

Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING
of the
City Council of Lookout Mountain, Georgia
January 15, 2015

PRESIDING: Sandy Gothard, Mayor

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

ABSENT: Council Member Jim Sabourin.

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 November 20, 2014, and December 18, 2014, were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER: Mayor Gothard advised the Council that Wes Hasden, Kevin Leckenby, Caroline Williams and Earl Carstens had been suggested as candidates to fill the late David Fussell's unexpired term as a Council Member and that all four were willing to serve. After discussion, Council Member David Bennett made a motion that Caroline Williams be appointed as a Council Member to fill David Fussell's unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Council Member Beth Soloff and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY JUDGE: Mayor Gothard advised the Council that Ricky Taliaferro had decided to step down as City Judge and that he was recommending the appointment of Attorney Buddy Presley as the new City Judge. Mr. Presley was present to introduce himself to the Council and provided information on his background, education and interest in serving the community. Council Member Beth Soloff made a motion that Mr. Presley be appointed as City Judge. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously.

Mayor Gothard administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Presley. A signed copy of the oath is attached to these Minutes.

SEWER ADVISORY BOARD: Sewer Advisory Board Chair Jimmy Campbell addressed the Council and advised that the Sewer Department's finances were in good shape and within \$5,000 of budget. Mr. Campbell provided the Council with a proposed Sewer Advisory Board mission statement, noting that Ordinance No. 269 authorized the Board to submit a mission statement setting forth specific tasks and objectives. City Attorney Bill Pickering expressed concern that the proposed mission statement included operational authority and responsibilities inconsistent with the limited advisory authority provided the Board in Ordinance No. 269. Mayor Gothard

expressed similar concerns. Mr. Pickering complimented the Board on its work and stated that he could, with the Council's approval, amend the existing ordinance to provide the Board with additional authority and responsibility. Mayor Gothard recommended that the Council review this matter further.

Council Member Beth Soloff asked Sewer Advisory Board member Cindy Whitaker about her ongoing work on revisions to the sewer ordinance. Ms. Whitaker responded that this work had been put on hold due to the work Catherine Fox is doing on the City ordinances. Mr. Pickering clarified that Ms. Fox's work involved the revision and consolidation of the City's development, environmental and related ordinances. Mr. Pickering added that he was continuing his work on a City Code but that this project – which is ongoing and extensive – involved the consolidation of all of the City's existing ordinances into a single code and not the creation or revision of ordinances as Ms. Fox is doing. Although the work on the various City ordinances will be continuing, the Council will proceed with the adoption of an ordinance implementing the fee schedule previously approved. Mr. Pickering will have the ordinance ready for the February Council meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - REAPPOINTMENT OF JOE MCGINNESS AND DOUG STEIN: Mayor Gothard recommended that Joe McGinness and Doug Stein be reappointed as members of the City's Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Taylor Watson made a motion to reappoint Joe McGinness and Doug Stein to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Bennett 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 reported that he had looked into the striping of City streets and had determined that the streets in greatest need of striping were Fleetwood Drive, Mockingbird Lane, Wood Nymph Trail, and the south end of Cinderella Road. Mr. Haven advised the Council that the cost of striping these roads would be approximately \$4,200. It was the consensus of the Council that the City should move forward with the striping of these roads. Mr. Haven added that Lula Lake Road was also in need of striping but that he had applied for grants to get this road repaved and wanted to see if the grant was approved.

Council Member Beth Soloff asked about installing reflectors in the roads. Mr. Haven responded that some reflectors on Lula Lake Road have been replaced and the next roads to be addressed would be in Turnberry.

Mr. Haven recommended that the City return to a schedule of twice-a-week garbage service on Tuesdays and Fridays, and the Council agreed that this should be done. Mr. Haven noted that Public Works was now current on leaf pickup which makes it feasible to return to twice-a-week garbage service.

Mr. Haven reported that the City's new street signs were going up and that installation of signs along the main routes would be next. Council Member David Bennett added that the City is waiting on approval from the state to install signs on the state route.

Council Member Taylor Watson asked about progress on the City's bunk room. Mr. Haven advised that new electrical wiring is being installed, that the roof repairs have been addressed, and that the carpet has been removed.

Mr. Haven discussed the need to replace the Chickamauga Trail pump station flow meter and advised that the City of Chattanooga would be responsible for this expense.

Mr. Haven advised the Council that all stormwater projects for the year had been completed. He has talked with Catherine Fox regarding changes in the City's stormwater ordinance which are required by EPD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts
City Clerk