

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

February 13, 2025
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; and City Manager Kenny Lee.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE: Vice Mayor Arch Willingham called the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia 30750. Council Member Kevin Leckenby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAUL JOHNSON – QUARTERLY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: City Auditor Paul Johnson distributed and reviewed the City's financial statements for the six-month period ending December 31, 2024. General Fund revenues are good with the City having collected 57% of budgeted revenues during the first six months of the fiscal year. Expenses are also up with 55% having been incurred during the six-month period. SPLOST revenue is \$116,000 over expenditures. TSPLOST revenue is \$97,000 over expenditures. Mr. Johnson provided highlights and comments on the City's other funds.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE – ARCH WILLINGHAM: Mr. Willingham informed the Council that because of a lack of a quorum, the Planning Commission's monthly meeting has been rescheduled to February 25, 2025.

FIRE AND POLICE UPDATE – TAYLOR WASTON: City Manager Kenny Lee informed the Council that new and improved "Flock" cameras are being installed. New Chief Jason Lewis will start on March 11, 2025. Morale among the officers is good.

FAIRYLAND SCHOOL – CAROLINE WILLIAMS: Ms. Williams informed the Council that Fairyland Elementary School is ranked 21 among schools in Georgia. Fairyland School is holding a School Council Meeting on February 25, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Missoula Children's Theater will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 7th and 8th. Music on the Mountain is August 23rd. Any business interested in making donations may contact Liz Toppings. Persons interested in working as a substitute teacher may now apply online. After a person has served as a substitute three times, the PTO will provide reimbursement for the online classes. Dr. Lisa Edwards has expressed concerns about theft of school property after dark and has asked that no one be on the school grounds after sundown.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE: Council Member Tony Towns advised that the committee did not meet last month.

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. The next dumpster day is March 1, 2025.

CITY MANAGER – KENNY LEE: City Manager Kenny Lee informed the Council that the Third Annual Hive Hustle Fun Run will be held on March 8, 2025. The vote on ESPLOST vote will be held on March 18, 2025. ESPLOST has been a significant source of funding for Fairyland Elementary School. The Atlanta United Liberty Fund may be contributing grant funds for a micro-soccer field that will tie into the World Cup Soccer Event in two years. Discussions about applying for the grant have begun.

SEWER BOARD UPDATE – PUMP STATION REPAIRS – WES HASDEN: Mr. Hasden informed the Council that the City has a tentative construction schedule for the pump station rehabilitation. The City hopes to award the construction contract in May 2025 and to complete the project in June 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council Member Kevin Leckenby made a motion that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss a pending claim against the City and to consult with counsel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tony Towns 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.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts
City Clerk