



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 2009, 6:30 PM

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Call to Order: The October 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr. at 6:30 p.m.

Swearing-In of Clark Williams as Council Member – Mike Green: Mike Green read the oath of office as former Mayor Steve Williams and Robin Williams held the Bible as Clark Williams affirmed his oath of office for Councilman.

Mayor Stewart presented Dave Nelson with a name plaque for serving a brief time as an appointed councilman.

Attendance: Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr., Keith Turman, Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Phillips, Kenneth Roach, Wayne Braswell, Angie Pressley, Clark Williams, Mike Green, City Attorney, Gloria Brown, City Clerk.

Approval of Minutes: Keith Turman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 Regular Council Meeting; September 12, 2009, September 15, 2009, and September 29, 2009 Called Council Meetings; Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

1. NE Georgia Animal Shelter – Dr. Judy Black
2. Addition of Street Light on Campbell Street – Kenneth Roach

Approval of Agenda: Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve agenda; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Departmental Quarterly Reports: No comments.

DDA Update – Chuck Viers: Mr. Viers reported that the Fall Festival was very successful with 80 vendors, great fireworks, entertainment, and events. Mr. Viers also thanked the police department for extra coverage; Tonya McGlockling at City Hall for handling applications for festival; the Street/Sanitation department for an excellent clean-up after the festival; and special thanks to the City and the DDA.

New Business:

- A. **Relay for Life – Tracy Long:** Ms. Long asked for Mayor and Council permission to use the track and field behind Royston Elementary for the Relay for Life event this year to be begin on May 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm through May 22, 2009 at 5:00 am. Jason Phillips made a motion to approve; Angie Pressley seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- B. **NE Georgia Animal Shelter – Dr. Judy Black:** Dr. Black advised Mayor and Council that the NE Georgia Animal Shelter has an emergency situation with increased animal intake and a difficult budget shortage. Dr. Black requested additional assistance in any amount. Kenneth Roach asked

Gloria and Greg to look at the budget and report at the next Council meeting an amount that the City might assist them with. Greg also mentioned he had a couple of suggestions from the audience; Placing a donation box at City Hall; advertising in the City newsletter for donations of money and items needed.

- C. **Addition of Streetlight on Campbell Street – Kenneth Roach:** Kenneth has spoken with a resident on Campbell Street regarding addition of a streetlight. Greg has looked at the area today and will research to see if this request meets City standard to determine repair to existing street light, replacement, or addition of a streetlight.

Old Business:

- A. **Depot Committee Request – Candy Ross:** Candy reported to Mayor and Council the need to complete phase I of this project, which includes an architectural and structural study, which must be completed prior to applying for grants. The proposed fee for this study is \$6,000.00, of which the DDA has contributed \$3,000.00 and the Depot Committee is requesting the City provide the remaining \$3,000.00. Greg advised Council that this was considered a recreational type facility and SPLOST money could be used. Keith Turman made a motion to approve using \$3,000.00 of SPLOST and a budget amendment for \$3,000.00; Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

The Lions Club presented a \$1,000.00 donation to the Depot Committee towards this project.

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

In other business: Dr. Judy Black of NE Georgia Animal Shelter thanked Dave Nelson for donating his Council pay to the shelter.

Adjourn: Kenneth Roach made a motion to adjourn; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr.

Gloria A. Brown, City Clerk/Financial Manager

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