

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2015 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Denise Dixon	Council Member
	Nathan Purvis	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Rita Scott	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Matthew Chancey	City Administrator
	Renee Prather	City Clerk
	Russell Preston	City Attorney
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Logan Propes, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley

Visitors: Ricardo Lott Jr., Jason Phelps, Chyna Lott, Sadie Krawczyk, Sharon Swanepoel, Brittney Fitzpatrick, Chris Bailey, Beverly Harrison, Debbie Kirk, Norman Garrett, Myoshia Crawford, Shane Short, George Baker III

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Invocation

Mayor Thompson gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that all Council Members were present. There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

Add New Business Item – Item 2. Appointment – Historic Preservation Commission.

To approve the agenda as amended.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously*

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. October 1, 2015 Council Minutes
- b. October 6, 2015 Council Minutes
- c. October 13, 2015 Council Minutes
- d. October 1, 2015 Executive Session Minutes
- e. October 6, 2015 Executive Session Minutes
- f. Purchase – Gas Line Replacement – To purchase pipe and materials from Consolidated Pipe & Supply for \$14,703.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee November 3, 2015)
- g. Purchase – Spacer Cable for Wayne Street – To purchase materials from Hendrix for \$22,987.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee November 3, 2015)
- h. Purchase – CAP Licenses – To purchase Licenses and the Maintenance Agreement from Advanced Media Technologies for \$26,654.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee November 3, 2015)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

*Motion by Dixon, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously*

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATION**1. Employee Recognition – Ricardo Lott**

Chief Keith Glass recognized Firefighter RJ Lott for being named as the Educator of the Year from the Georgia State Firefighters Association. This award honors the dedication for educating residents about the significance of fire safety and prevention. Chief Glass stated that Firefighter Lott also received the Work Ethics Award from Athens Tech where he has maintained a 3.8 average while going to school and working a full time job at the Fire Department. He will graduate from Athens Tech in April with an Associates' Degree in the Life Sciences Division.

Firefighter Lott expressed how fortunate he is to be able to do something that he loves, and thanked everyone for all of their support and for the opportunity.

III. PUBLIC FORUM**1. Public Comments**

No one signed up for public comments.

2. Public Hearing**a. Rezone – 234 North Hammond Drive**

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the application for rezone of this property from B-1 to B-2. Mr. Kelley stated the acreage is .298 and the property has approximately 150 feet of road frontage on North Hammond Drive. The Code Office and Planning Commission recommend the request be approved.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

Mr. Jason Phelps, the property owner, spoke in favor of the rezone. He explained that he purchased the vacant property next to his business and would like to have it rezoned to be the same zoning as the lot which his business is located.

There were no other public comments; Mayor Thompson declared that portion of the meeting closed.

To approve the rezone.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Richardson.
Passed Unanimously.*

IV. NEW BUSINESS**1. Approval – Clubhouse Utilities**

City Administrator Matthew Chancey discussed the responses received from the survey concerning utilities rates for Home Owners Association (HOA) Clubhouses. He explained that there was not a great response from other cities. They are currently charging clubhouses commercial rates. Mr. Chancey explained that the recommendation from the Utility Committee is to allow HOA Clubhouses which are established with by-laws in place to be charged residential rates.

Council Member Nathan Little stated if the HOA is owned by the homeowners that it should be connected to their residence. If not owned by the homeowners then they would be commercial customers.

To grant residential billing rates to qualified HOA customers that own clubhouses.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

2. Appointment – Historic Preservation Commission

To appoint Mitch Alligood to fill the unexpired term of David Dickinson to expire May 1, 2019.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Scott.
Passed Unanimously.*

V. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Adcock. Passed Unanimously.

Council Member Purvis recused himself and left at 7:15 pm. There was still a quorum.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

1. Real Estate Issue (s)

To reject bid and direct staff to use appraisal to negotiate with property owner for highest and best price to offer according to statutes.

Motion by Little, seconded by Malcom. Passed Unanimously.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Dixon. Passed Unanimously.

Signature of Greg Thompson, Mayor

Signature of Renee Prather, City Clerk

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

- Those Present: Greg Thompson, Wayne Adcock, Lee Malcom, Denise Dixon, Larry Bradley, Rita Scott, Nathan Little, Jimmy Richardson, Matthew Chancey, Renee Prather, Russell Preston, Paul Rosenthal, Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Council Member, City Administrator, City Clerk, City Attorney

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Real Estate Issue (s) 1. Real Estate Matter

Real estate matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

III. Adjourn to Regular Session

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Dixon. Passed Unanimously.

Signature of Greg Thompson, Mayor

Signature of Renee Prather, City Clerk