

Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING
of the
City Council of Lookout Mountain, Georgia
April 16, 2015

PRESIDING: Vice Mayor David Bennett

PRESENT: Council Members Taylor Watson, Beth Soloff, Jim Sabourin, and Caroline Williams; Attorney Jed Roebuck; City Clerk Cindy Roberts; City Manager Brad Haven; and Chief Todd Gann.

ABSENT: Mayor Sandy Gothard and City Attorney Bill Pickering.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Mayor David Bennett called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia. Council Member Beth Soloff opened the meeting with a prayer.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 285 – BEER AND WINE SALES AT SPECIAL EVENTS: Attorney Jed Roebuck, attending the meeting for City Attorney Bill Pickering, presented on second reading Ordinance No. 285, an Ordinance to Amend the City's Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance (Ordinance No. 69) to provide for the issuance of special events alcohol permits and to establish application and locational requirements for such permits. Council Member Taylor Watson made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 285 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jim Sabourin and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION MAJOR AND MINOR DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES: Mr. Roebuck advised the Council that City Attorney Bill Pickering and Catherine Fox had been communicating by email regarding the proposed Major and Minor Development Procedures and had made revisions which they were jointly recommending. The revised procedures were provided to the Council for review in advance of today's meeting. Mr. Roebuck stated that the procedures were to be adopted by resolution. Council Member Jim Sabourin made a motion to adopt the Major and Minor Development Procedures as submitted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Beth Soloff and passed unanimously.

(HRA) HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT: Council Member David Bennett addressed the Council on the HRA arrangement, providing the Council with a five-year history showing changes in the health care coverage. Mr. Bennett stated that in 2012 the City's health insurance increased, and changes in the policy were made to assist with employee deductibles. Mr. Bennett recommended that the HRA agreement with Pro Benefits be formally approved by the Council. Council Member Taylor Watson made a motion to approve the HRA agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jim Sabourin and passed unanimously.

MONTHLY STORMWATER, SEWER AND CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Brad Haven provided the Council with the monthly Stormwater, Sewer and City

Manager's Report which is on file and available for review. Mr. Haven informed the Council of several items, including:

- Installation of the new street signs along the state route.
- The renovations to the bunk room.
- Leaf and brush collection.
- Update on grants for street paving is ongoing.
- Update on the striping on City streets, including Fleetwood, Mockingbird, Cinderella and Wood Nymph.
- Research on odor control is ongoing.
- Repairs on #2 pump station.

Chief Todd Gann submitted a monthly police report with a breakdown on calls and services.

Chief Gann made a recommendation that cross walk signs be installed at Wendy Trail. Chief Gann informed the Council that several concerned citizens have requested the signs. Council Member Jim Sabourin made a motion to install cross walk signs at Wendy Trail. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Council Member David Bennett addressed the Council on the Beautification Fund and requested that the Council help raise more funds for the project. Council Member Caroline Williams stated that grants may be available to assist with funding and agreed to check this.

Council Member Jim Sabourin requested that a special meeting of the Council be scheduled to discuss the disposition of city property. The Council agreed on May 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Resident Joy Dee Price was present to address the Council with issues on continuing construction on the property owned by Kincaid Mills on Fleetwood Drive. Mrs. Price stated that the five-year remodeling project is adding construction congestion, noise, and poor air quality from construction equipment polluting the air. Mrs. Price added that the new stop sign is not helping with speeding vehicles and requested that a speed bump be installed to help with the speeding vehicles. Mrs. Price added that water runoff from a neighbor's down spout is causing costly erosion in their yard. Mr. Bennett clarified all concerns with Mrs. Price, and the consensus of the Council was to allow a speed bump. Mr. Bennett asked Chief Gann and City Manager Brad Haven to move forward with installation of the speed bump. Mr. Haven informed the Council that he has inspected the property and consulted with City Attorney Bill Pickering and considers this to be a civil matter. Council Member Beth Soloff recommended that the City monitor construction making sure proper procedures are being implemented and that City ordinances are being enforced.

Council Member Caroline Williams updated the council on the Fairyland School activities reminding the Festival will take place April 30, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts
City Clerk