



MINUTES

Grievance Hearing
June 9, 2009, 6:00 PM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING June 9, 2009, 6:30 PM

GRIEVANCE HEARING:

Call To Order: Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr. called the grievance hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked Mr. Brett Lowery to come forward with his comments and/or questions to Council. Mr. Lowery talked about events leading to his dismissal and admitted lying about a doctor's office visit, but stated he did not think the doctor's office visit was mandatory. Mike Green suggested that Greg give Council a synopsis of prior events. Greg advised Council of prior events and pertinent dates of directions given to Mr. Lowery, which resulted in misrepresentation of facts from Mr. Lowery and fraudulent statements from Mr. Lowery leading to dismissal due to insubordination. Council directed several questions to Mr. Lowery. Mr. Lowery stated that he only wants his name clear and is not asking for his job back. Council supports City Manager's decision of dismissal of Mr. Lowery.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Lowery and Mayor Stewart closed the grievance hearing at 6:12 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: The June 9, 2009 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr. at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr., Keith Turman, Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Phillips, David Jordan, Kenneth Roach, Mike Green, City Attorney, Gloria Brown, City Clerk, and Greg Scott, City Manager.

Approval of Minutes: Jason Phillips made a motion to approve minutes of the May 12, 2009 Regular Council Meeting and the June 2, 2009 Called Meeting/Budget Work Session; Keith Turman seconded the motion; Kenneth Roach advised that Jason Phillips' call vote was not recorded in the June 2, 2009 minutes; city clerk will make the correction to the minutes; motion carried 4-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

1. Comments regarding Speeding on Cherry Street – Doris Martin, Fleming St., Royston, GA.
2. Sidewalks – Keith Turman

Approval of Agenda: Jason Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

DDA Update – Chuck Viers: Mr. Viers updated Council on DDA progress regarding several items and asked Council for approval of Clark Williams of Royston Ace Hardware to fill a vacancy on the DDA Board. Keith Turman made a motion to approve; Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

- A. **Sidewalks – Keith Turman:** Keith advised he had been contacted by the Royston Post Master

regarding the City portion of the sidewalk that leads up to the work that the Post Office has recently done. Greg will talk to the Royston Post Master regarding this item; Mike Green also suggested that the City request the Post Office to paint a yellow stripe on their step as he and several other persons have almost fallen. Council also wants the sidewalks checked for repair at the 4-way stop on Bowers Street, in front of the Starter Shop, and in front of Louise Wray's old house. Greg will check on all of these and he advised Council that he is trying to map the City sidewalks that need repair and systematically fix these areas.

Old Business:

- A. **Ferst Foundation Donation – Mayor Stewart:** Mayor Stewart advised that the other cities and surrounding counties do not give financial support to this foundation and he also advised that a donation for Ferst Foundation was not included in the budget this year. Discussion held. The Mayor and City Council applaud and support the efforts of the Ferst Foundation however decided not to commit funds.
- B. **Speeding on Cherry Street – Greg Scott:** Greg advised that police presence has been increased in this area, a hole in front of the gym has been repaired, and trimming has been done. Also a citizen survey has been done of all residents on the street except for one resident that was not at home. The consensus was that the residents saw little or no problem with speeding in this area. Discussion held. Council generally agreed to continue with increased police presence and placing caution signage intended to slow vehicles on Cherry Street.
- C. **2nd Reading of Golf Cart Ordinance – Mike Green:** Mike Green read the ordinance. Discussion held and questions asked. Jason Phillips made a motion to approve; David Jordan seconded the motion after clarifying the ordinance included being a licensed driver and having insurance; more discussion held; Jason Phillips withdrew his motion and David Jordan withdrew his 2nd and item tabled until next meeting. Mike Green encouraged Council to send any changes to him or the City Manager.

*****Action Items: None***

Executive Session: Kenneth Roach made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0. Executive session entered at approximately 7:06 p.m.

Kenneth Roach made a motion to reopen the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m.; Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn: Kenneth Roach made a motion to adjourn; Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr.

Gloria A. Brown, City Clerk/Financial Manager

(SEAL)

AS SET FORTH IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1992, THE CITY OF ROYSTON GOVERNMENT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN THE ADMISSION OR ACCESS TO OR TREATMENT OF EMPLOYMENT IN ITS PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES. JAN PEARSON, 634 FRANKLIN SPRINGS STREET, ROYSTON, GA., 30662 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO COORDINATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SECTION 35.107 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGULATIONS. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, AND THE RIGHTS PROVIDED THEREUNDER, ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE ADA COORDINATOR.

THE CITY OF ROYSTON GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS GIVEN PROPER NOTICE (SEVEN WORKING DAYS). ANY REQUESTS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIRED BY INDIVIDUALS TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN ANY OPEN MEETING, PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY OF THE CITY OF ROYSTON GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO JAN PEARSON, 634 FRANKLIN SPRINGS STREET, ROYSTON, GA. 30662, TELEPHONE NUMBER 706-245-7232.