

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on October 08, 2012 at 7:16PM for the purpose of conducting a Business Session. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, Georgia 30274. Mayor Dixon apologized to the audience for starting the meeting late. She said there members of the governing body held an executive session and it lasted longer than expected.

Call to Order and Welcome

With a quorum present, Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:16PM.

ROLL CALL:

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting at 7:16PM.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation & Pledge was led by Chief Samuel F. Patterson, Public Safety Director.

OFFICER IN ARMS TO READ RULES OF CONDUCT:

Rules of Conduct read by Officer Larry Stevenson.

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 agenda as published. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

PRESENTATION(S):

Stephanie Thomas, City Clerk, informed the public audience that the

- ❖ National Fire Prevention Week-Proclamation
- ❖ National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- ❖ National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the September 25, 2012 Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved the Consent Agenda for approval. Council Member Wanda Wallace moved to second the motion. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *No Cards Submitted.*

RESOLUTION(S):

Resolution No. 54-10-2012 Request to approve Change Order Request #3 from Reeves Construction presented by Karl Kelley, City Engineer.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH REEVES CONTRACTING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RIVERDALE CITY PARK, APPROVED OCTOBER 10, 2011, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Karl Kelley, City Engineer, presented Resolution No. 54-10-2012. He explained that there although there is no monetary aspect of this change order (credits balance with new charges), it is necessary to approve this change order by resolution so that the scope of work specified in the contract coincides with the actual work performed. He asked for permission to move forward with the approval of the change order.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns.

Councilman Davis asked Mr. Kelley to clarify if there are two or three change orders.

Mr. Kelley responded that if the council approves the resolution, there will be a total of three change orders. He said two impacts the costs and one does not.

Councilwoman Wallace asked Mr. Kelley to explain, for the record, exactly how the contract will be impacted by the change order.

Mr. Kelley explained that the change order will address the scope of work, but will not impact the monetary aspect of the change order.

Councilwoman Wallace thanked Mr. Kelley for providing good oversight over the park project. She said that three change orders for a project that size is not bad at all.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved Resolution No. 54-10-2012 for approval. Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved to second the motion. The measure was adopted unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Resolution No. 55-10-2012 Request to Dispose of Surplus Items presented by Assistant Chief Spivey.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DECLARING CERTAIN

FIREARMS TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SAID FIREARMS BY THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

Assistant Chief Spivey presented Resolution No. 55-10-2012. He reported that the Riverdale Police Department has 29 shotguns currently as part of its weapon inventory. He further reported that 18 shotguns have been a part of the inventory for 15 plus years. He said that the shotguns have deteriorated cosmetically and their reliability is questionable. Assistant Chief Spivey stated that the shotguns were taken out of service prior to 2010 and the use of shotguns is no longer permitted by departmental policy. He added that the other shotguns are reliable and will remain part of the inventory for future purposes.

Assistant Chief Spivey said in an effort to do more with less, approving the shotguns for surplus will create an opportunity for the Riverdale Police Department to conduct business with a vendor that supplies handgun training ammunition. He continued that this type of relationship will help the department meet or exceed its training requirements without impacting the general fund.

Mayor Dixon called for questions and concerns.

Councilman Davis asked Assistant Chief Spivey if he was aware that the military had banned the use of shotguns.

Chief Spivey said yes.

Councilman Ruffin said he cannot believe there are so many shotguns in surplus. He said he is glad that the City can still get some benefit from the sale of the items.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved Resolution No. 55-10-2012. Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved to second the motion. The measure was adopted unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

Resolution No. 56-10-2012 Request to approve the Proposed Vendor Service Agreement Between City of Riverdale and Brown Design Group for Executive Architectural Services presented by Karl Kelley, City Engineer.

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVING THE ADDENDUM TO THE VENDOR SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWN DESIGN GROUP AND THE CITY OF RIVERDALE FOR EXECUTIVE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

Mr. Kelley presented Resolution No. 56-10-2012. He explained that the Mayor and Council approved a vendor service agreement between the City of Riverdale and Brown Design Group for executive architectural services on April 22, 2011 for a term of one year. He said that the City of Riverdale continues to require these services and wishes to continue to use Brown Design Group for an additional year.

Councilwoman Wallace asked how the vendor will be billed.

Mr. Kelley responded that the vendor will only be billed at an hourly rate based on task orders. He said Staff's recommendation is to enter into an additional one year term agreement with Brown Design Group for Executive Architectural Services.

Councilman Ruffin inquired about the start date of the parking deck construction.

Mr. Kelley responded that the parking deck start date is contingent upon funds availability.

Mr. Ruffin asserted that he was under the impression that the project had already been funded when the City received the 5 million dollars from the Clayton County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Kelley confirmed that the City received the 5 million dollars; however, some of the money was used for park construction.

Motion: Council Member Wanda Wallace moved 56-10-2012 for approval. Council Member Kenny Ruffin moved to second the motion. The measure was adopted unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones

Council Member Cynthia Stamps-Jones asked Mayor Dixon if she could call Chief Cole to the podium. Mayor Dixon said yes. Councilwoman Stamps-Jones asked Chief plans the fire department had in place to educate the public about National Fire Prevention Week. She thanked the department for their hard work and dedication.

Chief Cole said that although there is no specific event scheduled, the department has a year-round fire prevention educational campaign. He said the department attends community parties and visit schools in an effort to keep the public educated about fire prevention. He said he hopes the City can fill the Fire Educator position in the next budget year. He added that National Fire Prevention Week derived from the Great Chicago Fire back in 1871.

Councilwoman asked if there is anything the Mayor & Council can do to support the department's efforts?

Chief Cole said no. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

Council Member Davis

Council Member Davis reminded everyone that the Great Chicago Fire lasted for three days. He thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their service. He thanked the public audience for attending the meeting. He said he was excited about the Meet and Greet scheduled for Monday from 4PM-9PM. He publicly invited Mr. Roland Downing and family to attend the event as well. He added that one of the greatest things that can be done for others is to show them how much they are appreciated.

Council Member Wanda Wallace

Council Member Wanda Wallace thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked the Public Safety Department for their service.

Council Member Kenny Ruffin

Council Member Kenny Ruffin thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He said it is vital that the community comes together in an attempt to address the implementation of the Common Core Curriculum. He said it was alarming to know how many parents were not aware of the implementation of the new curriculum. He said the curriculum is not a option; it is here.

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. She announced that there will be a 5K on November 10, a Spelling Bee on November 17th, Breakfast with Santa and a Christmas Gala on December 8th.

Mayor Dixon announced that the park grand opening was well attended. She publicly commended Karl Kelley for doing an excellent job as the master of ceremony. She announced the upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness 5K. She also acknowledged Officer Barnes for her contributions to making the event successful.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Kenny Ruffin; second offered by Council Member Wanda Wallace, and after a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.