

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2013 – 7:30 pm**

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, Georgia 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; The City Clerk 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

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Huie moved to approve the Meeting Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the November 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the Sumner/Meeker, LLC (Laurel Henderson) invoice dated October 31, 2013 in the amount of \$345.10 for period October, 2013.
3. Approval of the Hecht Walker PC invoice #6032 dated November 5, 2013 in the amount of \$4,224.50 for the period October, 2013.
4. Approval of the Fincher Denmark William invoices 1510 and 1524 for the City of Morrow's portion of Legal Fees in connection with the Clayton County SDS/LOST Project in the amount of 331.17 for the period August and September, 2013.

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation of a 10 year pin to Sgt. Richard Thrasher – presented by Police Chief Leighty.
2. Presentation to Patsy Hart as Clayton County Teacher of the Year – Presented by Mayor Burke.
3. Update on Clayton State University Homecoming Parade – Leila Tatum, Director, Office of Alumni Relations – CSU
4. Update on Morrow SPLOST – Sylvia Redic, Grants Administrator
5. Financial Update – Dan Defnall

FIRST PRESENTATION: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Burke opened the Public Hearings:

1. A Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Request by Daniel Blanks of Clifftondale Group, LLC for an amusement center – indoor laser tag recreation business. The property is located at 1395 Southlake Parkway, Morrow, Georgia and is zoned General Business (BG).

(Presented by Brecca Johnson, Sr. Planner)

There were no comments.

2. A Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Request by Sung Na of Battle City, Inc. for an amusement center – indoor air soft recreation business. The property is located at 1340 Southlake Parkway, Morrow, Georgia and is zoned General Business (BG).

(Presented by Brecca Johnson, Sr. Planner)

There were no comments.

3. A Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Request by Shewan Warren of Morrow Early Learning Center, LLC to use the property located at 1187 Morrow Road, Morrow, Georgia as a Day Care center business. The property is zoned Mixed-Use (MU).

(Presented by Brecca Johnson, Sr. Planner)

There were no comments.

Mayor Burke closed the Public Hearings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

Randy Anderson: 6361 Harbin Woods Dr. Morrow, GA 30260

Comment: November 12th Meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Postponed by motion and vote from the November 12, 2013 Council Meeting:**

Approval of an RFP for Olde Town Morrow with the firm Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, Municipal Advisory Group.

(Presented by Interim City Manager Chris Leighty and City Attorney Greg Hecht)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Ferguson made a motion to move this item to a joint meeting with the Downtown Development Authority on December 16, 2013. Councilwoman Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval or Denial to extend the time period for Police Chief Chris Leighty to serve as Interim City Manager until a permanent City Manager is hired.
(Presented by City Attorney, Greg Hecht)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Bridges made a motion to approve. Councilman Huie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Version 1 or Version 2 of the City of Morrow's Job Description for City Manager, which is an Executive Department Head level position.
(Presented by HR Manager Rebecca Zebe and Interim City Manager Chris Leighty)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Bridges made a motion to approve Version 2 of the job description for City Manager. Councilman Huie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval for HR Manager Rebecca Zebe to immediately post the position of City Manager to the GMA Website, City Website, and various other locations where appropriate. This posting will include the position's Job Description version as voted on in item No. 5 above.
(Presented by Interim City Manager, Chris Leighty)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Bridges seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval or Denial for a one-time Christmas bonus to the City employees of Morrow as requested by Councilwoman Bridges, Councilman Huie, and Councilman Slaton.
(Presented by Councilman Huie)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Huie made a motion to approve a \$200 bonus for full-time employees and a \$100 bonus for part-time employees. Councilwoman Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval or Denial of a Conditional Use Request by Daniel Blanks of Cliffondale Group, LLC for an amusement center – indoor laser tag recreation business. The property is located at 1395 Southlake Parkway, Morrow, Georgia and is zoned General Business (BG).
(Presented by Brecca Johnson, Sr. Planner)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Bridges made a motion to approve this item. Councilman Huie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval or Denial of a Conditional Use Request by Sung Na of Battle City, Inc. for an amusement center – indoor air soft recreation business. The property is located at 1340 Southlake Parkway, Morrow, Georgia and is zoned General Business (BG).

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MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Bridges made a motion to approve this item. Councilman Huie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval or Denial of a Conditional Use Request by Shewan Warren of Morrow Early Learning Center, LLC to use the property located at 1187 Morrow Road, Morrow, Georgia as a Day Care center business. The property is zoned Mixed-Use (MU).

(Presented by Brecca Johnson, Sr. Planner)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve this item. Councilwoman Bridges seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

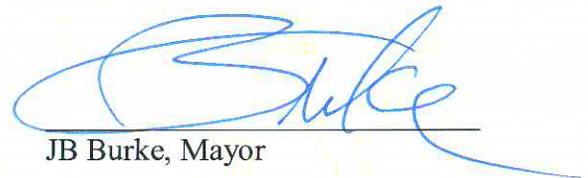
Citizen Comments:

Dorothy Dean 1765 Stratford Arms Dr. Morrow, GA 30260
General Comments

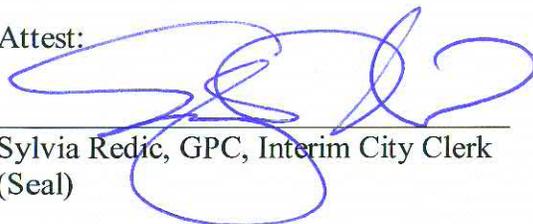
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Bridges moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Approved this 14th day of January, 2014.


JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Sylvia Redic, GPC, Interim City Clerk
(Seal)



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.