

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF AUSTELL  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018**

Present: Marlin Lamar  
Valerie Anderson  
Ollie Clemons  
Sandra Leverette  
Scott Thomas

Absent: Mayor Joe Jerkins  
Randy Green

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; Bo Garrison, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Development Director; Brandon Merritt, Assistant Fire Chief, Bob Starrett, Police Chief and Kiona Warren, Deputy City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons called the meeting to order and Reverend Cindy Conner gave the Invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Clemons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked if anyone needed to add 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 \$1,857.50
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting November 5, 2018

*Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed (5-0).*

**4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. CITIZENS REPORT**

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE**

**JOE JERKINS**

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated gas usage has been flat but hoping for an increase due to the weather change.

**7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON**

**Denise Soesbee, Finance Director**

A. Financial Report

B. 2018-19 Budget Amendments

The purpose is to adjust the 2018-19 budget to reflect expenditures not included in the original budget. The following purchases were not included in the budget: 2- Street Radar Signs \$7,000.00, Replacement of 3 street lamps \$60,000.00, LED Sign for City Hall \$15,000.00, and a Metal Detector for Court \$3,500.00.

The purchases will be paid for with a portion of the increase in Cable Tax as a result of an audit \$55,000.00 and an increase in Insurance Premium Tax \$30,500.00.

The finance committee recommends that the council approve the proposed budget.

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve the 2018-19 budget amendment. Seconded by Mr. Lamar. Motion passed. (5-0)*

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON**

**Elizabeth Young, Director**

A. No Report

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON**

**Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

A. Police Report

*Mr. Green made a motion to approve the LPR Cameras. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed. (3-2)*

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON**

**Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief**

A. Fire Report

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Bo Garrison, Director**

A. No Report

**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT**  
**SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Jim Graham, Director**

A. Parks Equipment

The Parks Committee recommends approval for the purchase of a 6x12 carry on enclosed cargo trailer. All bids are attached with the lowest bidder being \$2,195.00. There will be a fee of \$400.00 for shipping added to the cost of the trailer. The total cost will be \$2,595.00. The funds for this purchase will come from SPLOST. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked Mr. Graham what will the trailer be used for. Mr. Graham stated it would be to carry the sound equipment and the new stage. It will keep it contained and in a safer place and will help from being moved so much.

*Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the purchase of a new trailer for the Parks Department. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed (5-0).*

**13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**  
**OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Jim Graham, Director**

A. Code Enforcement Report

Mrs. Anderson asked about 2985 Jefferson Street and what the status was. Barry Maxwell, Code Enforcement Officer, stated he is not sure if she is still living, he has left several messages and has not gotten a call back. Mr. Graham stated this address was on the Blight Tax, but that process is taking longer than expected so we will have to take a different direction. Mr. Graham asked Mr. Kimbrough how would we get someone for unkept property through the mail. Mr. Kimbrough stated we would serve her to all known addresses and we would advertise it as a petition to abate a nuisance. Mr. Graham asked if we would advertise it and then tear it down, Mr. Kimbrough stated yes. The next address is 6021 Bowden Street, the owner is Tina Lamar. Mrs. Anderson asked if we could reach out to her. Mr. Barry Maxwell stated yes. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated this one may need to be handled in the same manner because it has a Blight Tax against it also.

## 14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

### A. Cobb Housing Authority Resolution

Mr. Kimbrough stated this is a resolution Cobb County Commission Chairman, Mike Boyce, has put into motion and started this program where people can get additional assistance for down payments on purchasing homes and give greater incentive for families to do that. Each city within Cobb County has adopted this resolution and we have to do that in order to receive the funds from any of the home sales that take place within our jurisdiction. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked if this was targeting the workforce affordable housing. Mr. Kimbrough said that is correct.

*Mrs. Anderson moved to follow the recommendation of Mr. Kimbrough to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed. (5-0)*

## 15. MAYOR'S REPORT

### A. A.A.C.I.C Requested Funds

The Austell Area Community Improvement Committee (A.A.C.I.C.) met last week to discuss the funds that the proceeds from the interest on the Railroad money to be allocated to. Each year these funds go to help the schools, churches and needy families in the City of Austell and assist with maintenance on the cemeteries in Austell. That amount for this year is \$97,700.00.

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve the A.A.C.I.C Funds. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (5-0)*

## 16.ADJOURN

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed (5-0).*