

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Felts, Jordan

Mayor Bruner called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison after which Council Member Wangemann delivered the invocation.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

James Brooks, Lynda Hawkins and William L. Norton, Jr. were recognized for their dedication to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and were presented with plaques.

Kathy Amos, HPC Chairman, expressed appreciation on behalf of the HPC sharing her perspective of what was gained from the three individuals that were being recognized. Jessica Dempsey Tullar provided words of appreciation on behalf of the Community Development Department. Each Council Member thanked the individuals also.

Boy Scouts Troop 16

Scouts from Troop 16 were in attendance to obtain their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. Scout John Schmid read a prepared statement outlining the requirements for the badge.

Council extended words of appreciation for their attendance and commitment to the community.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION:

McAurther's Grill & Pub, 1706 Cleveland Highway

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this was a new application for consumption on the premises of beer, wine and liquor. The application was in order.

Motion to approve the application as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras
Vote – 5 favor

Texaco Food Mart, 1411 Browns Bridge Road

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this was a new application for package sale of beer and wine. The application was in order.

Motion to approve the application as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Vote – 5 favor

APPOINTMENTS:

Friends of the Parks

Motion to reappoint Michael Graham and Deb Gregson to serve another three-year term on the Friends of the Parks.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras
Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick
Vote – 5 favor

Main Street Advisory Board

Motion to appoint Dale Jaeger to fill the unexpired term of Cheryl Hardin on the Main Street Advisory Board.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras
Motion seconded by Council Member Dunagan
Vote – 5 favor

GENERAL LEGISLATION:

Proposed Ordinance

Amendment to Service Charges – Returned Checks

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this ordinance will standardize the process for return check fees. It requires all departments to have a return check fee of \$30.

Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2011-03, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2 ENTITLED “FISCAL AFFAIRS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO AMEND SECTION 2-2-1 BY CHANGING THE SERVICE CHARGES IMPOSED FOR RETURNED CHECKS ISSUED TO THE CITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Vote – 5 favor

Proposed Ordinance

Amend Title 10 entitled “Schedule of Fees” as it pertains to Water and Sewer

Finance and Administration Division Manager Tina Wetherford stated the proposed ordinance would change the sewer rate for the outside city customers to be the same as the inside city customers. It also addresses the account service fee requiring adjustments to occur incrementally so that by January 2013 City and County customers will have the same fee.

Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2011-04, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 10, ENTITLED “SCHEDULE OF FEES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-17 (3) TO REVISE FEES CHARGE; SECTION 10-1-41(e) TO REVISE FEES CHARGE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Vote – 5 favor

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cedar Creek Water Reservoir

Mayor Bruner stated the City has been working with the County to resolve issues regarding the Cedar Creek Water Reservoir. She suggested appointing the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem along with appropriate staff to serve on the mediation team. She also suggested that the County appoint their Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on the team.

Motion to appoint Mayor Bruner and Council Member Dunagan to serve on the mediation team in regards to the Cedar Creek Water Reservoir.

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann
Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras
Vote – 5 favor

COUNCIL'S ISSUES:

Mayor Bruner

Reported the Citizen's Government Academy will start March 14th through May 2nd.

Council Member Hamrick

Commended the City Manager on the Council Retreat noting the primary topic of discussion was the finances of the City. It was gratifying to know the City was on target with financial projections at the end of six months. He noted the City has spent \$90,000 more on gasoline in the first six months this year when compared to the previous year.

Council Member Figueras

1. Shared information regarding a work program for seniors. Jobs are available through the Good Will Career Center in Oakwood for individuals 55 years of age or older that are willing to work.
2. The Georgia Municipal Association has embraced Michelle Obama's nationally known Let's Move Program. She asked for a Council Member to take the lead on this program.

Council Member Dunagan

Echoed comments from Council Member Hamrick regarding the retreat noting the City is in good shape because staff has worked hard.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Echoed comments regarding the retreat.
2. Invited 65 people to attend the Council Meeting. There were six people in attendance as a result of this effort.
3. Provided information regarding an upcoming Community Cleanup.
4. Reported Danny Lewis, Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, announced there would be numerous budget cuts this year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Fire Fighter's Recognition Day

Council Member Figueras commented on the Governor declaring this date to be Fire Fighter's Recognition Day.

Fire Chief Jon Canada stated February 1st is recognized as Fire Fighter's Day across the State. Fire fighters from all over the state traveled to the State Capital. Gainesville/Hall County showed up in full force to support the Governor.

Board of Public Safety Appointment

Chief Canada reported he was sworn into office by the Governor to serve on the Board of Public Safety.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:12 PM

DJ:ag

Ruth H. Bruner, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk