

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

November 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Vice Mayor Arch Willingham

PRESENT: Council Members Taylor Watson, Caroline Williams, Tony Towns, and Kevin Leckenby; City Attorney Bill Pickering; City Manager Kenny Lee; and Senior Operations Manager Brad Haven.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE: Vice Mayor Arch Willingham called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia 30750. Council Member Kevin Leckenby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNUAL STORMWATER REPORT – BRAD HAVEN: Senior Operations Manager Brad Haven provided the City's Annual Stormwater Report for 2024. Mr. Haven's report focused particularly on the requirements of the City's Ordinance No. 331. Mr. Haven emphasized that the ordinance must be followed anytime a "subdivision" is created. One purpose of this requirement is to be sure that stormwater issues are addressed before property is sold and subdivided.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE – ARCH WILLINGHAM: Council Member Arch Willingham reported that the Municipal Planning Commission had approved seven building permits during its most recent meeting. The Planning Commission looks forward to the completion and adoption of the City's new zoning ordinance. In the meantime, the Planning Commission would like to consider a moratorium on the approval of any garage apartments. The Planning Commission is also discussing garage setback requirements. Finally, the Planning Commission is interested in giving the Building Official more authority to approve routine permit applications.

FIRE AND POLICE UPDATE – TAYLOR WATSON: No report.

FAIRYLAND SCHOOL UPDATE – CAROLINE WILLIAMS – Council Member Caroline Williams reported that school officials are concerned about the safety of walkers during times when it is dark. There is also a need for better visibility at crosswalks, perhaps with the addition of reflectors or reflective paint. Ms. Williams will discuss these concerns further with City Manager Kenny Lee.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE – TONY TOWNS: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS – KEVIN LECKENBY: Council Member Kevin Leckenby presented the monthly Public Works report. Mr. Leckenby's detailed written report is filed with these minutes.

CITY MANAGER – KENNY LEE: City Manager Kenny Lee announced various upcoming community events, including Stockings Full of Love and the Lookout Christmas Market. The annual Christmas Party for City officials and volunteers will be held next month at the Lookout Mountain Club.

SEWER ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE – PUMP STATION REPAIRS – WES HASDEN: Sewer Advisory Board Chair Wes Hasden reported that the State of Georgia had approved the City's request for a \$2.3 Million loan for the pump station renovation, at a favorable rate of 3.35% per annum. The preliminary site plan has been completed and will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Division in the near future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with counsel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously. The Council then met in Executive Session for the purpose stated.

REOPEN REGULAR MEETING: Following the Executive Session, the Council reopened its Regular Meeting. Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to ratify and approve a Separation Agreement between the City and former officer Dewayne Llewellyn, dated October 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kevin Leckenby and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts
City Clerk