

Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING
of the
City Council of Lookout Mountain, Georgia
February 19, 2015

PRESIDING: Sandy Gothard, Mayor

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

ABSENT: Council Member David Bennett.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sandy Gothard 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 Taylor Watson opened the meeting with a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Council's Regular Meetings of January 18, 2015, were approved as submitted.

SWEAR IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBER – CAROLINE WILLIAMS: Mayor Gothard administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed council member Caroline Williams. A copy of the oath is attached to these minutes.

BEER AND WINE SALES AT SPECIAL EVENTS: City Attorney Bill Pickering provided the Council with a draft ordinance providing for beer and wine sales at special events. Mr. Pickering reviewed the draft ordinance with the Council in detail, noting in particular that it provided for an expedited application process for an applicant holding a current license issued by a municipality in the Chattanooga metropolitan area to sell beer and wine for consumption on the premises. The proposed ordinance will be presented for consideration at an upcoming meeting. In the meantime, Council members are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions to Mr. Pickering.

AMEND ORDINANCE 107: Mr. Pickering advised the Council that, as requested, he had prepared a proposed ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 107 to require that flowable fill be used following excavation in the City. City Manager Brad Haven had suggested that flowable fill be required to prevent pavement from settling following street and sidewalk repairs. Mr. Pickering read in its entirety Ordinance No. 282, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 107 to require the use of flowable fill following the excavation of streets and sidewalks in the City. Council Member Jim Sabourin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 282 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 254 RESTATED – SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL: Mr. Pickering advised the Council that the City environmental consultant, Ms. Catherine Fox,

had recommended certain revisions to the City's Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance. Mr. Pickering stated that he had prepared a complete restatement of the existing ordinance to include the amendments recommended by Ms. Fox. Mr. Pickering then read in its entirety Ordinance No. 283, an Ordinance to amend and restate in its entirety the City of Lookout Mountain's Ordinance No. 254, to establish minimum requirements for erosion, sedimentation and pollution control using best management practices, to establish an application and permitting process for land-disturbing activities within the City of Lookout Mountain, and to provide for the inspection of sites of land-disturbing activities. Council Member Taylor Watson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 283 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jim Sabourin and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE ADOPTING FEE SCHEDULE: Mr. Pickering advised the Council that, as requested, he had prepared an ordinance formally adopting the schedule of various fees which were previously reviewed and approved by the Council. The intent is to get these fees in place pending Catherine Fox's more detailed work on the City's development ordinances. Mr. Pickering read in its entirety Ordinance No. 284, an Ordinance to adopt a schedule of fees to be charged by the City of Lookout Mountain for rezoning, variances, plan and plat review, inspections, development activities, building permits, and other matters, and to establish bond requirements. Council Member Taylor Watson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 284 on first reading. 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's verbal report to the Council included information on the following:

- The new leaf machine is expected for delivery at any time.
- Installation of the new street signs along the state route.
- The renovations to the bunk room.
- Commending the public works crew for clearing the city streets during the recent winter storms and keeping the roads clear.
- Update on the striping Fleetwood, Mockingbird, Cinderella and Wood Nymph.
- Research on odor control is ongoing.
- The annual stormwater report has been completed and submitted to EPD.

Chief Todd Gann provided the Council with the monthly police report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Gothard informed the Council that notice of qualifying for the election in November has been posted. The current terms of Council Members Taylor Watson and Jim Sabourin will be expiring.

Mayor Gothard also informed the Council that second notices for unpaid property tax have been sent.

Mayor Gothard advised the Council that he was continuing to receive complaints regarding PODs. Mayor Gothard suggested that this matter be addressed in an ordinance which would require a permit for the placement of a POD on property in the City and limit the time period that a POD could remain on the property. Jimmy Campbell stated that the Municipal Planning Commission would be reviewing this matter and making a recommendation.

City Attorney Bill Pickering expressed concern that the City's recycling bin is being abused by individuals placing household garbage in the paper-only container. Mr. Haven stated that a letter had been received from the recycling company stating that an additional charge could be imposed for misuse of the container, although the charge has not yet been made. Mr. Haven added this is considered illegal dumping, and the offenders should be issued a citation. It was the consensus of the Council that use of the recycling container should be monitored and that steps should be taken to prevent the improper use.

Council Member Caroline Williams updated the Council on upcoming activities at the Fairyland School:

- March 3rd – Fairyland School & Community Art Show
- March 13th and 14th – Production of Aladdin
- March 16th - 19th – Fairyland Scholastic Book Fair.
- April 30th – Fairyland Festival

Mr. Haven added that the City's website now has a link to the Living on Lookout website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts
City Clerk