

CITY OF DORAVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 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 Lowe made a motion to approve the April 4, 2005 minutes as written and the March 28, 2005 Called Meeting minutes. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve transferring Sandra Bryant to the Business License/Sanitation Clerks position with a starting salary of \$34,000.00. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to reclassify the Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk from \$34,000.00 to \$36,000.00. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to give Dorothy Venable a \$500.00 net bonus for helping out at City Hall. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte gave a brief overview of the proposed Handbill Ordinance #05-13. The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to allow citizens the choice of receiving solicitations on their mail box. The City would provide a sticker for those who choose not to have solicitations attached to their mail box. The seconded reading of the proposed Handbill Ordinance will be held on May 2, 2005.

The City Attorney gave a brief overview of the proposed changes to the Property Tax Ordinance #05-12. The proposed ordinance would change the due date and filing date to coincide with Dekalb County's dates. The City Attorney asked the Council to waive the first reading of Ordinance # 05-12. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance # 05-12. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 05-12. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Chief McElroy briefed the citizens on a shooting that occurred early Monday morning at the Roland Center. Three Hispanic males were wounded out in the parking lot. The Police Department is investigating the incident.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lang stated that he wanted a survey of Police Officers pay and benefits from the surrounding cities.

Citizens Comments: A gentleman asked why item # 4, Rooming Houses, had not been discussed at this meeting. Mayor Jenkins stated that it had been discussed in the work session and that the City Attorney was asked to draft an Ordinance that will be presented at the May 2, 2005 Council Meeting.

A gentleman stated that he had just read the minutes from the last meeting and the minutes stated that the residents wanted Doraville to shine. The gentleman stated that he too wanted Doraville to shine and asked why there was never any publicity about Doraville.

A gentleman thanked everyone who participated in the Annual Clean-Up Day and stated that those who had not participated not to complain.

Council Member Pittman thanked everyone who had participated in the clean-up and stated that all those who had participated had fun while cleaning up the city.

Ann Harris, who manages an apartment complex on English Oak Drive, had complaints about the fence between the apartment complex and the businesses on Buford Highway had been torn down again and that pedestrian traffic was coming through the apartment complex at all hours. The Korean Catering Restaurant has a lot of clutter in the back of the restaurant and her tenants see this clutter when they come in and out of their apartments. The restaurant also washes down the dumpster and the dumpster pad and the water runs down her driveway. The water has a seafood odor to it. The International Ballroom has started up again and the vibrations from the ballroom vibrate her kitchen floor.

A gentleman commended the City Council for rewarding an employee and stated that he would like to see a quarterly system where the Council would recognize a valued employee.

A lady passed around pictures taken at the clean-up day and the opening of the soccer season.

Another lady stated that she would like for the Council to focus on saving money. The lady asked how much money had been spent on the proposed Ordinance to create a Planning Commission. The City Attorney stated that he billed per day and could not produce the amount for any one item.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Attest; _____
City Clerk