

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016**

Present: Mayor Joe Jerkins
Kirsten Anderson
Valerie Anderson
Ollie Clemons
Randy Green
Sandra Leverette
Scott Thomas

Absent: Randy Bowens

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Sandra Farmer, City Clerk; Elizabeth Young, Assistant Director, General Administration; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; Jim Graham, Community Affairs Director; Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief; and Bob Starrett, Police Chief.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jerkins called the meeting to order and Pastor John Bailey gave the Invocation and Mayor Jerkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone had any items to add to the Agenda. No one added any items to the Agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills \$1,402.50
- C. Add Items to Agenda July 11, 2016

Mr. Green 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. No one spoke.

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**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
JOE JERKINS**

Mr. Kimbrough stated he attended the Gas Board meeting and we addressed the normal items and we hope and pray for a cold winter. The gas prices have been pretty stagnate all year long and not much change and hardly any volatility whatsoever. Everything is rocking along just fine and getting ready for the winter months.

**7. FINANCE REPORT
OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON
DENISE SOESBEE, DIRECTOR**

A. Financial Report

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON
SANDY FARMER, DIRECTOR**

A. Announcement of New City Clerk & Assistant Director

Ms. Leverette stated she would like to make an announcement in reference to the Mayor's office.

As of July 1, 2016 Sandy Farmer has replaced Carolyn Duncan as City Clerk.

As of July 5, 2016 Elizabeth Young has replaced Sandy Farmer as Assistant Director & Human Resource Representative.

We would like to welcome both of these dedicated employees in their new positions and wish them well.

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT
OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON
BOB STARRETT, POLICE CHIEF**

A. Police Report

B. Code Enforcement

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**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT
RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
PAT MAXWELL, FIRE CHIEF**

A. Fire Report

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
KIRSTEN ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
RANDY BOWENS, DIRECTOR**

A. No Report

**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT
SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON
JIM GRAHAM, DIRECTOR**

A. No Report

**13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
JIM GRAHAM, DIRECTOR**

A. Rezoning – Veterans Memorial and Wilson Street, LL 141, Parcel 54 of the 18th District, 2nd Section of Cobb County from R-15 to GC.

Mr. Kimbrough stated he would like to call for a Public Hearing. Requested by Barla Properties for Rezoning – Veterans Memorial and Wilson Street, LL 141, Parcel 54 of the 18th district, 2nd Section of Cobb County from R-15 to GC. Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone was present on behalf of Barla Properties to speak.

Mr. Joel Gibbs stated his name and stated he owned Barla Properties. Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone had signed up in opposition of this Rezoning. Mr. Graham stated no one had signed up in opposition. Mr. Kimbrough swore in Mr. Gibbs. Mr. Kimbrough asked Mr. Gibbs to state his request and purpose for having this property rezoned from R-15 to GC.

Mr. Gibbs stated this is actually a strip that you all would know as Kelly Cars. Today it is American Auto Sales.

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There was a mobile home that used to sit behind the car lot. I believe that mobile home is fifty (50) feet long. This is the actual piece of property is a little bigger than that. The post that outlines that parcel back there has been there for twenty-five or twenty-eight years. So as you ride by it nothing has changed that we have done or will be doing. It's just it wasn't properly zoned. Per the recommendation from Mr. Jim Graham this has been here forever and we need to straighten out this issue and get it in proper order and this is my purpose for the rezoning.

Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Gibbs. No one had any questions. Mr. Kimbrough stated we need a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Mr. Clemons moved to follow the recommendation of Mr. Kimbrough to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Kirsten Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).

Ms. Valerie Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of the Community Affairs Committee to approve the Rezoning of Veterans Memorial and Wilson Street, LL 141, Parcel 54 of the 18th District, 2nd Section of the Cobb County from R15 to GC. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. Crown Castle – Telecommunications Services

Mr. Kimbrough stated as we talked about at Pre-Agenda last week we have this issue with Crown Castle. They are a marketer of fiber optics. They have requested to be able to provide that service for the citizens of Austell. They have gone through all the proper procedures through the Public Service Commission. They have submitted everything properly. I think I said last week we would have to do this by Ordinance but we do not have to do this by Ordinance or Resolution. It takes a vote of the Council to approve and then I will send a letter to them verifying their application was approved. We will need a motion to approve. Mayor Jerkins asked Mr. Kimbrough about the franchise agreement. Mr. Kimbrough stated the franchise agreement is built into the document. It is in part, of the application and any revenues they receive from providing this service to the City of Austell we will receive three (3%) percent of those revenues. That is part of their application in part of the statute which allows them to put this application forward. Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone had any questions. No one did.

Mayor Jerkins moved to follow the recommendation of Mr. Kimbrough to approve the Crown Castle – Telecommunications Services. Motion passed (6-0).

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15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA MEETING

TIME:

LOCATION:

AUGUST 9, 2016

6:30 P.M.

City of Kennesaw

Ben Robertson Community Center

2753 Watts Drive

Kennesaw, GA 30144

16. ADJOURN

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