

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Dunagan, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon  
STAFF PRESENT: Sheppard, Palmour, Felts, Ligon, Jordan, Grayson  
STAFF ABSENT: Padgett

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

Council Member Sam Couvillon delivered the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Post Employment Recognition**

Mayor Dunagan recognized retirees Richard Brown (25 years - Fire Department), Willie Mayfield (31 years - Public Utilities Department) and James Lequire (25 years - Public Utilities Department). He read a testimonial and presented each with tokens of appreciation. Fire Chief Jerome Yarbrough and Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall expressed appreciation to the retirees for their service to the City of Gainesville. The elected officials also extended words of appreciation.

**2014 Generation Inspiration**

Council Member Figueras commented on efforts to introduce young people to local government. Generation Inspiration was the answer to that request.

Ashley Bell shared information about the eight week program offered during the summer months. At the end of the program, attendees have the opportunity to compete for a Next Step Scholarship to support their next effort in life. Attendees included Joy Nish, Timothy Folsom, Noah Johnson, John Arenas and Chikela Owens (Coordinator).

Mr. Bell extended appreciation to the Public Utilities Department for providing a tour of the Riverside facility at short notice. He also commented on the program that removes graffiti from private property.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Downtown Drafts, 115 Bradford Street**

New application for beer and wine package sales.

**Motion to approve the application as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Figueras

**Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon**

**Resolutions:**

- A. BR-2014-28 Adoption of the Gainesville-Hall '96 Olympic Venue FY15 Lease Agreement
- B. BR-2014-29 Award of Contract for Chattahoochee Golf Course Grill
- C. BR-2014-30 Norfolk Southern Donation to the Police Department
- D. PR-2014-43 FY2013 and FY2014 Full Depth Reclamation Project Award of Contract

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard provided a brief overview of each resolution.

**Motion to approve the resolutions as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

**Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon**

**Minutes: July 15, 2014 Council Meeting**

**Motion to approve the minutes accepting the edits as presented.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

**Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon**

**GENERAL LEGISLATION:**

**Proposed Ordinance**

**Amend Title 10 Entitled "Schedule of Fees" for Water and Sewer**

Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall stated staff had worked on the rates and policies for the majority of the year. He reviewed the recommended fee changes which included reductions to the sewer tapping fee, water tapping fees, and fire hydrant application fees. The inside and outside sewer rate would remain the same. The City of Oakwood rates would decrease; and the water rates structure would increase by one percent. The revised fire line fee would increase in accordance with the differential rate. Mr. Randall stated overall, most fees have decreased. Mr. Randall commented on the rate setting policies and motivating factors considered when establishing fees.

In response to Mayor Dunagan's inquiry, Mr. Randall stated one percent was worth approximately \$230,000. He stated the compounding effect to the rates over a five-year period was an important consideration.

Mayor Dunagan applauded the department for the decreases. He felt sales were improving and expressed his desire to see a zero percent increase.

Mr. Randall stated he would also like to see a zero percent increase. He stated sales had declined since 2008. He stated his job was to be prudent and make sure the department continued to function well.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Figueras, Mr. Randall confirmed he had talked with the City's largest customer. He also stated he was cognizant of the issues for both large and small customers.

Council Member Hamrick confirmed there are approximately 50,000 customers and asked about the meter replacement project. Finance and Administrative Division Manager Tina Wetherford provided an update on the Meter Replacement Project and the FlexNet Project.

Council Member Wangemann asked what the department would do if there was a zero percent increase. Mr. Randall indicated the issue was increasing the risk for borrowing money in the future, probably as early as 2017, to fund the construction projects.

**Motion to hold first reading on Ordinance 2014-18, 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(a) TO REVISE MONTHLY SANITARY SEWER SERVICES FEES FOR ALL CLASSES OF USERS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-20(1) TO REVISE SEWER TAPPING FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-41(e) TO REVISE WATER SERVICE FEES FOR ALL CLASSES OF USERS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-42 TO REVISE TAPPING FEES FOR CITY WATER MAINS OR WATER LINES; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-45(a) TO REVISE RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER SERVICE FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES AND TO REVISE RATE SCHEDULE FOR (b) FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL SERVICE; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras  
Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

#### DISCUSSION:

Council Member Couvillon stated he was not in favor of the increase. He briefly commented on the compounding effects. He felt it was time for the city to tighten its belt instead of asking citizens and businesses to continue to tighten their belts.

Council Member Wangemann stated he was in favor of no increase and commented on hearing from citizens who were not in favor of an increase. He was inclined to make it happen and didn't think the risk was that great.

Council Member Bruner appreciated the belt tightening of the entire city. She appreciated the revised recommendation. She felt it would be irresponsible to save customers a little money now and compound it the next few years. She felt a steady small increase was the right thing to do.

Council Member Hamrick expressed a concern about the present indebtedness. He commented on bond payments, the revolving fund and the goal to pay as you go. All of the costs associated with relocating utility lines are paid from funds on hand. Mr. Hamrick felt there would be a number of projects from the transportation plan implemented in a year or so and didn't think a 1% increase would hurt.

**Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner**  
**Votes opposing the motion: Couvillon, Wangemann**

NOTE: Mayor Dunagan voted in opposition to the motion. The motion failed due to lack of four affirmative votes in accordance with the requirements of the Charter.

**REPORT:**

**Community Development, Planning Division**

*Action taken by the Gainesville Planning and Appeals Board on August 12, 2014 and new items to be referred to the Planning and Appeals Board.*

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon stated there were no items to be referred to the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting noting there was one item but the Planning and Appeals Board (PAB) voted to table that request to the October 14<sup>th</sup> PAB meeting. There was one item, a rezoning and special use request, to be referred to the September Planning and Appeals Board Meeting. The report was noted as follows:

**A. Planning and Appeals Board Actions for 08/12/14:**

- 1) **Tabled until October 14, 2014**, the request from **Medical Arts Properties, LP** to abandon a 0.58± acre (561± linear feet) portion of right-of-way known as Broad Street intersecting Prior Street and Spring Street having a zoning classification of Planned Unit Development (P-U-D) and General Business (G-B).  
Ward Number: Three  
Request: Abandonment of right-of-way

**B. New items to be referred to the Planning and Appeals Board for 09/09/14:**

- 1) Request from **Pap Datta** to rezone a 1.04± acres tract located on the northwest side of the intersection of Parker Street and Maple Street (a/k/a **510, 514 and 520 Maple Street SW**) from General Business (G-B) to Light Industrial (L-I), with a special use.  
Ward Number: Three  
Tax Parcel Number(s): 01-011-003-005 and 011  
Request: Brewery

**Motion to accept the report as presented and to refer the new items to the Planning and Appeals Board.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

**Votes favoring the motion: Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon**

**CITY MANAGER ISSUES:**

**Introduction of President of Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP)**

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard reported Wastewater Operations Superintendent Danny Ingram had been appointed to serve as the President of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP). Jack Dozier, Executive Advisor of GAWP, and Pam Burnett, Executive Director of GAWP, presented Mr. Ingram with a gavel to use during his presidency. Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall extended words of appreciation.

**OTHER ISSUES:**

**Fraternal Order of Eagles**

Council Member Figueras reported the Fraternal Order of Eagles recently held their statewide meeting. She bragged on the Tourism Manager for promoting the organization.

**Atlanta Highway Clean Up**

Council Member Wangemann shared information about the Atlanta Highway cleanup.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:28 PM**

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk