

CITY OF DORAVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lang made a motion to approve the April 18, 2005 minutes as written. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the April 22, 2005 called council meeting minutes. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Representatives from the C-Pan Youth Group gave a presentation on the health hazards of tobacco and smoking. Tobacco ads are everywhere and today's youth are exposed to the temptations of tobacco use. One representative stated that she had been exposed to second hand smoke all of her life.

Jim Draper, Library Director asked the City Council to change the hours for the Library. The Library will now be open Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Library would be open 56 hours a week instead of 53 hours and would eliminate the need for one position. Council Member Lowe made a motion to approve the change of operating hours for the Library. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Nextel Representative was not present.

The City Clerk stated that the Public Hearing for the Joint Solid Waste Plan had been advertised and asked the Mayor to call the Public Hearing to order. The City Clerk stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear input from the citizens concerning solid waste.

A gentleman asked if the joint plan with DeKalb County would affect free sanitation for seniors. The City Clerk stated that the joint plan would not affect any Ordinances that had been passed by the City Council. The Solid Waste Plan would determine how much waste the City of Doraville would produce over the next ten years and how the waste would be disposed of. The City of Doraville will have a letter of commitment from the

Seminole Road Landfill and the Landfill owned by Waste Management. The City intends to continue to contract out the garbage pick up service.

A lady asked how much money the city had saved by joining DeKalb County in the Solid Waste Plan. The City Clerk stated that the City of Doraville had saved approximately \$20,000.00.

Another citizen asked why he did not know about the free garbage service for residents over seventy years of age. The Mayor asked the resident to stop by City Hall tomorrow and the staff would tell him how to apply for free garbage service.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

The City Clerk asked the Council to approve the Resolution for the Joint Solid Waste Plan with DeKalb County. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Joint Solid Waste Plan with DeKalb County and to allow the Mayor to sign the Resolution. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden stated that this was a first reading of an Ordinance to increase fines for Code violations. The Ordinance would increase fine fees from \$250.00 to a minimum of \$500.00 and up. The fine fees have not been raised since 1989. the second reading of this Ordinance will be held on June 6, 2005.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that this was the first reading of Ordinance 05-14. The Ordinance would establish a tree bank, discourage clear cutting and set aside green space with the City of Doraville. Mayor Jenkins stated that he would like for the Ordinance to include a section for Commercial Tree Cutters. The Commercial Tree Cutters would be responsible for the disposal of all wood and brush. The City Attorney will amend the Ordinance before the second reading which will be held on June 6, 2005.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that this was the second reading of Ordinance 05-13, a Handbill Ordinance. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the Hand Bill Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte a motion for the Council to waive the first reading of the Massage Parlor Ordinance # 05-15. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to adopt the Massage Parlor Ordinance. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Pittman gave an update on a business and a Church at the edge of Doraville in DeKalb County that was out of compliance. Mrs. Pittman stated that the business was cited and did not show up for court. The Church was told to come into compliance.

Acting Chief McElroy stated that the Police Department had received funds totaling \$60,000.00, from a gambling raid in July 2004. Acting Chief McElroy stated that the money would go into general funds. Acting Chief McElroy stated that this should make the Mayor happy.

Acting Chief McElroy stated that the Police Department would hold a Crime Prevention Class for the residents. The class will be held sometime this month.

Acting Chief McElroy stated that Eddie Lowe had been assigned over the Code Enforcement and was doing an excellent job. Mayor Jenkins stated that Eddie Lowe was doing an excellent job and that everyone was pleased.

Citizens Comments: A gentleman asked if the motorcycle cops were still in existence. Acting Chief McElroy stated that the Police Department still had the motorcycles, but they were not being used at this time.

A lady thanked the Police Department for rescuing a co-worker of hers who was stranded in the left lane of busy highway when his fuel pump went out. The gentleman was impressed with the Doraville Police Department.

A lady stated that she had enjoyed participating in the Mayors Walk. Even though it had rained the day of the walk, it was still enjoyable.

A gentleman stated that he appreciated all that Council Member Pittman and the Police Department had done to get his neighbor to get the garbage out of his front yard and that his neighbor had cut his grass for the first time this year.

A gentleman stated that his dogs had been bringing home goat parts from his next door neighbor's yard and that the neighborhood was over run with rats. He asked what the City could do about the rat problem. Council Member Lowe stated that he needed to call an exterminator. The gentleman lives at Chestnut and Bonnie.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Attest; _____
City Clerk