

**Minutes
City of Doraville
Council Meeting
January 5, 2004**

Those present:

Mayor Gene Lively

Mayor Pro Tem Lamar Lang

Councilman Sam Gray

Ray Jenkins

David Weese

Thurman Roach

Ed Lowe

Attorney Rick Powell

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lively.
2. The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2003 and the Special Called Meeting of December 22, 2003 were approved as read with motion to approve, followed by a second motion.
The motion carried unanimously.
3. Ambassador John Lee presented a proclamation of recognition of service to retiring Mayor Gene Lively on behalf of DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones. Mr. Lively accepted the proclamation with this thanks to Mr. Jones and Mr. Lee.
4. Motion made by Mr. Lang to approve the payment of the bills.
Seconded by Mr. Roach
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned for old business by Mayor Lively. Mr. Lively then announced the new business would be discussed just after the swearing in of the elected officials. Mayor Lively thanked everyone and departed from the meeting with a round of applause from the attendees. Additionally, retired Councilman Sam Gray also left the meeting.

5. The newly elected Mayor Ray Jenkins was sworn into office by Attorney Rick Powell who administered the oath of office of Mayor. Mayor Ray Jenkins affirmed his oath of office as Mayor of the City of Doraville.

The newly elected council members Jason Anavitarte and Marlene Hadden, and returning councilmember Ed Lowe were sworn into office by Attorney Rick Powell. Each member of the council affirmed their oath of office as council members of the City Doraville.

6. Mayor Ray Jenkins called the meeting back to order.

7. Mayor Jenkins recognized State of Georgia Senator Liana Levetan. Senator Levetan congratulated the new Mayor and council members.

Mayor Jenkins also recognized State of Georgia Representative Jill Chambers. Representative Chambers also congratulated the new Mayor and council members.

Mayor Jenkins thanked everyone for their support. He introduced Councilwoman Marlene Hadden and Councilman Jason Anavitarte. He also recognized returning councilman Ed Lowe.

8. Councilman Thurman Roach brought up the election of the Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Roach made the motion to reelect Mr. Lamar Lang as the Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Anavitarte. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Doug Brown of Tilly Mill Road was not present to address the Mayor and council.

10. Mr. Kim presented his proposal to change the present Pinetree Motel to offices and possibly retail in the downstairs area. A variance request to reduce parking at Pinetree Motel was made by Mr. Kim. The owner would also like to add a loading dock which would take additional parking spaces. Mr. Dempsey lives next door to the property. Mr. Dempsey asked questions regarding the plans for extra spaces. Mr. Dempsey said anything would be better than what is there now. There is no space available for expansion.

Mr. Lang made the motion for the owner of Pinetree Motel, Mayor Jenkins, and City Inspector Chuck Entsminger arrange a meeting to thoroughly review the proposal. Seconded by Mr. Roach. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Mr. Greg Dougherty of 3393 Lambeth Circle made a temporary greenhouse variance request. In November 2003 Mr. Dougherty had built a plastic covered structure to house his yard plants and shrubs which were placed against the house. He was originally told by Mayor Lively no permits were needed due to the temporary status of the structure. After being informed by the Code Enforcement department the structure would have to be disassembled the resident asked for a continuation of allowance of the greenhouse until the plants could be properly taken care of. Mr. Dougherty has already started to transplant the items in the greenhouse and was prepared to remove the greenhouse. He also stated his intent was to build a permanent greenhouse on his property with the appropriate permits.

Mr. Roach made the motion to allow Mr. Dougherty 30 days to remove the temporary greenhouse structure from the yard. Seconded by Mr. Lowe. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Councilman Anavitarte brought up an authorization letter to DeKalb County to identify green space projects within the City. Request for the funds needs to be made

now for use in the current fiscal year. Approximately \$45,000 is available for use by the City.

Motion made by Ms.Hadden to write the funds request letter.

Seconded by Mr. Weese

The motion carried unanimously.

13. Councilman Lang discussed the paving and resurfacing needs of the city facilities. Specifications and bids will be obtained.

14. Chief King gave an overview of accidents and speed issues on Buford Highway. Additional statistics on arrests and housing in our jail facility were also given. Over 21,000 calls were answered by the Doraville Police Department last year. The department continues to be a vital and proactive part with other law enforcement agencies. These efforts will result in funds being gained in the asset forfeiture accounts. Accounting reports on asset funds use will be given to council within the week.

Personnel positions are being reviewed and cuts made as prudently as possible. In light of the call volume handled by the Police Departments sworn positions will be replaced as needed. Neighborhood patrolling is being renamed to C.O.P.S. which stands for Community Oriented Police Service. Excitement and enthusiasm for certain task units is building in the department and those officers wishing to pursue these interests can feel good about the support in vehicles and visibility in taking part in these task units.

Bids for evidence room cameras were opened. Bids were submitted by Engineered Systems at \$2229.68, Academy Lock & Key at \$1890.40, and Adtech Security Systems at \$3795.00.

Councilwoman Hadden made the motion to accept the low bid from Academy Lock & Key at \$1890.40

Seconded by Mr. Lang

The motion carried unanimously.

Bids were opened for the purchase of a new car. Allen Vigil Ford at \$24,495.00, Peachtree Ford at \$24,615.98, and Hardy Chevrolet at \$25,233.36.

Mr. Roach made the motion to accept the bid from Hardy Chevrolet at \$25,233.36 thought there was as small variance in cost the cars are in stock and ready for delivery.

Seconded by Mr. Anavitarte.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bids for a card key entry system were obtained from Adtech Security Systems at \$9,580.00 and Advanced Security & Controls at \$6,859.00.

Mr. Lang made the motion to accept the low bid of Advanced Security & Control at \$6,859.00

Seconded by Mr. Anavitarte.

The motion carried unanimously.

15. Mr. Lang asked to be placed on the agenda regarding Robert Brown. Mr. Lang was allowed to be on the agenda.

Mr. Lang wanted the general council to know he felt the city should not meet with the Mr. Brown. The final negotiations had been made and any further contact with Mr. Brown could result in a negative situation for the City.

Attorney Rick Powell will give a legal opinion to the Mayor and council after additional thought and review of the situation has been made.

16. Mayor Jenkins said he had always thought he would, if elected, open the floor to the public for comments and suggestions during the council meetings. Mayor Jenkins did so and several attendees asked questions and made comments. The public feedback was acknowledged and duly noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.