



Mayor and Council Meeting Business Session Minutes August 27, 2012 7PM

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on August 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of conducting a Special Called Business Session. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, Georgia 30274.

Call to Order and Welcome

With a quorum present, Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL:

Four members of the governing body were present at the meeting at 7:00PM; Council Member Wanda Wallace was absent.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation & Pledge was led by Pastor Riley of Lakewin Christian Church.

OFFICER IN ARMS TO READ RULES OF CONDUCT:

Rules of Conduct read by Sergeant Jerry Foy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Addition(s): None.

Deletion(s): None.

Tabled: None.

Postponed: None.

Motion: Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved to approve the amended agenda with deletions. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones offered the second. The agenda was amended unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

PRESENTATION(S):

Quarterly Financial Report, by Director of Finance, Lolita Grant

Director of Finance, Lolita Grant came before Mayor/Council to issue the quarterly financial report. (See Attachment: Quarterly Financial Report) Ms. Grant provided the Mayor and Council with the quarterly financial report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the July 23, 2012 Mayor and Council Official Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved the meeting minutes for approval. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *No cards were submitted for participation in public comment.*

RESOLUTION(S):

Resolution No. 49-08-12 Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to sign the Relocation Agreement between the City of Riverdale and Georgia Power by Iris Jessie, City Manager.

City Manager, Iris Jessie presented Resolution No. 49-08-12 before Mayor/Council. She asked for permission to grant to execute the relocation agreement between Georgia Power and the City of Riverdale.

Ms. Jessie explained that the City of Riverdale received a Transportation Enhancement Grant (TE) from the Georgia Department of Transportation in 2009. She further explained that the project is a multi-year project that involves the acquisition of right of ways along the SR 85 corridor from south of the Lamar Hutchinson Parkway to King Road. Ms. Jessie said the project includes upgrades to pedestrian facilities including new sidewalks and streetscapes to include pedestrian lighting.

In order to proceed, Ms. Jessie advised, it is necessary to make adjustments to the existing Georgia Power facilities. She said the Franchise Agreement between Georgia Power and Riverdale sets forth the manner in which the costs of relocating of electrical utilities will be shared. She further said that the City of Riverdale must bear 90% of the estimated costs and Georgia Power must bear 10%. Riverdale's share is \$63,216. Ms. Jessie said the City would be reimbursed from the TE grant which will be available in October or November 2012.

In response to an inquiry posed by Mayor Dixon, regarding the possibilities of installing underground utilities, Ms. Jessie explained that it may be a possibility in the future; however, underground utilities are very costly.

Motion: Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved Resolution No. 49-08-2012. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

Resolution No. 50-08-12 Adoption of Millage Rate by Tax Collector, Ann Smith

Ms. Smith presented Resolution No. 50-08-12. She indicated that pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. section 48-5-32 the Incorporated Municipality of Riverdale, GA must establish a millage rate for ad valorem taxes for calendar year 2012 by authority of the Riverdale City Council. If approved by city leadership, Ms. Smith advised, the 2012 millage rate will officially be set at 9.98 mills. The City has met the legal advertising requirements by holding public hearings on the following dates:

July 11, 2012 at 9AM

July 11, 2012 at 6PM

July 18, 2012 at 7PM

Motion: Council Member Kenneth Ruffin moved to approve **Resolution No. 50-08-2012**. Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones moved to second the motion. **Resolution No. 50-08-2012** was approved unanimously by a vote of 3/0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member Wanda Wallace

Council Member Wanda Wallace was absent.

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones thanked everyone in attendance for coming.

Council Member Davis

Council Member Davis thanked everyone for attending. He said it was exciting to see all of the activity at the new regional park.

Council Member Kenny Ruffin

Council Member Kenny Ruffin said he was excited about the Blackhawks returning to Riverdale to play football.

Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

Mayor Dixon thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She announced that the City is still moving in a great direction. She also encouraged the public to attend the upcoming council sponsored events that were scheduled for this fall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Kenny D. Ruffin; second offered by Council Member An'cel Davis. The meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.