at 4805 Austell Powder Springs Road. The Applicant, Loy Charles Stansel, has an approved background check for this request.

This location does not currently have a proper reporting system set up to receive pawns. The Police Committee is requesting Council to approve this request, pending the proper set up of the required reporting system.

A copy of the Business License Application is attached.

Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of the Police Committee to approve this request, pending proper set up of the required reporting system. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

Ms. Boyd asked if this was the location that is on probation for selling to a minor. Mayor Jerkins stated no, not for that. Mr. Stansel had other people running the liquor store and it is closed and no longer in business. He owns both buildings and is applying for just the pawn shop license. Mr. Stansel will be operating this business himself.

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT
SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON
Tim Williams, Fire Chief**

- A. Fire Report

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**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
DAVID “BO” TRAYLOR, CHAIRPERSON
Randy Bowens, Director**

1. INFORMATION ONLY:

A. Employee Reception and Pin Ceremony

Mayor Jerkins presented Mr. Randy Bowens a pin and plaque for his 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Austell.

2. RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL:

B. City Website

Mr. Traylor stated the new City website is nearing completion. In anticipation of the unveiling of the new website, the Public Works Committee would like to recommend a new domain name.

www.austellga.gov.

Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the City Website. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

C. Great American Clean Up Event

Mr. Traylor stated the Public Works Department will hold the Great American Cleanup event on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Volunteers will meet in downtown Austell between 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. to beautify the area.

Attached is the flyer that will be distributed to all citizens with their water bill. We would also like to provide free hot dogs, chips, and drinks to those that have dedicated their time to volunteer.

Mr. Traylor moved to follow the recommendation to approve the Great American Clean Up Event on April 25, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

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**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT
RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

A. No Report

**13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
VIRGINIA REAGAN, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

A. No Report

14. CITY ATTORNEY – DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA Meeting

DATE: February 10, 2009

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Acworth

Mayor Jerkins stated our former employee is still in jail. We will probably have to do a budget amendment for \$19,000.00 for additional audit work.

Mayor Jerkins stated he is trying to get the interest rate lowered on the Bonds. This will save the city money over the course of the period of the Bonds to have a fixed interest rate.

16. ADJOURN

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to adjourn.
Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).*