

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF AUSTELL  
THREADMILL COMPLEX  
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**

Present:

Mayor Ollie Clemons  
Valerie Anderson  
Melanie Elder  
Devon Myrick  
Sandra Leverette  
Randy Green  
Marlin Lamar

Also, present: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Denise Lowe, Finance Director; Bo Garrison, Public Works Director; Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief; Bob Starrett, Police Chief, Darrell Weaver, Community Affairs Director and Elizabeth Young, City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Clemons called the meeting to order, Pastor John Bailey gave the invocation & Mayor Clemons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Clemons asked if anyone had items to add to the agenda. No one had items to add.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE**

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

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills - \$2,342.50
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting June 7, 2021

*Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (6-0)*

**4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. CITIZENS REPORT**

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE**  
**OLLIE CLEMONS, MAYOR**

Mr. Kimbrough attended the gas board meeting. He stated that since the gas system has gone contactless as of January 1, 2021, it is going very well.

**7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**  
**VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Denise Lowe, Finance Director**

A. Financial Report

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**  
**MELANIE ELDER, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Elizabeth Young, Director**

A. No Report

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

A. Police Report

B. License Hearing-Afro Caribbean Restaurant

After numerous noise complaints on the above business, a hearing concerning the privilege license has been scheduled in front of Mayor & Council. Letter to the owner/license holder is attached. Mr. Green turned it over to our city attorney for a public hearing. Mr. Kimbrough asked everyone wanting to speak to stand & he swore them in. The following complainants spoke regarding the noise & nuisance violations coming from King Caribbean Restaurant: Randall Adams, George Kosha & wife Mrs. Davis, Patricia Sawyer, Beatrice Neaseman, Frank Sessness, & Liza Keno. The complainants are requesting for something to be done to control the noise from the music & the people partying in the back of the restaurant. The owner of King Caribbean, Mr. Ojongmgoh,, stated they were just made aware of the complaints several weeks ago. The attorney representing King Caribbean, Mr. William Tiku, stated they are willing to take steps to help this issues & resolve the problems if given the opportunity. Mayor Clemons stated that they were made aware of the complaints almost a year ago while in a meeting with El Galaxy & King Caribbean. He also stated he wanted the neighborhood to know that there have been conversations in the past about the noise complaints.

*Mr. Green followed the recommendation of Mr. Kimbrough to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (6-0)*

*Mr. Green made the recommendation to a 30 day business license suspension as of July 12, 2021, must install a sound barrier, install an alarm on the back door for emergency use only, and there must be an inspection done by the building inspector, fire marshal, & code enforcement prior to opening up after the 30-day suspension. Once the restaurant has passed all the necessary inspections, they will be allowed to reopen. At the time of reopening, they will be on a 90-day probation period. If the City of Austell or Cobb County receives 2 or more complaints, the business license will be revoked indefinitely. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (4-2)*

C. Car Wash Contract-Paradise Falls

Mayor Clemons stated we need more information on this before we move forward with it.

*Mr. Green moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to table the car wash contract. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (6-0)*

D. Approval to Accept Donations-Veterinarian Bills

The Police committee requests Council to approve the Georgia K-9 Association to pay bills accumulated in the treatment of K-9 Jerry Lee. A letter from Deputy Chief Natalie Poulk is attached with further information.

*Mr. Green moved to follow the request of Mayor Clemons to approve to accept donations of veterinarian bills. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (6-0)*

## 10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

### MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON

#### Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

A. Fire Report

B. Purchase of a New Fire Truck

The City of Austell Fire Department is requesting to purchase a new Mid Mount Ladder Platform Truck.

**One 2022 Pierce Velocity Aerial Mid Mount Platform:**

Pierce (10-8 Fire) proposed price: \$1,386,009.00

Proposed pre-pay discount (\$46,252.00)

(85% of total due with contract, 15 % due at delivery)

Revised total with discounts: **\$1,339,757.00**

**One 2021 Smeal 100' Mid Mount Platform**

Smeal (Peach State Truck) proposed price: **\$1,281,900.00**

**Rosenbauer (NAFECO) Ladder Truck**

Could not meet specification and sent a letter of no bid.

The City of Austell Fire department is recommending the purchase of a new Aerial Mid Mount Platform. After consideration of companies that submitted proposals, the fire department is requesting the purchase of a 2022 Pierce Velocity Mid Mount Platform. We are requesting the purchase of a Pierce for several reasons that include; primarily, due to the size of our engine bay at both stations, Pierce is the only supplier that met the size parameters that are needed to allow us to house this equipment at either station without having to modify the buildings, the last two pumpers that we have purchased are Pierce and we have received good service from them, with the fleet being the same manufacturer, it makes operating and training on the equipment easier. Maintenance is easier, ordering parts would be from the same company, they have multiple mobile service trucks in our area, and we are familiar with the company. We feel that they build very dependable equipment and they have been building fire apparatus for 80 years.

Funding will come from the 2022 SPLOST and 2011 SPLOST.

*Mr. Lamar moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the purchase of the new fire truck. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion passed. (6-0)*

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON**

**Bo Garrison, Director**

A. No Report

**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**DEVON MYRICK, CHAIRPERSON**

**Darrell Weaver, Director**

A. No Report

**13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON**

**Darrell Weaver, Director**

A. Code Enforcement Report

**14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH**

A. No Report

## 15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Juneteenth Resolution (see attached)

*Mrs. Leverette moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (6-0)*

## 16. ADJOURN

*Mr. Myrick moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Clemons to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lamar. Motion passed. (6-0)*

Dellie Clemons, Jr.  
Mayor

Elizabeth Young  
Attest

AUGUST 4. 2021  
Date