



MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING
October 12, 2010, 6:15 pm

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 2010, 6:30 pm

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Call to Order: Mayor Jordan called the Public Hearing to order at 6:18 pm.

- A. **Application for Wine License/Marjorie Bond Moore, Joe T. Cunningham Furniture Co., Ind. d/b/a The Downtown Market, 985 Church Street, Royston, GA 30662 – Mayor Jordan:**
Mayor Jordan asked for any public comments. No public comments.

Close Public Hearing: A motion was made by Kenneth Roach to close the public hearing; motion seconded by Wayne Braswell; motion carried 6-0. Public hearing closed at 6:33 pm.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Call to Order: The October 12, 2010 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:33 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, City Attorney Mike Green and City Clerk Gloria Brown.

Approval of Minutes: Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the September 14, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

1. TE Grant Resolution – David Jordan
2. Sealed Bid Opening for Okidata Printer – Greg Scott
3. Revision to Employee Handbook – Keith Turman

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

Departmental Quarterly Reports: Mayor Jordan thanked all departments for their accomplishments. Greg Scott noted that we have held a good many grand openings/ribbon cuttings for new businesses this quarter. No further questions or comments.

DDA Update – Clark Williams: The DDA Board has appointed new officers with Clark Williams as Chairman of the Board, Mitch Skelton as Vice-Chairman, Ryan Swails as Treasurer, and Shirley Rosenberg as Secretary; the DDA obtained approval from CMG for use of the Ty Cobb Trademark for the emblem on their tee shirts;

four façade grant applications were given out this quarter; a grant has been submitted for plumbing for the Depot; working to bring 4-point main street committees; very successful fall festival with 50 vendors and huge crowd; Gospel Fest on Friday night was very successful also; thanks to all volunteers and special thanks to Chief Bolemon, Explorers, DDA Board, Council, Keith Turman, Larry Bowen, Nikki Pullian, Candy Ross, Billy Parham, Royston Fire Department, and Franklin County Sheriff's Department; the next DDA meeting is on 11/05/10 at the Roystonian Restaurant 8:00 am.

New Business:

- A. **Certificates of Appreciation – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan presented Certificates of Appreciation to Nicole Pullian and Jonathan Wall for their work at the Welcome Center.
- B. **Application for Wine License/Marjorie Bond Moore, Joe T. Cunningham Furniture Co., Inc. d/b/a The Downtown Market, 985 Church Street, Royston, GA. 30662 – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan asked if there was a motion. Clark Williams made a motion to approve; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- C. **Modification of GEFA Promissory Note Resolution – Mike Green:** Mike advised Council that the modification changes the original 2004 note from a payment of \$2,333.09 per month to \$2,333.15 per month; Keith Turman made a motion to approve; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Request to Allow City of Toccoa to Provide Natural Gas Service to Poultry Farm and Mobile Home at 4120 Stonebridge Road and 3930 Stonebridge Road – Ronnie Richardson:** Greg advised Council that he and David Pressley met with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and the gas committee. The area in question is more feasible for the City of Toccoa to service and in exchange we will get an area with a commercial interest and poultry houses. Greg recommends approval of this exchange. Matt Fields made a motion to approve the preliminary switch contingent upon the City of Toccoa's approval as well; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- E. **1st Reading of Amended Alcohol Ordinance – Mike Green:** Mike Green read the ordinance.
- F. **Zoning Board Appointment – Donnie Bolemon:** Jason Phillips and Ernest Jackson have been considered by the Zoning Committee for this appointment. Kenneth made a motion that Jason Phillips be appointed to the Zoning Board; Keith Turman seconded the motion; Councilman Roach advised that Mr. Phillips already has zoning training; motion carried 6-0. Mr. Jackson will be offered a position on the DDA Board.
- G. **Request to Purchase a Cemetery Lot in the Closed Section of City Cemetery – Donnie Bolemon:** Eddie Teasley has approached Mr. Bolemon with a request to purchase a lot in the closed section of the City Cemetery as he has 2 family members buried there. Mr. Bolemon advised Council that upon research and reference of the 90's mapping performed by Georgia Mountains RDC that there appears to be no deed on record and 3 lots are available. Discussion held. Clark Williams made a motion to allow the deed to be conveyed upon receipt of a penetrating radar study, at Mr. Teasley's expense; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- H. **Sealed Bid Opening for Okidata Printer – Greg Scott:** Greg advised Council that only one bid has been received after advertising. Greg opened the bid. The bid is from Tri-State Distributors for \$399.00. Mike Green advised that no vote is necessary to sell an item under \$500.00.

- I. **Resolution to Apply for a TE Grant for Streetscape Phase III Project – Mayor Jordan:** The resolution is needed in preparation for the grant application. The project will include renovation of the Depot, street upgrades and sidewalks in the Bowers Street area and a railroad crossing. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- J. **Revision of Employee Handbook – Keith Turman:** Keith advised Council that he would like to set up a work session to go over the employee handbook, as it has not been revised in several years. Council agreed upon October 26, 2010 at 6:00 pm. This work session will be advertised as a called meeting to have a work session for the employee handbook and to review the alcohol ordinance. Mike Green advised that revisions could be made at this meeting to the alcohol ordinance.

Old Business: No old business.

In other business Candy Ross presented information about the Quilt Trail and asked that the City display the trail at the Welcome Center, Depot, and City Hall; this trail is followed by many tourists and will promote the City of Royston. The Mayor asked all to view the CBDG Grant Display Check.

Executive Session: Wayne Braswell made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Executive session entered at 7:20 pm.

Kenneth Roach made a motion to reopen the meeting at 7:55 pm; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Wayne Braswell announced that it is very unfortunate that Greg's time with the military has been extended for another year, however Council is in full agreement that what Greg is doing for the City is so beneficial that the current employment situation will continue and he will continue to travel to attend the Council meetings.

Adjourn: Wayne Braswell made a motion to adjourn; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Mayor David L. Jordan

Gloria A. Brown, City Clerk/Financial Manager

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