



MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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Call to Order: The November 10, 2009 Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr. at 6:15 p.m.

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

Public Hearing:

- A. **Application for Malt Beverage License, Xuan Nguyen, Owner-RT Grocery, LLC, 415 Hartwell Street, Royston, GA – Mayor Stewart:** Mayor Stewart asked the owner, Ms. Nguyen to approach if she had any comments. Ms. Nguyen stated that this application is being made due to an ownership change from her spouse's name to her name and would become effective on January 1, 2010. City Clerk verified that all was in order with the application.

Hearing no further public comments, Mayor Stewart closed the public at 6:29 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting:

Call to Order: The November 10, 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, Clark Williams, Kenneth Roach, Wayne Braswell, Angie Pressley, City Manager Gregory Scott, City Clerk Gloria Brown, and City Attorney Mike Green.

Approval of Minutes: Keith Turman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

1. Delete Item C under New Business – Mayor Stewart
2. Add Purchase of a truck for City Marshall – Jason Phillips

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

DDA Update – Candi Ross: Ms. Ross advised Mayor and Council that Chuck Viers came off the DDA Board as of October 31, 2009 and that she or another board member would now be reporting the DDA updates. Ms. Ross reported that the Halloween festivities were very successful; the promotional committee is now planning

the Christmas Parade which will be on December 5, 2009 at 6:00 pm; the Depot project is moving forward; design committee is updating guidelines for façade grants; and the board would like to meet with Mayor and Council around the 1st of the year to discuss 2010 goals.

New Business:

- A. **Hart Co. Water/Sewer Utility Authority Agreement – Greg Scott:** Greg advised that this agreement was basically the same as the agreement with Madison County and would provide water to the western portion of Hart County. Keith Turman made a motion to approve; Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Application for Malt Beverage License, Xuan Nguyen, Owner-RT Grocery, LLC, 415 Hartwell Street, Royston, GA – Mayor Stewart:** City Clerk verified that the application was in order, had been properly advertised, and background check performed. Jason Phillips made a motion to approve the license; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- C. **Purchase of New Truck for City Marshall – Jason Phillips:** Jason advised Council that two quotes had been received for a fully equipped truck. A local quote is for \$19,860.00; an out of town quote is \$19,960.00; Jason Phillips made a motion to purchase the truck at the local quote of \$19,860.00; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Utility Deposit Policy – Mayor Stewart:** Mayor Stewart has been asked that if a customer already has a deposit on an account in good standing, and wishes to open a business, whether they should have to have another separate deposit for the business. Greg advised that this is the policy at this time and the deposits were a security for the City; they are held on an account until applied to a final bill and/or returned to the customer if a customer cancels their utility service. Discussion held. Item tabled until further research can be done and reported on at the next Regular Council meeting.
- E. **Rezone Request from Agricultural to Highway Business/22 Franklin Springs St. Circle – Donnie Bolemon:** Donnie reported to Council that Bob Hollingsworth has met with the Zoning Board and the Zoning Board recommends the zoning change, as the rezone will bring this area into compliance with the current use. Jason Phillips made a motion to approve; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- F. **FY2009 Audit Presentation – Chris Hollifield of Rushton & Company:** Mr. Hollifield reported a clean opinion on the audit and highlighted several areas of the report to Mayor and Council.

Old Business:

- A. **NE Georgia Animal Shelter Request – Greg Scott:** Greg advised that based on projected number of animals to be taken to the shelter, that an additional \$2,000.00 would be in order. He also advised that he and Gloria had looked at the budget and the \$2,000.00 can be moved from the Better Home Town budget to the Animal Control budget, with Council approval of a budget amendment, to fund the additional contribution. Keith Turman made a motion to approve; Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Donnie Bolemon advised that there will be a public meeting at the Lavonia Depot next Tuesday at 7:00 to discuss next year's funding and formulary for the animal shelter.

In other business Angie Pressley asked Mayor Stewart why Item C was deleted from the agenda. City Clerk advised that her office had not, as of 5:00 pm today, received certified election results from the Franklin County Board of Elections.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Wayne Braswell to adjourn; motion seconded by Jason Phillips; motion carried 6-0; meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr.

Gloria A. Brown, City Clerk/Financial Manager

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