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CITY OF DORAVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2006

Present: Mayor, Ray Jenkins
Council, Marlene Hadden
Jason Anavitarte
Donna Pittman
Ed Lowe
Bob Spangler
Tom Hart

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 minutes from the May 1, 2006 Council meeting. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins asked the Council to create a Receptionist position and set the starting salary. Council Member Hadden made a motion to create the Receptionist position with a starting salary of \$30,000.00 with a \$1,000.00 increase at the end of the 6 months probation period and to promote Dorothy Venable to this newly created position. Council Member Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lowe and Spangler voting no.

Mayor Jenkins stated that DeKalb County had given us a quote on the Chestnut Drive sidewalks. Council Member Hart stated that the County and a concrete company had offered to donate the concrete for the sidewalks. Council Member Hart asked the Council to allow him \$3,200.00, the use of the bob cat and a Maintenance Department employee to put in the sidewalks.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to allow \$5,000.00; this cost includes the cost of the sidewalk plans, and materials. Council Member Hart will have use of the bob cat and a Maintenance Department employee to put in the sidewalks. The motion also includes that the other two districts receive the equal amount of money for sidewalk repairs or other projects. Council Member Spangler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Spangler made a motion to give back to the residents a quarter of sanitation fees as a credit on the next quarterly sanitation bill and to reduce the quarterly sanitation fees from \$51.62 to \$45.00. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Spangler made a motion that when a Council Member request information that all Council Members be given the same information. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Priscilla Murphy asked the Council to set the following as dates for the Budget Hearings: June 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and June 19, 2006 for the budget adoption.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the dates for the budget hearing and budget adoption. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden stated that she and Council Member Hart were analyzing the need for additional street lights in the Northwoods area. The initial results are as follows:

Initial Results of Reconnoiter:

District #2, Street Lights

Upon talking with residents and looking at safety for pedestrian walkways through District #2, the first street to be considered, at night, with pedestrians, mainly women and children walking, was McClave accessed by Buford Highway intersection.

The old motel, now a business center, adjoining the Demsey property at the intersection of McClave & Raymond, 3446 Raymond Drive, not having an address for the pole on McClave, would benefit from additional night lighting. The residence located across McClave from the Demsey residence has a pole hidden in vegetative overgrowth that could, also, benefit from a light as it is located at the base of an ingress/egress from the Pinetree strip shopping center.

It was noted that some street lights were positioned at different angles or pointed out into the street and/or towards the property located along the street, i.e. Allen & Autumn Park. The poles are usually located between two residential addresses. There are metal tags on the poles to assist in designating which ones may require lighting.

The primary concerns are to allow for night pedestrian and vehicle safety and to discourage criminal actions by providing the additional lighting.

The following addresses need additional site and resident approval verifications. Some residents do not want additional lighting and/or may have lighting on their homes they feel is adequate. (Some is sensory to movement)

Council Woman Hadden proposed that Councilman Hart assist Councilwoman Hadden in checking and verifying not only the residents' preferences but ascertaining the safety requirements of this lighting as more and more pedestrians are using the roadways without the benefit of sidewalks in the darkness and vehicles are subject to visual deficiencies.

McClave, pedestrian 'walkway', 2584, 2588, 2595, 2602, 2641, 2677, 2679, 2691(undertmined) 2736, 2743, 2775, 3409, the corner of McClave & Drury Court.

Valmar Drive @ corner of Valmar & Alison.

Councilman Hart and Councilwoman Hadden determine residents' preferences and safety issues on:

Valmar, Addison, Havalyn, Lambeth, Colquitt, Stewart, Pine, Poplar, Wheeler, Pineland, Bonnie, Oakmont, Buena Vista, Chestnut, Raymond, Bagley, Addison, Wilton, Alison, Allen, Autumn, Azetec, Beechwood, Brook Park Way, Chestnut, Drury, Lambeth Circle, Lambeth Lane, McClave, Stafford, Stewart Rd, Stewart Ct., Strait, while working together to save the taxpayers' money and providing safety for pedestrians and a deterrent to crime with better lighting in our district.

Residents expressed different opinions about the street lighting. Some house plans in the District have bedrooms located in the front of the homes and preferred their sensor lighting to any additional street lighting. Some felt additional street lighting would be beneficial.

Proposal is for Hart and Hadden to canvas the residences and report to Council the results with a compilation of better street light designations for District #2.

Council Member Hadden asked the Council to look into purchasing a vacuum truck that would pick up leaves. Residents could pile their leaves near the street and the truck could vacuum them up. Other cities are using these vacuum trucks and it is working nicely.

Council Member Hadden stated that a policy on procedures needed to be developed as a back up for the Animal Control Officer when he is not available. It was decided that this policy was necessary and would be developed.

Council Member Hart stated that street lights were needed on Aztec Road. This area has a high crime rate and street lighting would help deter crime.

Council Member Hart stated that he would like to invite some experts to come and teach the Council and residents about stream buffers and what constitutes a stream. Council Member Hart would like for these classes to be held at the Civic Center. Permission was given to Council Member Hart to set up the classes.

Council Member Hart stated that he had attended the Art Show and it had been a wonderful event. Council Member Hart thanked everyone who had worked hard to make the Art Show a success.

Council Member Hart stated that while he was at the Art Show he had seen the original picture of what the Marta Station was supposed to look like. The existing Marta Station is nothing like the picture and Council Member Hart used this as an example for the Comp Plan. Council Member Hart urged everyone to look at the true picture when adopting the Comp Plan and to make sure that the picture in the Comp Plan can become a reality.

The City Attorney read a Resolution Regarding Eminent Domain. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the Resolution as read. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney asked Charlene Fang to read a Resolution declaring May 14, 2006 as Tzu-Chi Foundation Day. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the Resolution as read. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden reported that the Northwoods Garden Tour would be held on May 21, 2006. All of the homes in the tour are on McClave Drive. Suggested donation is \$8.00.

Stewart Anderson reported that the Planning Commission had canceled their last meeting in order to come to the Comp Plan meeting.

Chuck Atkinson stated that Acting Chief McElroy had been called away on a family emergency.

Chuck Atkinson stated that a shooting had occurred on Aztec Road. One Asian male had been killed and another one wounded. No one had been apprehended but the Police Department was working diligently on this case.

Charlene Fang stated that she was an interpreter for the Police Department and that the Asian people were having a hard time with identifying a suspect. Ms. Fang asked Captain Atkinson if there was a way to teach her people how to identify a person; what to look for and etc. Captain Atkinson stated that a class would be possible and that he would get back with Ms. Fang.

Captain Atkinson stated that this was National Law Enforcement Week and that today was National Law Enforcement Day. Captain Atkinson asked everyone present to remember those Officers who were killed in the line of duty. The City of Doraville has had two Officers who were killed in the line of duty.

Citizens comments: A gentleman asked if the City of Doraville had a plan for interpreters for the 911 system. Captain Atkinson stated that they had access to the ATT Language line.

A lady asked about street lights along Aztec Road. Council Member Hadden stated that this item had already been addressed earlier in the meeting and that she and Council Member Hart were working on that.

Mayor Jenkins asked all of the residents to place a yellow ribbon on their mail box to help welcome Chief King home for Iraq. There will be a parade on Friday morning and the reception for Chief King will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

Susan Fraysee announced the ARC Transportation meeting on May 16, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. the meeting will be held at the Civic Center.

Charlene Fang asked about a portion of Shallowford and New Peachtree that floods every time it rains.

Mayor Jenkins stated that portion of the road was in DeKalb County.

A lady stated that she lived close to Autumn Park and that people were dumping garbage in the creek at the park. People were also digging up top soil from the park. The lady wanted to know if there was something that could be done about this.

A lady wanted to know if there was a program to educate pedestrians who crossed Buford Highway on Pedestrian Safety Laws. Another lady stated that the Extension Service had this kind of program already.

A gentleman stated that people who drive cars need to realize that pedestrians have the right-of-way.

A lady asked why pedestrians had to push the button at the traffic lights to get the walk sign.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

Ray Jenkins, Mayor

City Clerk