

Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING
of the
CITY COUNCIL
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

March 10, 2022
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Mayor David Bennett

PRESENT: Council Members Arch Willingham, Taylor Watson, Caroline Williams and Tony Towns; City Attorney Bill Pickering; City Manager Kenny Lee; and Chief Todd Gann.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Bennett called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at the City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia 30750.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council's Regular Meeting of January 13, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE – ARCH WILLINGHAM: No report due to the Planning Commission not meeting.

FIRE AND POLICE UPDATE - TAYLOR WATSON: Council Member Taylor Watson read the monthly police report and also discussed the issue of stray animals in the community. Jimmy Stewart has volunteered to provide dog kennels to the police so strays may be held and taken to Dr. Chris Keller's animal hospital until the families pick them up or they can be placed up for adoption, instead of being taken to LaFayette. The Council agreed with this approach.

FAIRYLAND SCHOOL UPDATE – CAROLINE WILLIAMS: Council Member Caroline Williams reported that the Fairyland Art Show was a huge success and thanked everyone for attending and participating. Preparations are underway for the Fairyland Festival which will be at the end of April. Ms. Williams also thanked everyone for coming to Night Out for Lookout which raised a large amount of money for LMS.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – KENNY LEE: City Manager Kenny Lee provided the Public Works report in Council Member Kevin Leckenby's absence. Work on the Oberon parking lot and garden walk should be complete in about one month. Dimmers for the Town Center sidewalk lights are on the way and will include timers and remote access. Council Member Arch Willingham added that the City has gone to great lengths to work on fixing the lighting issue and to finding a way to obtain the dimmers as quickly as possible. Mr. Lee reported that GDOT is planning on shutting the Fairyland part of Ochs Highway soon, but will talk to Rock City to

make sure there are no special events. Dumpster day was a huge success, so the City is looking into having two dumpsters.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: City Manager Kenny Lee reported that the Comprehensive Plan had been approved during the City Council's recent Special Meeting and is available on the City website for review.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE – KENNY LEE: Mr. Lee informed the Council that there had been several meetings in the new City Hall with more meetings booked in the near future, and he welcomed the use of the hall by the community. Mr. Lee also reported that there had been eight responses for the RFP for the ARC master plan.

STORMWATER REPORT – TONY TOWNS: Council Member Tony Towns reported that the Stormwater Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, March 15.

JOE WILSON PARK UPDATE – JIMMY CAMPBELL: Mr. Campbell presented an initial sketch completed by Dennis Bishop showing plans and plantings for Joe Wilson Park. The sketch included Irish fairy rings to fit in with the theme of Fairyland. There will be a meeting in the next week to finalize the plans. Mayor Bennett suggested that the committee make a formal presentation to the City Council so the Council may sign off on the plans before moving forward. Mr. Campbell shared his desire for a fundraiser to help fund the park along with asking for funding from a foundation. Council Member Taylor Watson said that she believed there were funds left over from the grant for the park.

SEWER ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE – PUMP STATION REPAIRS – WES HASDEN: Sewer Advisory Board Chair Wes Hasden reported that the Board met with Engineer Tommy Newsome on Tuesday and that Mr. Newsome provided preliminary schematics for the pump station. Bidding on the project is expected around November, which means construction may not begin until after the first of the year. The loan application for the project has been submitted. A meter has been installed at Covenant College, which should result in more accurate billing.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Bennett reported that new City decals will be available in April. Ribbon cutting for the Town Center will be some time in April or May and will be a Saturday event. Mayor Bennett stressed that the City is getting very serious about permit enforcement and making sure residents are doing what they are supposed to be doing with leaves and brush. Chief Todd Gann will begin driving through the community looking for violations, for the safety of everyone. Council Member Arch Willingham reported that he went to get a permit from our City, and he felt the process was extremely easy. Mr. Willingham also shared information on the new City Hall conference table that was built by Michael Smith Designs of Walker County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts
City Clerk