

CITY OF DORAVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2005

Present: Mayor, Ray Jenkins
Mayor Pro-tem, Lamar Lang
Council, Marlene Hadden
Jason Anavitarte
Donna Pittman
Ed Lowe
City Attorney, Rick Powell

Council Member David Weese was absent.

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Lang made a motion to approve the August 1, 2005 minutes as written. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins asked the Council to contribute \$3,000.00 to the New Orleans Disaster Relief Fund. Mayor Jenkins asked that \$1,500.00 go to the Red Cross and \$1,500.00 to the Salvation Army. Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 to go to the New Orleans Disaster Relief Fund and that \$1,500.00 be paid to the Red Cross and \$1,500.00 be paid to the Salvation Army. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney read a Resolution that would allow the Doraville Police Department to sell two used police cars, equipped, to the City of Elberton for \$1,000.00. Council Member Lowe made a motion to approve the Resolution allowing the Doraville Police Department to sell two used police cars, equipped, to the City of Elberton for \$1,000.00. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to hire Ronald Buice as the Storm Water Inspector. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins announced that RFP's had gone out for banking services. Mayor Jenkins stated that the First Intercontinental Bank had the best interest rate at 4.80. Mayor Jenkins stated that he had formed a committee, from the Council, to help select the best rate of return on \$2,800,000 in CD's that will mature in September. The First Intercontinental Bank has agreed to renew all of the CD's at one time without a penalty. Mayor Jenkins stated that he would hold one more committee meeting before renewing the CD's.

Council Member Lowe made a motion to accept the bid from The Restoration Works, Inc. for labor cost, to construct a 30' x15' park pavilion, at the cost of \$13,600.00. The

City will furnish the material. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Anavitarte voting no.

Linda Rollins spoke to the Council concerning a proposed Ordinance that would impose a fine for a false complaint. Ms. Rollins stated that her tax dollars went for public service and that she did not want to have limited access to the Police Department. Ms. Rollins stated that the residents of the City wanted the Code Enforcement put back under City Hall, with a Code Enforcement Officer that was not part of the Police Department.

A lady in the audience agreed with Ms. Rollins that the Code Enforcement should be put back under City Hall. The lady stated that a dog in her neighborhood barked all of the time. The lady stated that the dog stopped barking when she went over to complain to her neighbor. This was one example of why residents should not be fined for making complaint calls.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve an additional antenna on the existing tower at 4427 Tilly Mill Road with permission to locate an equipment cabinet at the base of the tower. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made the motion to release \$30,000.00 in reward money connected with the Hugo Arango Reward Fund if Mr. Sirdah would sign a hold harmless contract with the City and Mr. Powell. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clint Howard spoke to the Council concerning the use of service workers. Mr. Howard stated that the Maintenance Department used service workers in every aspect of that department. The Maintenance Department would have to hire 3 people, at a cost of \$90,000.00 per year, to replace the work done by service workers. Mr. Howard referred to a statement made by Council Member Anavitarte, at the last Council Meeting, that required Probation Services to place the service workers. Mr. Howard stated that the service workers already checked in and out with the Police Department each day and were always supervised while working for the City. Mr. Howard agreed with Council Member Hadden that the service workers should wear identification badges.

Council Member Anavitarte referred to the August 1, 2005 minutes and stated that the minutes read that the service workers would be required to wear an identification vest.

The City Attorney read a Resolution that would change the deadline for agenda items to noon on Wednesday before the Council Meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Lang made a motion to approve the Resolution to change the deadline for agenda items. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Priscilla Murphy stated that the audit was going extremely well and had been the shortest audit period ever. Mr. Whitaker had stated that everything was much better than last year.

Priscilla Murphy stated that the 2004-2005 budget needed to be amended to increase the hotel/motel tax revenue to \$92,000.00 and the gallonage tax revenue to \$143,000.00. Two expense accounts, school system contributions \$73,000.00 and payments to other entities \$41,000.00, need to be added to General Funds. The Library salaries need to be increased by \$16,000.00 and the electricity for the Parks need to be increased by \$1,750.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Lang made a motion to approve the 2004-2005 budget amendments. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Pittman stated that there was several unfit houses in her neighborhood. Council Member Pittman wanted to know if the City had Ordinances that would require the property owners to repair the houses to livable conditions. The City Attorney stated that the City did have a condemnation process, but that the condemnation process took time.

Council Member Pittman stated that 99% of the residents do not want the transfer station to process household garbage. The owner of the transfer station still wanted to take the residents on a tour of one of their facilities that processed household garbage before bringing this matter to the Council for a vote.

Council Member Pittman stated that she wanted something other than square footage in the Single Family Dwelling Ordinance that prevents residents from renting out rooms, thus creating a boarding house. Council Member Pittman stated that another city allowed only three last names in one single family resident. The City Attorney is working on updating the Ordinance.

Council Member Pittman stated that she had asked Marta to take a look at the bus stop in Oakcliff Estates. Marta will send out an Engineer to redesign the bus stop.

Council Member Hadden stated that Cary Reynolds Elementary School would be sponsoring a clean-up day on September 10, 2005. The school is asking for volunteers.

Council Member Hadden stated this was the first reading for an Ordinance updating requirements for dumpster pads and grease traps to be required for all existing businesses. The effective date for the Ordinance will be in January 2006. The second reading of the proposed Ordinance will be held on October 3, 2005.

Council Member Hadden stated that she and Council Member Anavitarte had met with the developers on the proposed towers behind the Waffle House. Council Member Hadden had told the developers that other property was for sale and that if they purchased the property it would solve their parking problems.

Council Member Hadden stated that the developers were looking into making the tower project a multi-use project. The tower complex will include a park area with each

nationality being allowed to fly their flags. The proposed project will cost approximately \$100,000,000.00

A gentleman in the audience asked if there would be any residential property within the project. Council Member Hadden stated that it was possible.

Another gentleman asked about accel/decel lanes off of Buford Highway the proposed project. Mayor Jenkins stated that Chuck Entsminger would approve the plans for the proposed project.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve a Resolution that would allow residents within Doraville to help take care of the abandoned pets from New Orleans. The Resolution would allow for up to 6 pets for a 6 month period. Mayor Pro-Tem Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden read a Resolution to reflect on the memory of all those who lost their lives and those they left behind on 09/11/2001. And for our extended Doraville families that have some unfortunate or difficult times lately, Council Member Hadden read excerpts from a poem "If I Knew".

Council Member Hadden stated that she would like for the guidelines and evaluation forms for merit raises to be presented for approval at the October 3, 2005 Council Meeting.

Council Member Hadden stated that she had a copy of an invoice, in the amount of \$1,900.00. The invoice is not dated and only stated that it is for labor and material for work done at City Hall. Council Member wants an itemized invoice. Mayor Jenkins stated that he had no problem with obtaining an itemized invoice from Tommy Turner.

Council Member Hadden stated that this was the first reading of an Ordinance amending the Antenna Ordinance. The second reading will be on October 3, 2005.

A gentleman asked if this Ordinance would address the antenna that was causing interference with computers and phones. Council Member Hadden stated that perhaps the people who are disgruntled with the antenna could find out what Insurance Company provided homeowners insurance and contact them concerning the antenna on top of the house.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that his former boss, at Georgia Tech, was the past Chief of Emergency Broadcast, and that he would contact her in regards to the frequency problem. Council Member Anavitarte stated that frequency was the issue here.

The City Attorney stated that this is the first reading of an Alarm Ordinance that would allow for a fine for excessive false alarms. The second reading will be held on October 3, 2005.

The City Attorney stated the Ordinance amending the Alcohol License Ordinance would be ready by the October 3, 2005, meeting.

The City Attorney stated a study needed to be done on Chestnut Drive before the speed limit can be changed. The Police Department will have to determine if they can use radar on Chestnut Drive.

Council Member Lowe made a motion to ratify the awarding of the bid for the chipper truck bed. Ingram Truck and Body was the lowest bid at \$13,940.00. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to allow the City Clerk to send out an RFP for Property and Casualty Insurance. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that this was the first reading of an amendment to the Home Occupation Ordinance. This is a zoning issue and will be advertised for a public hearing and second reading on October 3, 2005.

The City Attorney stated that this was the first reading of an amendment to the Dwelling Space Ordinance. This item will be advertised and a public hearing and second reading will be held on October 3, 2005.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amendment concerning the time of adoption of the Georgia Power Franchise Agreement and approve signing the Georgia Power Contract. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to deny the lump sum offer from Global Signal for an easement to the existing tower on Central Avenue. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Fraysee, of the LCI Steering Committee, gave a brief update on the last LCI Steering Committee meeting, and announced that the next Steering Committee meeting will be held on September 15, 2005.

Susan Crawford gave a brief update on the Planning Committee. Mrs. Crawford stated that some names had been submitted and asked if the Council would approve the names that had been submitted. Mayor Jenkins stated that the Council would approve all the Planning Committee members at one time.

Acting Chief McElroy asked the Council to approve the rehiring of Amy Kilgore. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the rehiring of Amy Kilgore. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Chief McElroy stated that one of the Jailors had been called up on active duty to serve in the New Orleans area for approximately one month. Acting Chief McElroy asked that the City supplement the jailer's income while he was on active duty. Council Member Pittman made a motion to make up the difference in what the jailer was paid while on active duty to what his actual salary would be. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lowe voting no.

Acting Chief McElroy gave a brief discussion on the number of calls, citations written and arrests made for the month of August.

Acting Chief McElroy announced that the 1st Annual Police Banquet would be held on September 21, at 7:30 p.m. The banquet will be held at the Civic Center. Everyone is invited.

Citizens Comments: A lady stated that she had called the Police Department about a week ago to report a speeder on her street. The lady stated that she was told that she would have to come to the Police Department to make the complaint.

A gentleman asked the City Council to give more to the disaster relief fund in New Orleans.

A gentleman asked if the Council could do something about Dekalb County. Dekalb County is floating bonds and raising taxes. The Mayor stated that the City did not have control over what Dekalb County did. The gentleman commended the Mayor and Council for a job well done.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

_____Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Attest; _____
City Clerk