

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

Mayor Bruner called the meeting to order.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application**

- Food Lion #750, 2888 Browns Bridge Road, change in managing agent
- Wal-Mart #510, 400 Shallowford Road, change in managing agent

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris reviewed the applications and indicated they were in order.

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**Proposed Ordinance: Sunday Alcohol Sales**

City Manager Kip Padgett asked the City Marshal to discuss a proposed amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage License Ordinance.

City Marshal Debbie Jones stated the proposed ordinance was drafted to mirror State law. The ordinance also allows the Marshal's Office to address applications for changes to the managing agent through an administrative process instead of having them approved by Council.

Council Member Wangemann requested a report regarding the difference in alcohol sales a month or so after the Sunday alcohol sales ordinance goes into effect.

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**PARKS & RECREATION ISSUES:**

**Business Resolution: Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Service Agreement**

Deputy Director Michael Graham and Civic Center Manager Brenda Martin attended the meeting to address this item. Mr. Graham stated the existing agreement for both the Georgia Mountains Center (GMC) and the Civic Center was with Scott Dixon. They felt Mr. Dixon had done a great job and requested a two year extension. The agreement addressed a change in the fee structure to offer a flat fee for the number of patrons attending events. Mr. Dixon was in agreement with the changes.

Upon inquiry from Mayor Bruner, Mr. Graham felt the change would benefit Mr. Dixon.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Dunagan, Mr. Graham stated Mr. Dixon requested a prorated reimbursement of the fee if the GMC's use changes.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, Mr. Graham stated the contract offers an opportunity to extend the contract in lieu of going out to bid.

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**PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:**

**Appropriation Resolution: Authorization to Change Budgeted Allotment for Street Lights and Traffic Signals**

Public Works Director David Dockery requested the reallocation of budgeted funds to address street light and traffic signal expenses. He stated a review of the FY2011 budget indicated the cost was underfunded for FY2012. Georgia Power's rate increases attributed to a portion of the shortfall and two more increases are yet to come during the fiscal year. Another reason for the shortfall was an increase in the City's service area.

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:**

**Project Resolution: Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community Home Investment Program (CHIP)**

Housing Manager Chris Davis requested permission to apply for grant funds for Fiscal Year 2012. The City has participated in the past for homeowner and rehab assistance. The grants are competitive and parallel with Community Development Block Grant funds. The City will be competing with other communities throughout the state. Applications are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Awards will be announced in March. The application would be for \$306,000.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, Mr. Davis stated the City last applied for these funds in 2005 and received an award in 2008.

Council Member Wangemann asked about the maximum income level to be eligible for this funding. He also asked if there was coordination with Code Enforcement to bring homes up to standard. It was noted that \$1,140,000 had been used since inception of the CHIP grant to bring homes up to standard.

There was discussion as to whether rental homes are eligible for funding.

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**Project Resolution: Authorization to Apply for Georgia Recreational Trails Grant**

Special Projects Manager Jessica Dempsey Tullar stated the proposed resolution would allow staff to pursue obtaining a grant to assist with connectivity. The grant required a 20% match (cash or inkind). Upon inquiry, Mrs. Tullar provided details regarding the areas to be addressed.

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Council Member Dunagan asked about the application for the \$100,000 TEA Grant.

**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

City Manager Kip Padgett reminded Council of their request to change the November 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting start time to 9:00 AM.

**COUNCIL ISSUES:**

**Council Member Hamrick**

1. Reported receiving compliments about Yonah Burger despite the opposition presented during the approval process.
2. Noticed the lights at the Longwood tennis courts were on at an odd time.

**Mayor Bruner**

1. Commented on the Mayor's Motorcade noting she had been on the local radio station to promote this event.
2. Commented on upcoming meetings.

**Council Member Figueras**

1. Felt there was a negative side of the election process regarding statements that the elected officials don't change. She felt everyone had the ability to participate in the process if they so desire. It is not the Council's fault when there's no opposition.
2. Shared information about the upcoming One Community Organization Meeting and the Georgia Municipal Association Board Meeting.
3. Asked about the Memorandum of Understanding with Brenau indicating the Council had received letters asking that the theatre not be closed. Council Member Hamrick commented on the inability to sign lease agreements for 2013. Mayor Bruner stated the Council needed information regarding events at the Georgia Mountains Center to consider as part of this issue.
4. Attended the Main Street Meeting and the Ethics Commission Meeting.
5. Requested crime statistic information.

**Council Member Wangemann**

1. Commented on sludge being delivered to Plains, Georgia noting a citizen had a potential cost saving idea.
2. Requested a recycling report.

**CITY CLERK ISSUES:**

**Municipal Election**

Reported the Elections Office was on target for submitting certified election results to the State within the required timeframe.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

City Manager Kip Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation matters.

**Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session at 10:09 to discuss personnel and potential litigation matters.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan  
Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

**Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras**

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NOTES: Jon Canada participated from 10:11 AM to 10:40 AM.  
Sheppard and Jordan left the room at 10:40 AM.

**Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:16 AM to continue the Work Session.**

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan  
Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

**Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras**

NOTE: Sheppard and Jordan rejoined the meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Public Utilities Department Work Shop**

City Manager Kip Padgett asked Council to consider March 23-24, 2012 for the Public Utilities Work Shop.

Council concurred.

**Community Outreach**

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard suggested that the Council adopt a child in lieu of a gift exchange. She had talked with the Salvation Army to secure a boy and a girl. If agreeable, money should be submitted no later than Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the gifts could be presented to the Salvation Army on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Council concurred.

**Garbage Truck Mural**

City Manager Kip Padgett stated a garbage truck was waiting in the parking lot to allow Council to see the new mural.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:22 AM

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