

Minutes  
City of Doraville  
Council Meeting  
April 5, 2004

Those present:

Mayor Ray Jenkins

Mayor Pro Tem Lamar Lang

Councilmembers: Thurman Roach

Jason Anavitarte

Marlene Hadden

David Weese

Ed Lowe

Attorney Rick Powell

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jenkins.

2. The minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2004 were approved as read. The motion to approve the minutes was followed by a second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Councilman Thurman Roach reported the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance would be increased by 9.5% in the medical portion, but the dental would not increase. The consensus of the council was to continue with Blue Cross Blue Shield for another year because they still offered the best plan at the best cost for the policy. How the increase would be absorbed will be determined at a later time.

Motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Lang to accept the proposal to continue with the present insurance carrier for one year.

Seconded by Councilman Thurman Roach.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Councilman Jason Anavitarte asked the council to consider opening an inquiry to determine if a retired employee received payment for time not approved by the council. This subject was discussed at the work session.

Motion was made Councilman Jason Anavitarte

Seconded by Councilman Ed Lowe.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. The Mayor recognized Mr. Vernon Jones, the CEO of DeKalb County. Mr. Jones greeted the Mayor and Council warmly. Mr. Jones told everyone he was working hard to get more paving grants and other projects, such as sidewalk construction that would benefit the City. He reported the sidewalk project was at the acquiring the property stage and was proud to report the sidewalk construction from the Gwinnett County line to I-285 junction was completed and looks good. He had contacted the U.S. Department of Transportation requesting the Buford Highway project be expedited. He complemented everyone on protecting and providing well in the city. Mr. Jones also thanked Mrs. Fannie Mae Jett for inviting him to the meeting, and then asked if he could stay for a while to learn something from the City of Doraville.

6. Mayor Pro Tem Lang reported there are costs associated with the open record request. The cost is .25 cents per copied page and the time of the lowest paid employee in the office. The information is available to anyone who asks as they are open to anyone who wishes. On city expenses, the expense should be authorized by the Mayor. Mr. Lang said the City had been working with MIS Consulting, which is owned by Pricilla and Ronnie Murphy. Mr. Lang said the relationship has always been good and he felt MIS was doing a good job for the City. If any information is needed it can be obtained just by asking with respect to the costs paid to MIS. Mr. Lang said regarding resumes, Pricilla Murphy has been self employed since coming out the University of Georgia.

7. Councilwoman Marlene Hadden presented a written open records request for information of MIS Consulting. Mrs. Hadden felt all contracts should have a beginning and ending time specified and credentials verified.

8. City Clerk Edie Warwick reported the mandated digital postage meter has been delivered. The postage machine will be installed by Pitney Bowes. Also there is an enhancement which could be purchased at a cost of \$364 per month. Motion to approve the purchase will be tabled until closer to the fiscal year ending.

9. Two new police officers have graduated from the Academy and were sworn in by Mayor Jenkins, Amy Ricketts and John Morgan.

10. Chief King reported that Sgt. Jason Deyette, a K-9 "X" were able to apprehend a wanted man and over \$364,000 in cash of which the police department will get 80% of the cash. The Chief is very proud of Officer Deyette and "X". This team goes to elementary schools to teach children that a police officer is a person that can be trusted. Also Chuck Atkinson was recognized by the Chief for having recently graduated from the very prestigious national FBI training course in Quantico, VA.

Chief King has budgeted funds to purchase 2 new patrol cars. He would like to purchase another Mustang and a Crown Victoria. The Chief has had great success in selling the old police cars. Three bids were received for each vehicle. Low bid was accepted for both. Bids are made a part of the minutes.

Motion made by Councilwoman Hadden to accept the low bid for the 2 police vehicle purchases.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lang.

The motion carried unanimously.

Permit cost increases and effective renewal date be on their birthday was requested by Chief King. He asked that the tanker driver permit be increased to \$50.00 initial and \$25.00 for subsequent years. If their birthday falls within the same year of the initial, then the permit fee would be prorated. The taxi permit will be \$150.00. The alcohol permit would be \$50.00.

Motion made by Councilwoman Hadden to approve increase of permit fees.

Seconded Councilman Jason Anavitarte.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chief King reported on the shooting at Asbury Square in Dunwoody. The person inside the residence began shooting at the officers after the officers identified themselves in executing a warrant. Five rounds were fired, our officers returned fire, killing the person inside the house. The district attorney is reviewing the case. The GBI was asked to conduct an investigation as well. Chief King submitted a copy of the letter from the US Attorney he has received stating all actions were in accordance with standard operating procedures. A copy of the letter is made a part of the minutes.

Additionally, Councilwoman Hadden, read a thank you letter she has received from a resident in Northwoods, which commended the Police Department for a job well done.

Chief King also introduced COPS Officers Ezio Comprini and John Kiernan for the motorcycle patrol. The white uniforms and white motorcycles were well received by everyone.

Attorney Rick Powell told the Mayor and Council of the proposals that have been sent out to state listed auditors. Five proposals have been sent out. At least 3 bids would be needed to select an auditor. The proposal also included auditing the federal and state asset forfeiture accounts. The bids are due April 19, 2004.

Mayor Jenkins said a former employee for 26 years, Cliff Edwards had passed and the funeral would be Tuesday.

Resident Time: Mr. Fite said he hoped the word was out about firing on the Doraville Police, and they now knew what would happen if they did. Chris Avers with the Doraville Vision Planning Group gave out copies of the mission statement, which will be made a part of the minutes. Another resident complimented Honeysuckle Park. In the smaller parks she would like to see more park clean up. Mrs. Jeff thanked everyone for getting her street paved. She encouraged everyone to continue to work together and keep up the good work

Motion made by Councilman Jason Anavitarte for approval of payment of the bills.

Seconded by Councilman Thurman Roach.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Lang wanted to work out a schedule for the work sessions. His idea was to meet 1 to 2 hours prior to the council meetings. Further discussion for a time that is more convenient for the majority will be decided at a later time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.