

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 25, 2012 – 7:30 pm**

Note: These are summary minutes. For anyone who would like the full dialogue of the meeting, CDs are available in the City Clerk's office through the open records act.

Mayor Burke called the regular meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting took place in the Council Chambers of the Morrow Municipal Complex, 1500 Morrow Road, Morrow, GA, 30260.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning called the roll and those present were Mayor JB Burke, Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Virlyn Slaton, Councilman C.R. Huie, and Councilman Larry Ferguson. She stated there was a quorum present.

Mayor Burke asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent reflection.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following changes to the Agenda.

1. Under New Business add the following:

Authorization for City approval of an Execution of Conflict letter with Freeman Mathis and Gary in such form as approved by the City Attorney.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the September 11, 2012 Regular and Work Session Minutes.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation of a 25 year service pin to Fire Lieutenant Paul Bonner presented by Fire Chief Mark Herendeen.
2. Financial Update by Dan Defnall.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Public Hearing item:

Public Hearing on a Variance Request by Windrose Southlake Properties, LLC to allow an existing chain link fence to remain on the property located at 6635-6651 Lake Drive, Morrow, GA. 30260.

Mayor Burke read the rules for the Public Hearing and then opened the Public Hearing on the request for a fence variance.

(The full dialogue on the Public Hearing is available on CD through the Open Records Act)

Michael McLaughlin and Brecca Johnson presented the Fence Variance Request – Staff Evaluation.

Mayor Burke gave the floor to the Applicant and reminded her that she has 10 minutes.

The Applicant, Tawana Massey made statements for the Mayor and Council to grant the Applicant’s request for a variance. The applicant used all of the allotted 10 minutes, therefore there was no available time for speakers on behalf of the applicant.

Mayor Burke asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the variance.

The following people spoke in opposition:

1. Jeff Detar (citizen of Morrow)

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote on the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges made a motion to deny the variance request. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRST PRESENTATION: None at this time

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item.

1. Approval of a Contract between the City of Morrow and Leisure Lines, Inc. for the purchase and installation all materials on the Milton Daniel Walking Trail project in the amount of \$73,924.68. The project is funded through the Department of Natural Resources and administered through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program.

Sylvia Redic presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion.

Mayor Burke asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

VOTE: The motion passed 3 to 1 with Councilman Larry Ferguson voting in opposition.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item.

2. Approval of a Contract between the City of Morrow and Hasley Recreation and Design, Inc. for the purchase and installation of the Hammack Park Playground project in the amount of \$74,895.00. The project is funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBF) and administered through the Clayton County Housing and Community Development Program.

Sylvia Redic presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the item. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion.

Mayor Burke asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item was added by motion and vote:

3. Authorization for City approval of an Execution of Conflict letter with Freeman Mathis and Gary in such form as approved by the City Attorney.

City Attorney Laurel Henderson presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Virlyn Slaton moved to approve the item with the following language: A motion to execute a conflict letter with Freeman Mathis and Gary in such form with changes recommended by the City Attorney. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion.

Mayor Burke asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Burke stated that Comments is a time for the citizens to make comments to the Mayor and Council and for them to listen to the concerns of the citizens. Citizens are to come to the podium if they wish to speak, stating your name and whether you are a citizen or business owner in the City. Comment cards will be provided by the City Clerk

Mayor Burke made the call for citizen comments.

Mr. Lenanni, business owner, 6629 Jonesboro Road (Exxon) stated he wants to apply for zoning change on the property and began to hand out information to the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Bob Huie called for a "Point of Order" and stated this is not the time and place for this action and instructed the speaker to get in touch with the Planning and Zoning Department for the proper procedures.

Mayor Burke asked if any other citizen comments.

Brian Rayl with Fright more (temporary business) stated he was not happy with the process from Planning + Economic Development on getting his business open this year and statements made by the Economic Development Director. He feels he is being stonewalled in the process to open.

Michael McLaughlin, Planning + Economic Dev. Director explained to Mr. Rayl that he is in the process, which usually takes 2 weeks, and that it has only been a week since he submitted his paperwork. He also stated he has been given a list of items to correct before he can receive his permit.

City Manager Jeff Eady stated that Mr. Rayl received a special process last year from the Mayor and Council, but this is not the same as last year. He suggested Mr. Rayl meet with Michael McLaughlin and Brecca to help him work through the process.

Mayor Burke asked if any other citizen comments. There were none.

Mayor Burke asked if the City Manager had any comments. He had none.

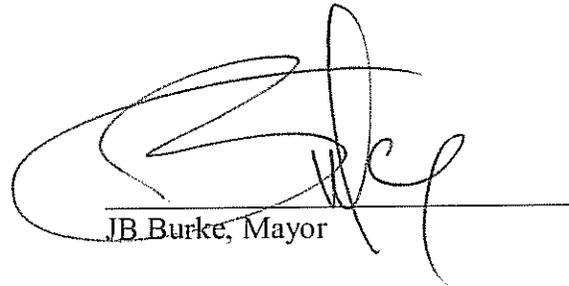
Mayor Burke asked if the Council had any comments. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

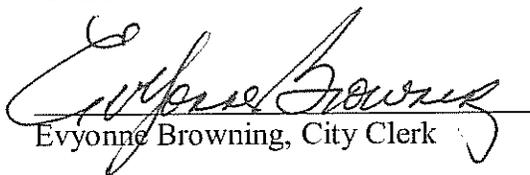
MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Approved this 9th day of October, 2012.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

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