

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 23, 2013 – 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, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman C.R. Huie, and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson. Councilman Virlyn Slaton was absent. 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**

The following amendments were requested for the Meeting Agenda:

1. Under Reports and Presentations, remove Item #1 – Report on Zoning re-write.
2. Under New Business, Remove Item #4, Approval of a Resolution to accept the Public Participation Plan and Kick-off the Zoning Ordinance Revision Process.
3. Under New Business, Remove Item #5 – Approval of subdivision of the Highway 54 Retail Shops located at 6219 Highway 54 and 6221-6233 Highway 54, Morrow, Ga.

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion to approved the Meeting Agenda as amended.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Councilman Huie seconded the motion. The motion failed 2 to 1 with Councilwoman Bridges voting in opposition.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**City Clerk Evyonne Browning** read the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the March 26, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the FDWM, LLC invoice #1281 dated March 11, 2013 for the City of Morrow's portion of the Clayton County SDS/LOST Project litigation in the amount of \$1,362.01 for the period February 7, 2013 to February 26, 2013.
3. Approval of Henderson & Hundley, PC invoice #11326 dated March 14, 2013 in the amount of \$1,068.75 for professional services for the period January 7, 2013 to February 28, 2013.

4. Approval of Hecht Walker invoice #5146 dated March 7, 2013 in the amount of \$18,303.00 for professional services for the period February 1, 2013 to February 28, 2013.

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Huie moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

#### **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Report on Zoning Re-write Plan

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilwoman Bridges moved to table the presentation on the Zoning Re-write to the next council meeting (May 14, 2013). Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

2. Financial Update by Dan Defall.

#### **FIRST PRESENTATION:**

**City Clerk Evyonne Browning** read the following First Presentation Item and stated there are no motions or votes on First Presentations:

1. An Ordinance to Amend Title 3 of the City of Morrow Code of Ordinances; to provide for Codification; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to provide an Effective Date; and for other purposes.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Mayor Burke** made the call for Citizens comments an agenda items. There were none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Appointment of Jim Duckworth to the Downtown Development Authority.

**Councilman Bob Huie** presented the appointment of Jim Duckworth.

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion

**MOTION AND VOTE:** After a request to postpone the appointment by Mayor Burke and a brief discussion between Councilman Bob Huie and Mayor Burke, Councilman Bob Huie moved to appoint Jim Duckworth to the Downtown Development Authority. Councilwoman Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

2. Approval of an amended Facilities Use Policy originally approved November 27, 2012.

**Jeff Eady, City Manager** presented the item.

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilwoman Bridges moved to approve the item. Councilman Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

3. Approval of a Resolution in support of Georgia Cities Week, April 20 – 27, 2013.

**Mayor Burke** presented the item and then called for a motion.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to approve the item. Councilman Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

4. Approval of a Resolution to accept the Public Participation Plan and Kick-off the Zoning Ordinance Revision Process.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilwoman Bridges moved to table the item until the next council meeting (May 14, 2013). Councilman Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

5. Approval of subdivision of the Highway 54 Retail Shops located at 6219 Highway 54 and 6221-6233 Highway 54, Morrow, Georgia.

**Greg Hecht, City Attorney** presented the item.

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to postpone the item until the next council meeting (May 14, 2013). Councilwoman Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Mayor Burke** made the call for Citizens on general comments.

1. Willie Foles, 6249 Flamingo Way, Morrow, asked about a city ordinance for no parking on the street and on the grass. City Manager Jeff Eady confirmed there is an ordinance for no parking on the street, but under limited circumstances you can park on the street, but you need to get a permit from Code Enforcement. Mr. Foles stated there are individuals who are continually parking in front of his house overnight. Mayor Burke asked Mr. Foles to give him 24 hours and he will have it taken care of.

2. State Representative Valencia Stovall greeting the Mayor, Council, and citizens and wanted to let them know of a Delegation Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Science Building of Clayton State.
3. Calvin Copeland, 6003 Malibu Drive, Morrow, asked if there are any plans for a Rec. Center for the City of Morrow and wanted to know if no, then why not? City Manager Jeff Eady responded that we are not in line with Clayton County to receive one and suggested he contact his representative, Sona Singleton and Chairman Turner and stated we would also love to have a Rec. Center here in Morrow.
4. Dorothy Dean, 1765 Stratford Arms Drive, Morrow, commented on the Gov't 101 classes and said each class was great with valuable information and hopes it comes again so other citizens can attend.
5. Rose Noble Nelson, 1597 Patricia Drive, Morrow also commented on the Gov't 101 classes and said she has no complaints, just compliments. It made her realize the citizens need to get involved and help govern ourselves and use this information for our betterment and she hopes it continues.
6. Danny Rudd, 1369 John Robert Drive, Morrow said he has been here since 1966 and the Gov't 101 class was one of the best has been a part of. He learned things that he did not know the staff and City does on a daily basis.
7. Mike Twomey, Director of MBTA, reminded everyone of the Concert at the Archives Amphitheatre on May 18<sup>th</sup> – the funds will go to the Kiwanis Club and it will help children of Clayton County and the Good Shepherd Clinic through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club.
8. Clemon Jackson, 6297 Amberly Road, Rex, attended the meeting as part of his Boy Scout troop #136 in Jonesboro. This will help him achieve one of his badges.

**Mayor Burke** asked if the City Manager had any comments.

**Jeff Eady, City Manager** thanked the participants of the Gov't 101 class and helping to make it a success.

**Mayor Burke** asked if the Council had any comments.

**Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson** commended the Community Garden for their great cook-out and that it was a positive thing. He thanked those from the Gov't 101 class for being here tonight.

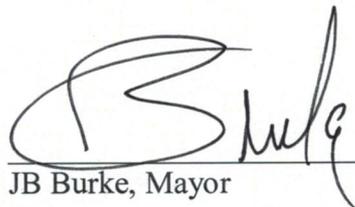
**Councilman Bob Huie** congratulated those who attended the Gov't 101 classes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

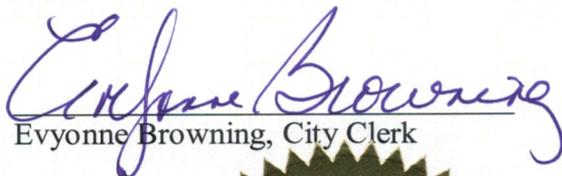
**Mayor Burke** called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

  
JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:

  
Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

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