

CITY OF DORAVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2005

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

Council Member Weese was absent.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Lang made a motion to approve the May 16, 2005 minutes as written, both public hearings held on May 12, 2005, called council meeting held on May 19, called council meeting held on May 25, and called council meeting held on June 1, 2005. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins asked the Council to cancel the mid month council meetings for July, August and September. Council Member Hadden made a motion to cancel the mid month council meetings for July, August and September. Council Member seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

No one from J's Donut shop was present.

Miriam Rodas did not show up.

Issues regarding buffers and setbacks for Jenny's Place on Johnson Drive were addressed at the work session and Mr. Awuku will be applying for variances and rezoning.

Mayor Jenkins called the budget hearing to order. A lady asked why each of the three schools was budgeted \$1,000.00 each. She stated that the City had adopted Hightower Elementary School and had given the school \$3,000.00 in past years.

Mayor Jenkins read a letter from the Dekalb County Board of Education stating that the School Board preferred that the City of Doraville contribute to all three schools equally.

A gentleman stated that he did not see a problem with the City helping all three schools.

Council Member Hadden stated that she was told by the School board that no other City's contributed to the schools.

Council Member Pittman stated that the other schools have supporters and that Hightower Elementary was adopted by the City of Doraville and had no other supporters. A lady stated that she would like to see the city limits expanded and annex in the other schools.

Mayor Jenkins asked the Council if they wanted change to the budget or leave it as it was.

Council Member Hadden stated that the School Board wanted the money distributed evenly to all three schools.

A gentleman stated that the School Board had just given themselves a 100% pay raise and wanted to know why the School Board could not provide what the schools needed.

A gentleman stated that the City of Doraville had become a City of Ethics and that as a City of Ethics the money should be distributed evenly to all three schools.

A gentleman stated that the city's budget has x number of dollars and that it was just and fair that the money be distributed to all three schools.

Council Member Pittman stated that she would like to increase the amount that was given to Hightower Elementary. Hightower is the only school within the city limits and the city adopted Hightower Elementary and had promised to sponsor the school.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lang stated that the city had adopted Hightower Elementary in the late 80's and had promised to sponsor the school.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that equality was better.

It was decided to bring this matter up at the next council meeting.

A gentleman stated that the budget showed red light camera revenue but he did not see the revenue from citations.

Priscilla Murphy stated that the citation revenue was listed under court fines.

A gentleman asked if the city contributed to the Boy Scouts. Mayor Jenkins stated no.

Council Member Hadden stated that the expenses for the Boxing Club were being looked into. She thought that the Boxing Club could pay its own expenses, including rent, or that the building could be used for other city purposes.

Council Member Pittman made a motion to bring Acting Chief McElroy up to the starting pay for the Police Chief position. Acting Chief McElroy would receive the starting pay for the Chief's position until Chief King returns from active duty. Mayor Pro-Tem Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins thanked everyone who had help work on the budget and stated that the second public hearing and adoption of the proposed budget would be held on June 20, 2005.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that each Council Member had a copy of the proposed Tree Preservation Ordinance. The document is 29 pages long and would establish a tree bank and protect certain trees within the city. The Ordinance affects parcels of 1 acre and above. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to adopt the Tree Preservation Ordinance as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to adopt the Ordinance that would Increase Fines for Zoning Ordinance violations. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that The Soil & Erosion Control Ordinance, Conservation Subdivision Ordinance, Stream Buffer Ordinance, and Flood Plain Ordinance were required for the Storm Water Management Program. This is the first reading of these Ordinances. The Ordinances will be advertised as Zoning Ordinance Changes and will come before the Council for a 2nd reading on July 5, 2005. The 2nd reading of the Litter Ordinance will come before the Council at the June 20, 2005 Council Meeting.

The City Attorney stated that the Doraville DUI School had applied for two sign permits. The monument sign is in compliance with the Sign Ordinance and is ready for approval by the Council. The requested wall sign is not in compliance and the Council should deny the permit.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the monument sign and deny the wall sign. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Anavitarte voting no.

Acting Chief McElroy presented the Mayor with a check in the amount of \$11,303.79 from the Emergency Management Agency for disaster relief from the Hurricane damage incurred by the City.

Acting Chief McElroy stated that Sgt. Sanfelice wishes to purchase a six year old, German Shepard dog from the Police Department. Sgt. Sanfelice will pay the Police \$3,000.00 for the German Shepard dog. The money received will go into the Federal Account at the Police Department. Council Member Anavitarte made the motion to approve the sale of the German Shepard dog to Sgt. Sanfelice for \$3,000.00. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Chief McElroy gave the statistics for the Police Department for the month of May.

Citizens Comments: A gentleman asked why homes were being allowed to be built in a flood plain. Council Member Hadden stated that the town home development on Chestnut was not located in a flood plain.

A gentleman asked the council when the city was going to do something about the Christmas lights that some home owners still had not taken down. Mayor Jenkins stated that the city did not have an Ordinance for Christmas lights.

A gentleman stated that some property owners were getting the homestead credit but were renting out the houses. Mayor Pro-Tem Lang stated that the city made them pay the back taxes and penalized them. The City Clerk stated that the property owners would file for homestead exemption with Dekalb County from now on.

Mayor Jenkins asked the gentleman to let the city know who these people were and the city would contact them.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

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Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Attest; _____
City Clerk