

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

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application
Marco's Pizza, 1294 Thompson Bridge Road, Suite 102

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris stated the application was in order.

Placed on the February 3, 2015 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Accept GEMA Grant

Division Chief Keith Smith stated the proposed resolution supports the Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Grant.

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Public Hearing

Rezone 1.458± acres at 1537 and 1551 Thompson Bridge Road NW along with 135 Virginia Circle NW

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon reviewed the item indicating it was returned to the Planning and Appeals Board by the governing body after receiving notice of changes to the plan. He reviewed the changes indicating most were small in nature. The largest change was an increase in the landscape buffer. Staff and the Planning and Appeals Board recommend denial of the request.

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CITY MANAGER:

Resolution: Acceptance of Check from Georgia Power for Energy Efficient Cost Savings

City Manager Padgett stated the Parks and Recreation Agency prepared a resolution to accept \$10,221.60. Presentation of the check will occur at the upcoming Council Meeting.

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Alcoholic Beverage License Presentation

City Manager Kip Padgett stated a committee was created to review the ordinance. He thanked the group for their efforts.

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard used a PowerPoint presentation to provide a brief overview of why the alcohol ordinance should be updated. She also discussed the changes to be implemented via adoption of the following ordinances:

1. Amendment to Chapter 6-4 entitled Alcoholic Beverages
2. Amendment to Title 10 entitled Schedule of Fees
3. Amendment to Chapter 1-7 entitled Recreation and Parks
4. Amendment to Chapter 3-5 entitled Offenses - Miscellaneous

Council Member Wangemann expressed concern about the changes and indicated he was overwhelmed.

Mayor Dunagan felt some time was needed to digest the information that was presented.

Four ordinances were placed on the February 3, 2015 Council Meeting Agenda

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Appointment: Parks and Recreation Board

Mayor Dunagan asked the Council to consider appointing Cooper Embry to fill the unexpired term of Joe Biddy.

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General Assembly

Mayor Dunagan asked the City Manager to prepare a letter to the Governor and the local legislative delegation expressing concern about the potential negative impact of House Bill 0014 and House Bill 170.

Council Member Figueras

1. Commented on an adult tour offered by Brenau Galleries entitled "The Ties that Bind".
2. Commented on the Homeless Count Survey and its connection with federal funds.

Council Member Hamrick

1. Called attention to the economic development report published by Greater Hall Chamber Commerce.
2. Commented on fuel sales in Hall County compared to other communities in Georgia.
3. Commented on the capital projects report indicating funds were available for street improvements and expressing his desire for a street resurfacing project.
4. Asked if there had been an assessment regarding a traffic stop at Virginia Avenue and Riverside.
5. Commented on landscapers blowing leaves onto/into Green Street.

Council Member Couvillon

Complimented Chief Martin and Captain Parrish for their involvement in a meeting at Antioch Baptist Church designed to build sustainable working relationships that improve relations between law enforcement and the community.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Commented on the recent training offered by the Georgia Municipal Association and shared ideas regarding a joint stormwater utility, using solar power to run water/sewer plants and changing Code Enforcement to Community Protection Division.

2. Reported Keep Hall Beautiful was discussing a merger with the Hall County Green Alliance.
3. Reported the Arbor Day Celebration was scheduled for February 20.
4. Announced the Great American Cleanup would occur in April.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Kip Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate matters.

Mayor Dunagan requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 10:32 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

Officials Absent: Bruner

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STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Jordan
OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Palmour and Attorney Sam Harben attended a portion of the Executive Session.

Motion to close the Executive Session at 11:24 AM and to adjourn the Work Session.

Motion made by Council Member Couvillon

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

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

ADJOURNMENT: 11:24 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk