



RIVERDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Official Council Meeting
OCTOBER 22, 2012 7PM

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Meeting was called to order a 7:19PM. An executive session prevented the meeting from commencing at the scheduled time.

ROLL CALL:

All members of the governing body were present.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation & Pledge were led by Pastor Harry Riley, Lakewin Christian Center.

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. Council Member Wanda Wallace offered the second. The measure was approved unanimously by a vote of 4/0.

PRESENTATION(S): *No action required.*

Acknowledgement of Chief B. Willis and Battalion Chief Bruce Still for their participation and contribution to the 2012 Public Appreciation BBQ.

Public Safety Department Presentation to the Firefighter of the Year Award. The following Firefighter presented with Proclamations:

Firefighter/EMT Patrick Gutierrez
Sgt. Tommy Polnaszek
Sgt. Warren Long

IFEA 2012 Silver and Bronze “Best Radio Promotion” Award for the South City Concert Series (June & July)

Donation of \$400.00 to the Riverdale Spelling Bee by Edible Arrangements on Camp Creek Parkway.

Presentation to the Riverdale Partners by the Department of Cultural Affairs & Leisure Services. Certificates were issued to the following:

Kiss 104.1 (Media Partner)
Clayton News Daily (Media Partner)
Edwin Rankins (Ground Transportation)
RCS Productions (Light & Sound)
Westin Hotel (Hotel Accommodations discount)
Omega Psi Phi (providing volunteers)
Williamson Mortuary (Fan Sponsor)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Adoption of the October 8, 2012 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

Permission to submit a request for deferral of the Comprehensive plan update to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs

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:

The following individuals participated in public comment:

Jasmine Jones, President of the Riverdale Youth Council, informed the Mayor and Council of their upcoming Beautification Project slated for January 2013. Ms. Jones further informed the Mayor and Council of their participation in the Riverdale 5K, the Spelling Bee, the Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Gala. She said the youth council would accept any opportunities to volunteer at the city and throughout the community. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their continuous support.

Clarence Nato, Representative from KISS 104, thanked the Mayor and Council for providing the opportunity to partner with the City. He added that the station would be a partner as long as the City would have them.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

Councilwoman Cynthia Stamps-Jones commended the Public Safety Departments for their hard work as well as their departmental and individual achievements. She assured them that they are appreciated and their work has not gone unnoticed.

Councilwoman Stamps-Jones publicly announced the Spelling Bee slated for November 17, 2012 at 10AM at the Riverdale Centre. She encouraged the public to register their children before the deadline. Councilwoman Stamps-Jones thanked Edible Arrangement's for

contributing such a generous donation. She said the City is grateful for the sponsorship. Councilwoman Wallace thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that she would see them at the next one. She said every meeting should be as heartwarming as the current meeting. She said she is proud of the Riverdale Youth Council and she encouraged them to stay active and visible in the community.

Councilman An’Cel Davis echoed Councilwoman Stamps-Jones’ comments pertaining to the meeting. He added that the Public Safety department is a vital part of city government. He thanked them and all other city departments for their important contributions. He said he was pleased with how well attended the Public Safety Appreciation BBQ was and although it was the first, it would not be the last. He said although the month of October is nearly over, people should remember that domestic violence occurs throughout the year.

Councilman Davis encouraged people to vote. He thanked the members of the public audience for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Wanda Wallace expressed how much she enjoyed the meeting as well. She thanked the city departments for their hard work. She further thanked the Youth Council for their volunteerism efforts. She added that she is always delighted to see the young people come before the governing body. She closed her comments by thanking the general public for attending the meeting.

Councilman Kenny Ruffin thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mayor Dixon echoed the comments and sentiments of the Councilmembers as it pertains to the meeting. She said she was so proud of the firefighters for receiving the designation of Firefighter of the Year from the Knights of Columbus. She commended the youth council for the work that they are doing in the community. She reminded Ms. Jones that she forgot to mention that the youth council had attended many of the city sponsored events that were held during the summer months.

Mayor Dixon said that they City would continue to “Build Greatness Daily.” She said there were many events coming up. She announced the following city sponsored events:

Riverdale 5K
Riverdale Spelling Bee

She encouraged everyone to attend and support the events. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a good evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Wanda Wallace; second offered by Council Member Kenney Ruffin, and after a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.