



MINUTES

**PUBLIC HEARING – Application for Malt Beverage and Wine Licenses
JULY 13, 2010, 6:00 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING – USDA Community Facilities Loan/Grant Application
JULY 13, 2010, 6:15 PM**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 13, 2010, 6:30 PM**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Call to Order: The July 13, 2010 Public Hearing for Application for Malt Beverage and Wine Licenses was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Larry Bowen, Kenneth Roach, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Wayne Braswell, Clark Williams, Matt Fields, City Manager Greg Scott, Acting City Attorney Andrea Runyan, and City Clerk Gloria Brown.

- A. **Application for Malt Beverage and Wine Licenses by Tyrone Aull, owner of TGA Design Consultants LLC d/b/a/ Café Yza LLC, located at 919 Church Street, Royston, Georgia – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan called for any public comments. City Clerk and Chief Bolemon verified that all was order with application and background checks. Chief Bolemon confirmed that the owner had been made aware of all regulations. No public comment. Wayne Braswell made a motion to close the public at 6:15 pm; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Public hearing closed at 6:15 pm.
- B. **USDA Community Facilities Loan/Grant Application – Mayor Jordan:** Kenneth Roach made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:15 pm; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Mayor Jordan asked City Clerk to advise what the application is for. Gloria Brown stated that the City of Royston has applied for a USDA Community Facilities Loan/Grant for a garbage truck; the total amount of purchase is \$190,000.00, of which we are seeking grant funds of \$50,000.00, City portion will be \$47,500.00, and \$92,500.00 will be financed through a low interest loan with the USDA. No public comment. Clark Williams made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:30 pm; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Public hearing closed at 6:30 pm.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Call to Order: The July 13, 2010 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:01 pm.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Larry Bowen, Kenneth Roach, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Wayne Braswell, Clark Williams, Matt Fields, City Manager Greg Scott, Acting City Attorney Andrea Runyan, and City Clerk Gloria Brown.

Approval of Minutes: Clark Williams made a motion to approve the June 8, 2010 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve the June 17, 2010 Called Council Meeting; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the June 26, 2010 Called Work Session at the GMA Convention, Savannah, GA; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

1. Grove Street, dangerous curve – Mayor Jordan
2. Better Hometown position interviewing process – Greg Scott
3. Appoint Election Superintendent for Special Election in November – Greg Scott
4. Purchase 2011 Ford Service Truck for Gas Department – Greg Scott
5. Fire Safety Discussion – Mayor Jordan

Approval of Agenda: Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Keith Turman read a letter from the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Georgia congratulating Gloria Brown on becoming a Level II Certified Local Government Finance Officer in the State of Georgia.

DDA Update – Clark Williams: The DDA is moving forward with Facade grant applications, packets are complete for new-comers; planning for Spring Fling; the two students at the Welcome Center are doing a very good job; the Fall Festival will be on Saturday 10/09/10; Depot committee working on several grants and had a conference call with Chip Wright of the Ga. Mountains Regional Commission for help in seek a historical grant for the Depot.

DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERLY REPORTS: No Comments.

New Business:

- A. **Application for Malt Beverage and Wine Licenses by Tyrone Aull, owner of TGA Design Consultants LLC d/b/a Café Yza LLC, located at 191 Church Street, Royston, Georgia – Mayor Jordan:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the licenses; Matt Fields seconded the motion; discussion held; motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Franklin County Intergovernmental SPLOST Agreement – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan said he was extremely disappointed that the Franklin County did not approve SPLOST funds for gas expansion, which would have been an immediate plus for agriculture and industry for the county. Discussion held and Council members expressed their disappointment with the negotiations. Mayor Jordan advised Council that even if they accept the intergovernmental agreement as presented that he will not sign the agreement until the end of his veto period. Kenneth made a motion to accept the Franklin County Intergovernmental SPLOST Agreement as presented; Keith Turman seconded the Motion; motion carried 6-0.
- C. **Cemetery Maintenance Contract Renewal – Donnie Bolemon:** Chief Bolemon advised Council that A & A Lawn Service has the same annual price as last year of \$27,000.00. Discussion held. Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Resolution to Apply for GEFA Financing – Greg Scott:** Greg Scott read the resolution. Greg advised Council that this application is for automated water meters and we are able to apply as a disadvantaged community and that we will only proceed with the green project if the funding is received in full. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the resolution; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

- E. Authority to Balance FY2010 Budget and/or Move Funds Across Departments – Greg Scott:** Discussion held. Keith Turman made a motion to approve; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- F. PinPoint GeoTech Quote – Greg Scott:** Greg advised Council that the department managers had attended a demonstration and that this system is an excellent time/job management tool and will save money in eliminating extra trips for garbage, limbs, code violations, etc. The system does require an annual subscription fee and reports data are stored in a computer upload from the system. We can acquire the system through a special GMA promotion at ½ price of \$18,910.00 and this cost would be split between departments. Greg also informed Council that \$20,000.00 was budgeted for technical upgrades. Discussion held. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the purchase; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- G. Purchase 2004 4300 International Truck for Street Dept. – Clark Williams:** Clark turned the floor over to Billy Parham. Billy advised Council that this would replace a 1996 Isuzu Truck that is worn out and they are unable to find parts. Tommy Gibson has checked the truck and found it to be mechanically sound. Discussion held. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the purchase at \$15,750.00; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- H. Grove Street/Dangerous Curve – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan advised he has been approached by several citizens about this area and that there is an erosion problem here as well as not enough room for two cars to pass. Discussion held. Signage, additional police presence, and reflective will be done first to see if this alleviates the problem.
- I. Better Hometown Manager Interview Process – Greg Scott:** Greg and the Mayor have discussed that this position should come before Council for interviewing and a vote as it is a management position. One committee member from the Planning and Zoning Committee, one from the Personnel Committee, one member of the Planning and Zoning Board, and a member of the DDA Board will go through the resumes and narrow down the persons for interviewing. Greg also believes this position is unique and although not the normal method, this method would be the best process to find someone to meet the Community's needs.
- J. Appoint Election Superintendent – Greg Scott:** Greg advised Council that we need to appoint an election superintendent for the upcoming special election for the 65 and older homestead exemption referendum question. Keith Turman made a motion to appoint Murray Hollingsworth; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- K. Purchase 2011 Gas Service Truck – Greg Scott:** Greg reported that this purchase will replace the 2001 truck with over 150,000 miles and is the last one to be replaced for a number of years. We have a local quote of \$27,545.00 and received another quote late this afternoon of \$25,896.00. Greg has not had time to determine if the chassis is the same on both quotes and asks Council to approve up to \$27,545.00 for the purchase and if both quotes are very close, we will buy locally. Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve up to \$27,545.00 for the truck purchase; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- L. Fire Safety Discussion – Mayor Jordan:** The new restaurant has loft apartments overhead and all are concerned about some type of fire escape since there will now be a kitchen below. Billy Parham and Greg Scott indicated that there is no room in the alley for a fire escape but suggests mandatory chain ladders. Andrea Runyan confirmed that State Codes would need to be checked and this would require an ordinance change and the existing 2-story apartments in the city would probably be exempt

from a new regulation. Greg suggested that the DDA could provide these chain ladders, as they are very inexpensive, to the existing 2-story apartments.

Old Business:

- A. **2nd Reading of Nuisance Ordinance Change 38-03-B – Andrea Runyan:** Andrea read the ordinance. Council asked when this ordinance became effective and Andrea informed them that upon signature it is effective. Keith Turman made a motion to approve the ordinance; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

In Other Business: Mayor Jordan reminded Council of the Hart County SPLOST on Thursday night and announced that it would be advertised as a work session. Keith Turman thanked the Mayor for his efforts in all the SPLOST negotiations and attendance at all SPLOST meetings and feels his efforts have made a big difference.

Adjourn: Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:49 p.m.

Mayor David L. Jordan

Gloria A. Brown, City Clerk/Financial Manager

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