

CITY OF DORAVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2005

Present: Mayor, Ray Jenkins
Mayor Pro-tem, Lamar Lang
Council, David Weese
Marlene Hadden
Jason Anavitarte
Donna Pittman
Ed Lowe
City Attorney, Rick Powell

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the March 21, 2005 minutes as written and the March 28, 2005 Called Meeting minutes. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Arnett, Sr. asked the City Council to approve a shot wall at Carnetts Car Wash. The car wash is next door to the City Hall property and the city's sprinkler system is on the property line. The sprinkler system caused the current wall to fail. Mr. Arnett is willing to move the city's sprinkler system back 30' if the City Council will approve the shot wall. Mayor Pro-Tem Lang made a motion to allow Mr. Arnett to construct the shot wall pending a written agreement between the City and Mr. Arnett. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Attorney for the Doraville DUI School asked the City Council to allow an advertising sign to be placed on the city marquee. The September 7, 2004 minutes reflect a consensus of the Council to allow the DUI School to advertise on the City Marquee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lang made a motion to allow the Doraville DUI School to advertise on the City Marquee. The motion died from lack of a second.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to remove all business advertising from the City's Marquee. Council Member Anavitarte withdrew his motion pending a legal ruling from the City Attorney.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve creating a Planning Commission for a six month trial basis.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lang stated that if the Council Members could not do the job that they were elected for then they need to get off the Council.

Council Member Hadden stated that the community needed to be involved in planning for the future of the City of Doraville. Growth needs to be slow, orderly and planned with

residents and the business community working together to inspire Doraville to be livable again.

A citizen stated that she was against the Planning Commission. She stated that she had voted for the Council and expected them to do the job that they were elected for.

Another citizen stated that he was not for all the emails and the negativism that went with them. The Planning Commission could be a good thing if everyone could get along. The gentleman asked the Council to remember that the power was in the community anyway and the Planning Commission could be a think tank that made positive recommendations to the Council.

Another citizen stated that he did not want the Planning Commission and that the council should be making the decisions.

Another citizen stated that he would like to see something done. He stated that there were plenty of problems on his street and he would like to see the problems taken care of.

Another citizen stated that if the City needs advice on planning matters then the City should hire a Professional Planner.

Another citizen stated that the Planning Commission could give positive feedback to the City Council and hoped that the City Council would trust a few select people to make recommendations on planning matters.

Another citizen stated that the other cities around the City of Doraville were making positive changes in their cities and would like to see the City of Doraville do the same thing. "It is time for Doraville to shine", the lady stated.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to table the Planning Commission until the public could be educated on the true purpose of the Planning Commission. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden stated that correspondence coming into City Hall should be made available to the City Council. This includes faxes, mail, email and notification of banking information. If the document is a large one, then copy the first page and note on the page where the document can be located at City hall. The City Clerk is assigned to this task.

Council Member Anavitarte gave a brief overview of the proposed Doraville Tree Protection Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to preserve existing trees and establish a tree bank to replace trees removed or damaged during development or construction.

Council Member Anavitarte gave a brief overview of the proposed Billboard Ban Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to make Buford Highway and major intersections within the City more attractive.

Council Member Anavitarte gave a brief overview of the proposed Handbill Ordinance. This Ordinance would eliminate unwanted fliers and hand bill from being placed on resident's mailboxes and automobiles.

Council Member Anavitarte gave a brief overview of the proposed Massage parlor Amendments. The purpose of these amendments would strengthen the existing Ordinance.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve three (3) streets lights. Two on Shady Oak and one on English Oak near the park. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to set the work session time and date to the first and third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion passed with Council Member Weese voting no.

Mayor Jenkins announced that Mecor was working on the gas tank at the Police Department. The repairs will cost less than \$5,000.00. After the tank is repaired, Good Earth Company will clean out the tank and dispose of any spoiled gasoline.

Mayor Jenkins asked the City Council to approve a contract with The Dekalb County Tax Office in the amount of \$200.00 annually. This is an administrative fee for use of the County computers.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the contract with the Dekalb County Tax Office for the administrative fee of \$200.00 annually. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the Mayor signing a letter of intent for the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan with Dekalb County. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lowe made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County concerning the property at 7170 Johnson Drive; Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that the City had been served with a lawsuit from John Noonan. The lawsuit paperwork has been faxed to GIRMA.

Citizen's comments: A gentleman stated that the City of Doraville needed street appeal. Residential houses sell because of the way they look from the street. The gentleman would like for the City of Doraville's residential areas to have an appealing image.

Another citizen stated that this was his first Council Meeting and it was interesting to say the least. The gentleman stated that his father was ill and had to move in with him. He had parked his fathers truck on the grass but had since moved the truck to a gravel parking area. The Police Department had told the gentleman that the truck was not in compliance with a new Ordinance and would have to be moved. The gentleman wanted to know if this was selective enforcement and felt like he was being picked on. The gentleman stated that he did have rights because it was his property that the truck was parked on.

Another resident asked about the time frame for the erosion and storm water repairs at English Oak Park. Mayor Jenkins stated that the repairs could not be done until the fall. The City will have to have the storm water utility fees coming in to pay for the repairs.

Another citizen asked about the sink holes in his yard. He stated that he had received a letter from Dekalb County stating that it was the City of Doraville's responsibility to fix the problems causing the sink holes.

Another citizen stated that he wanted the Council to stop talking and take action to correct the problems on his street. He wants to be able to invite people to his home without being ashamed of the neighborhood.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Attest; _____
City Clerk