

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, CHRIS BLOXHAM – REPUBLIC SERVICES, FRANK WAITS –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, JEFF WEST – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. KEVIN HICKS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Reverend Robert Brown, with The Community Men in Action, is requesting to have a Martin Luther King Parade on Monday January 18, 2015. The route would be from MLK Avenue at the First African Baptist Church, preceding east, then turning north on Washington Street to Hwy 292, then turning west on Hwy 292 to Roosevelt Street, preceding north to Flossie Hayes Park. Mr. Torrance requested that the Council allow him to work with Reverend Brown to work out the details. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Geoff Conner is requesting that they be allowed to hold a Weight Loss walking event on January 9th and on April 30th. They would expect to have about 50-70 participants, and would not be crossing any major highways. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the event, but asked that they work out the details with Bill Torrance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Melissa Hightower, with Chick-fil-A, is requesting to hold a Series Race to raise money for the Windshape Camp and the Paul Anderson Youth Home. The date of the event will be on March 12, 2016. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the event with the stipulation that they get with City Manager Bill Torrance and work out the details. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She thanked the Council for their support and effort in making this year's Christmas Parade a huge success.

VCVB – Alexa Britton gave an update of the activities of the Vidalia Convention and Visitors Bureau.

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He also invited everyone to this year's Pre-Legislative Breakfast to be held on January 7, 2016.

FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of November. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2015 meeting. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **Vidalia City Swimming Pool** – Mr. Torrance presented a proposal to add two new filtration systems to the current City pool at a cost of approximately \$40,000.00. These would be ones that could be moved to a new pool if the Council decides to build one in the near future. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request for the filters and to develop a plan to

- build a new pool. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous. Councilwoman Chesser presented the Council with a letter from Sara Frederick encouraging the Council to consider building a new pool. Her letter outlined the importance of swimming and the impact of having competitive swimming as a sport offered here in Vidalia.
2. **Ed Smith Complex Bids** – Mr. Torrance presented the results of the Ed Smith Complex bid opening. The low bid for the new concession area and restrooms was MMI Construction, with a bid of \$240,066.74. The funds are set aside in the current SPLOST call. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
 3. **2016 Property Tax Schedule** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the Council with the proposed 2016 property tax schedule. (See Attached Schedule) A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
 4. **Streets and Sanitation Meeting 12/3/15** – Mr. Torrance presented the results of the Streets and Sanitation meeting held on December 3, 2015. (See attached Minutes) No action was needed by the Council.
 5. **Alcohol License Renewals** – Mr. Bedingfield presented to the Council the 2016 Alcohol License renewals. Also listed is the Taxi service license renewal. (See Attached List) A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the list. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
 6. **Game Room License Applications** – Mr. Bedingfield informed the Council that some applications had come in late so he would present the list at the called meeting to be held December 17, 2016 at City Hall.
 7. **Darnel Quick Recovery** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the contract with Darnel Quick Recover Services that will allow them to collect past due water bills. The contract has been reviewed by City Attorney Reid Threlkeld. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
 8. **License and Permits Committee Meeting 12/10/15** – Councilwoman Chesser presented the results of the License and Permits Committee meeting held on December 10, 2015. (See Minutes) The Committee was in agreement to issue a 120 day moratorium on residential permits in the historic C-1 zone. This would allow the Council time to review the issue and come up with a policy for future permitting. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the moratorium. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Torrance presented a request that the Council approve an Architect/Construction Manager at risk approach on the renovation of the Pal Theater. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Torrance informed the Council that the DOT was planning on closing the Hazlehurst Bridge on Hwy 221 for approximately 24 months so that they could demolish and build a new bridge. A hearing was held on Thursday December 10th in Hazlehurst. There was a large group in attendance, including our State Senator and Representative. Both were opposed to the closing, as well as the majority of the crowd in attendance. Mr. Torrance stated that he would keep the Council informed.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss periodic evaluation of City employees. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

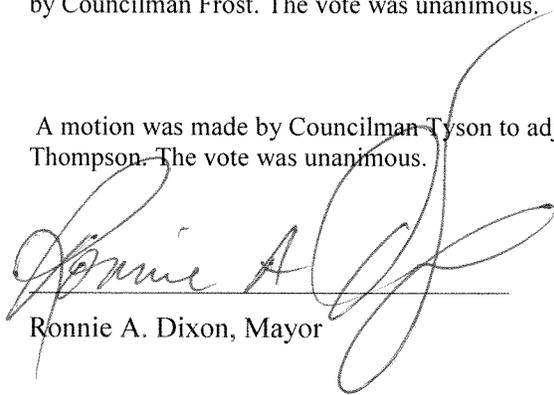
Mr. Torrance requested that the Council allow him to move the Assistant Fire Chief to a merit grade of 44-1. This would be about a \$2000.00 increase in the position, but is needed to allow some spread between the Assistant Chief and the Captain position. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Torrance presented the employee performance package to the Council. He is asking the Council to approve a 3.5% bonus, the same as last year. He reminded the Council that no cost of living has been given for a number of years. A motion was by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Torrance presented a request to have the Fire Chief apply for a FEMA grant that would fund 90% of two additional firemen for three years. This would allow the City to have two men at each Fire Station on duty at all times. Mr. Torrance felt that in three years the City would be able to pick up the cost of the additional firemen. Councilman Turner made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to apply for the grant. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Torrance presented a request to allow the Airport to move Billy Regan from a contract employee to a full time City merit based employee. He informed the Council that Billy had been with the City for a number of years and was an excellent employee. The merit grade would be a 24-1 with the title of Airport Support. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

LICENSE AND PERMITS MEETING

December 10, 2015

2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Lisa Chesser and Raymond Turner, Non-members present: Bill Torrance and Bill Bedingfield

AGENDA

1. **Mobile Food Vending Units** – Councilwoman Chesser brought the meeting to order. She reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on November 9, 2015, and stated that she and City Manager Bill Torrance had gotten together and ironed out the major concerns that were brought up at the last meeting. Councilwoman Chesser presented a copy of the revised ordinance with highlighted changes. The Committee, after much discussion, was in agreement to move forward with the ordinance. Mr. Torrance stated that he would finalize the ordinance by incorporating the changes, and have it ready for the Committee members to review before the called Council meeting on Thursday the 17th of December.
2. **Residential Development in the C1 Historic District** – Councilwoman Chesser then reviewed the 120 day moratorium on residential development in the C-1 historic district. The Committee was in agreement to recommend the 120 day moratorium so the City would have time to study the issues concerning residential development in the Downtown Historic District.

Being no further business Councilwoman Chesser adjourned the meeting.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL 2016

<u>BUSINESS NAME</u>	<u>BUSINESS LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>LICENSE</u>	<u>A/B AMT.</u>
				<u>Paid</u>
Bi-Lo # 534	1101 East First St.	Kenneth Jones	Packaged Beer & Wine	\$400.00
Clyde's Market # 41	Hwy 280&Harris Blvd.	Clyde Woolard	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
CVS/Pharmacy # 7717	1201 East First St.	CVS/Pharmacy # 7717	Package Beer & Wine	\$400.00
Cross Eyed Cricket	220 Mose Coleman Dr.	Jana Tabor	Liquor,Beer,Wine on Premise	\$1,900.00
DJ Foods	1102 North Street Hwy 292	Bertha Payne	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Earnie's Lounge	706 West North St.	Michael Galbreath	Liquor,Beer,Wine/Premise	\$1,250.00
Rite Aid d/b/a Eckerd's	1108 East First St.	Michael Podgurski	Package Beer & Wine	\$400.00
Enmark Stations, Inc.	1401 East First St.	Jerry Morris	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Friendly Food	201 North St. East	Sita Patel	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Flash Foods # 259	201 Smith St.	Patrick Jones	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Flash Foods # 290	101 North St.	Patrick Jones	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Food World	300 West First St.	John Goodman	Package Beer & Wine	\$400.00
Hawk's Point Golf Club	1801 Loop Rd.	Samuel Page	Liquor,Beer,Wine/Premise	\$1,900.00
Jani Raj Discount	1021 E. First St.	Somabhai Patel	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Jasp Inc/ DBA Food Mart	402 McIntosh St.	Nayanaben P. Patel	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Jay Maldi DBA Shyam Discount	405 First St. E.	Shaileshkumar Patel	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Jay Shri Swaminarayan LLC	1709 E. First St.	Shobha Patel	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
J & B's Rare 2 Well Done	302 E. First St.	Belinda Lacklin	Liquor,Beer,Wine/Premise	\$1,250.00
J & T Foods	100 Adams St.	Teresa Strickland	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Luvmunn Inc.	1201 North St. E.	Kinjal Patel	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Main St. Grocery	706 Main St. NE	Harshkumar Mehta	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Main St. Package	706 A. Main St. NE	Harshkumar Mehta	Pkg.Liquor,Beer&Wine	\$3,250.00
Michael's Coffee & Tobacco	600 West First St.	Dilipkumar Patel	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Ocean Galley	1303 E. First St.	Wayne Sircy	Beer & Wine on Premise	\$700.00
Onion City Lounge	2505 East First St.	Lance Stinson	Liquor,Beer,Wine on Premise	\$1,250.00
Onion City Package Shop	211 Green St.	William Thompson	Pkg.Liquor,Beer&Wine	\$3,250.00
Parker's	105 Queen St.	Gregory Parker	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Pick-N-Move	2208 Center Dr.	Zubin A. Dudhwala	Package Beer & Wine (CS)	\$400.00
Pizza Inn	1801 E First St.	Jason Colbert	Beer & Wine on Premise	\$700.00
Rialto	115 SE Main St.	Kris Eisenhut	Beer & Wine on Premise	\$700.00
Rio Grande	1501 East First St.	Rosendo Alvarez	Liquor,Beer,Wine on Premise	\$1,900.00
Ruby Tuesday	2711 East First St.	Rebecca Hadden	Liquor,Beer,Wine on Premise	\$1,900.00
Save-A-Lot	619 E. First St.	Anil Patel	Packaged Beer & Wine	\$400.00
Southern Eagle Distributing LLC	1912 Transus Dr.	William Dorminy Jr.	Dist. Beer	\$450.00
Steeplechase Grille	306 East Second St.	James Owens	Liquor,Beer,Wine on Premise	\$1,250.00
T-N-T Lanes	713 McNatt St.	Gary Rodrick	Beer & Wine on Premise	\$700.00
T & T Bait and Tackle	607 Peacock St.	Tommy Faircloth	Packaged Beer & Wine	\$400.00
Tammy's Do Drop In	700 Orange St.	Tammy Hardeman	Packaged Beer & Wine	\$400.00
Tienda Los Olivos	122 SW Main St.	Maria Barbosa	Packaged Beer & Wine	\$400.00
Tree House Bar & Grill, Inc.	723 North Street W.	Michael Parson	Liquor,Beer,Wine on Premise	\$1,250.00

Two Guys Discount, Inc.	100 Rudell Rd.	Michael Kay	Pkg. Liquor, Beer & Wine	\$3,250.00
United Distributors, Inc.	1710 West North St.	Michael Kooden	Dist. Beer and Wine	\$450.00
Vallarta's Mexican Rest.	104 Jackson St.	Jose Onate	Liquor, Beer, Wine on Premise	\$1,900.00
Vidalia-Lyons Moose Lodge 1281	2401 Lyons Hwy.	Wayne Dees	Liquor, Beer, Wine on Premise	\$1,250.00
Wal-Mart Supercenter # 864	3109 East First St.	Walmart Inc.	Package Beer & Wine	\$400.00

TAXI LICENSE RENEWAL 2016

T & T Taxi	600 McIntosh St	Tommy Faircloth
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CITY OF VIDALIA 2015 PROPERTY TAX SCHEDULE

December	Refer to Council - extend due date	
1/20/16	1 % Interest (Council extended due date) Mail past due notices (bill postage cost)	LETTER 1
2/20/16	2 % Interest	
3/20/16	3 % interest Mail certified letters advising of levy (bill certified cost)	LETTER 2
4/20/16	4 % interest 10 % penalty (1 time only 90 days after due date)	
4/20/16	Levy against property (gave 30 days notice in certified letter) Mail certified letters to notify taxpayer of levy and additional "cost" charges (levy charge plus certified mail cost)	
5/20/16	15 % (5 % interest plus 10 % penalty)	
May & June	Obtain warranty and security deeds Check for Federal Liens and other judgements Check in Probate Office for Wills, Death Certification, or other info. Send letters as appropriate NOTE accounts of any changes or other information may need Call individuals or other contacts	
6/?/16	Unpaid list to Council for review (Check Date with Bill)	
6/19/16	Publish list of delinquent taxes (Names and Amounts)	
6/30/16	16 % (6 % interest plus 10 % penalty)	
June, 2016	Prepare legal notices for newspaper	
7/20/16	17 % (7 % interest plus 10 % penalty)	
July, 2016	Advertise Tax Sale for 4 weeks preceding Tax Sale 1st week 7/6/16 2nd week 7/13/16 3rd week 7/20/16 4th week 7/27/16	
8/2/16	Sell property (1st Tuesday of month)	

CITY OF VIDALIA
AFFIDAVIT AS TO OPEN MEETING LAW

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that a meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the date identified below being the date of this document, the Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of its meetings is as checked below:

- Staff meetings held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3]
- Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a city official or an employee. (Note: The final vote if made is open to the public.)
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (6)]
- To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved;
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-2]
- To discuss the future acquisition of real estate;
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (4)]

This the 14 day of December, 2015

CITY OF VIDALIA

[Signature]
Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:

[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 3/12/16



(Although the same is not mandatory, the following participants concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

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Note: This form is to be used on all meetings of the City of Vidalia when four (4) or more council members are present.

