

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

JANUARY 13, 2014

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, KATHY BRADFORD – THE ADVANCE, JEFF WEST – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – ASST. FIRE CHIEF, TOMMY SASSER, RECREATION DIRECTOR AND LARRY THRELKELD – PROBATE COURT JUDGE.

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. H.W.MILLER

**INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Probate Judge Larry Threlkeld administered the oath of office to Mayor Ronnie A. Dixon, who was elected to his 6<sup>th</sup> term as Mayor. He then administered the oath to Councilman Cecil Thompson and to Councilman Eddie Tyson. (See attached oaths) Mayor Dixon thanked the Council for their support through the years and also thanked the City Manager and Department Heads for their dedication and support.

**APPOINTMENT OF CITY PROSECUTOR** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to appoint Reid Threlkeld as the City Prosecutor for 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

Probate Judge Threlkeld administered the oath of office to Reid Threlkeld as the City Prosecutor. (See attached oath.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - Shannon Kirkland, from the night club Dream, asked the Council for some clarification on the Sunday alcohol ordinance concerning food. Mr. Torrance explained that fifty percent of all sales needed to come from the sale of food, and explained the Council's intention for the ordinance was to not have non-food serving establishments open on Sunday. Mr. Torrance also explained that she would need to have a full service menu, and that hot wings and pizza would not qualify. Mr. Torrance asked Ms. Kirkland to come by City Hall to pick up a copy of the ordinance and also to meet with him concerning some police calls that had been made to her club. Ms. Kirkland stated that she would come to City Hall on Tuesday.

**DVA:** - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She informed the Council that their first board meeting of 2014 would be January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that the new officers would be installed.

**VACVB** – Rich Williams brought the Council up to date on the activities of Tourism and also the Onion Festival. He reminded the Council of the VACVB's annual meeting tomorrow night at Elements.

**TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** -- Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He reminded the Council of the 2014 membership meeting being held on February 6, 2014 at the Vidalia Community Center.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of December. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2013 meeting and the December 19, 2013 meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## AGENDA

1. **WATER AND SEWER MEETING 1-9-14** – Mr. Tyson explained that the Committee met to discuss the feasibility of a water line extension on Rudell Rd. (See attached minutes) Mr. Torrance explained that no action was taken and that a meeting has been set up with the parties involved this Thursday.
2. **2014 SPLOST CALL** – City Manager Bill Torrance presented the agreement from Toombs County to place the 2014 call to renew the special purpose local option sales tax. He explained the call would be on the primary ballot coming up in May and that the Council would need to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement. He also told the Council that the splits would remain the same. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
3. **ADDITION OF SEWER LATERALS TO ADAMS STREET PROJECT** – Mr. Torrance presented a proposal to the Council to go ahead and remove the old laterals at 25 locations on Adams Street. Mr. Torrance explained that the laterals were extremely old and could cause problems in the very near future. The additional cost would be \$94,727.67, and the money would come from the water and sewer line item in SPLOST. Councilman Tyson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
4. **2014 CDBG RESOLUTION** – Mr. Torrance presented the resolution required by the DCA to apply for the 2014 CDBG grant. He stated that the Council needed to approve the Mayor to sign the resolution. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the Mayor to sign the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
5. **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT** – Mayor Dixon explained to the Council the purpose of the new Recreation Advisory Board and recommended Doug Roper Sr. to fill this seat for Vidalia. He also stated that the County Manager and the City Managers from Vidalia, Lyons and Santa Claus would also serve on this joint Committee. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
6. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2014** – Mayor Dixon handed out the list of City Council Committee appointments for 2014. He stated that there were no changes from last year. (See attached list) He also asked for a motion to approve Reid Threlkeld as City Attorney, McLain, Calhoun, McCullough and Clark as City auditors and Malcolm Bryant as City Judge. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Dixon also made the following recommendations for these City Committee's: Brian McDaniel to replace Doug Roper Sr. on the Vidalia Planning Commission, John Tyson to replace Kasey Colson and Andrew McIntyre to replace Brian McDaniel on the Development Authority of Vidalia, Sam Polk to fill the unexpired term of John Matheson on the Vidalia Development Authority and to re-appoint Lloyd Mobley to the Vidalia Development Authority, to re-appoint Ray Blount to the Vidalia Housing Authority, to re-appoint Chris Black to the Vidalia Recreation Board, and to re-appoint Les Ramsey to the Revolving Loan Review Committee. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

## CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Torrance presented a proposal to help the Recreation Department purchase a truck to replace the one that was in an accident. The request is to let Director Sasser go ahead and order a replacement truck from his 2014 capital. The Recreation Department would contribute \$10,000 to the vehicle and the City would recoup any money from the sale of the old truck. The total cost to the City would be approximately \$16,304.38. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Torrance brought the Council up to date on the progress of the new amphitheater. He explained that the project bids came in way over our original projection. He stated that we have value engineered the project down to a number in the \$750,000.00 range. He also explained that we have an indication that the County is willing to put possibly up to \$200,000.00 in the project. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve up to \$750,000.00 for the project, and to allow the City Manager to start the construction process. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

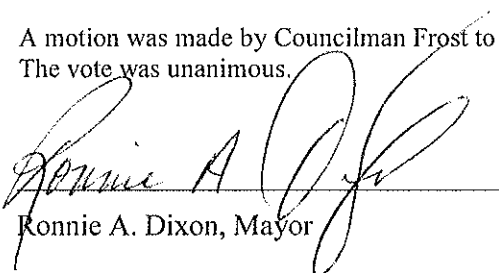
Mr. Torrance brought the Council up to date on a sewer line collapse on Aimwell Blvd. The issue was much worse than originally thought and could cost as much as \$18,000.00 to repair. He stated that this would be paid from the SPLOST line item from water and sewer, and would not be a burden on the fund. He stressed to the Council, and those in attendance, the importance of SPLOST and our need to ensure that it continued in the future. This was for information only.

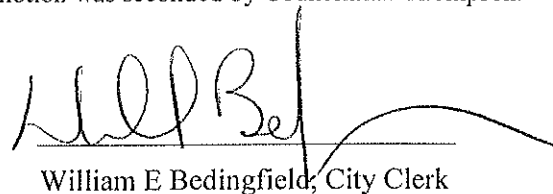
Mr. Torrance also informed the Council that Fire Chief Buddy Coleman would officially retire on January 31, 2014, but due to accumulated leave his last day would actually be January 23, 2014. He complimented Chief Colman on his 39 years of service and dedication to the City. He also informed the Council that Chief Coleman had turned down the City on having a retirement banquet, but that he would be given an engraved and mounted fire helmet as a parting gift.

A motion was made by Councilman Frost to adjourn and enter executive session for the discussion of personnel and possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to adjourn from executive session and re-enter open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Frost to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

  
Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

ROSTER

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 1/13/14

WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR OUR RECORDS.

NAME	ADDRESS
Melissa Moore	City of Vidalia
Rich Williams	
Jim Anderson	Vidalia
AARON COOPER	Vidalia
John Tyson	VIDALIA
Anna Marie Dixon	Vidalia
Mary Anne Super	Vidalia
Wendell Dixon	Vidalia
Kaine Ruter	Vidalia
Dandy Dixon	Vidalia
Zach Fowl	Vidalia
Jack Taylor	VIDALIA
Paula Tate	OVA
PATRICK A. TOOLE	VIDALIA
Sherman Kirkland	Vidalia
Shannon Kirkland	Vidalia
Kathy Brockford	The Advance
Rev H.W. Miller	Vidalia
Larry Invelkeld	Vidalia



**CITY OF VIDALIA**  
**AFFIDAVIT AS TO OPEN MEETING LAW**

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that a meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the date identified below being the date of this document, the Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of its meetings is as checked below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Staff meetings held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3]

\_\_\_\_\_ Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a city official or an employee. (Note: The final vote if made is open to the public.)  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (6)]

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved;  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-2]

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ To discuss the future acquisition of real estate;  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (4)]

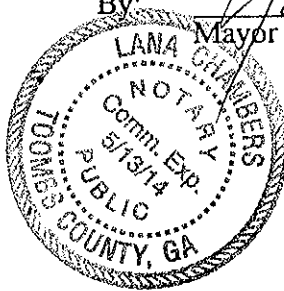
This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

CITY OF VIDALIA

By: [Signature]  
Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:

Lana Chambers  
Notary Public, State of Georgia  
Commission Expires 5-13-14



(Although the same is not mandatory, the following participants concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

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## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2014

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** BILL TORRANCE -- CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD -- CITY ATTORNEY, ROGER CALLOWAY --VPD, ZACK FOWLER-VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, JEFF WEST -- ESG, BRIAN SIKES -- FIRE CHIEF, TOMMY SASSER, RECREATION DIRECTOR

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. KEVIN HICKS

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - None

**DVA:** - No Report

**VACVB** -- Richard Williams brought the Council up to date on the activities of the Visitors Bureau.

**TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** -- Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He also informed the Council that the Development Authority meeting would be Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the Chamber.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD** - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of January. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting. Councilman Frost seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **AGENDA**

1. **STREETS AND SANITATION MEETING 1/22/14** -- Mr. Torrance presented the results of the Streets and Sanitation meeting held on January 22, 2014. The request is from Dr. David Kim to have the City participate in providing water and sewer to his property off of Rudell Road. (See attached minutes) A motion was made by Councilman Turner to participate as outlined by the Streets and Sanitation Committee pending the verification that a right of way does not exist behind the Kaufold building. If such right of way exists then the access road should be built along this right of way. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
2. **GATEWAY GRANT RESOLUTION** -- Mr. Torrance presented a resolution and memorandum of understanding that the Council needs to approve to apply for a \$50,000.00 DOT Gateway grant. The grant would require a commitment of \$7500.00 in local participation, and would be used to beautify the area where Hwy 280 comes together on the west side of town. The motion would need to allow the Mayor to sign the documents. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
3. **WATER DEPOSIT ORDINANCE CHANGE** -- Mr. Torrance informed the Council that in 2007 when they approved the new water deposit rate and the new cut off fee that we had failed to have the change recorded in the City Ordinance. The request is to approve the resolution that would update the ordinance. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
4. **CVB ALCOHOL APPLICATION FOR THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS** -- Mr. Torrance presented an application for a one day alcohol permit from Ingrid Varn for the Onion Festival's

Battle of the Bands event. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

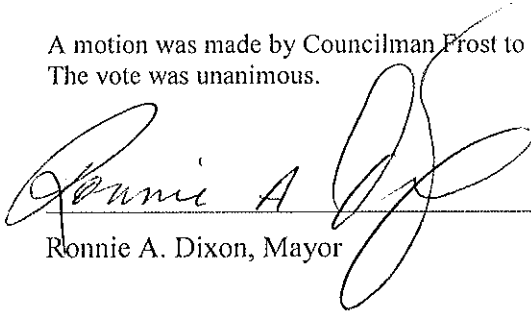
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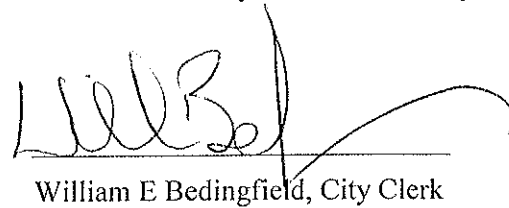
A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter executive session for personnel issues and the acquisition and sale of real estate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to adjourn and enter open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve offering for sale the City owned parcel of land, located at Hwy 280 West and Queen Street, at the current statutory price to the abutting property owner. This property is less than a tenth of an acre and would adjoin Greg Parker's property, where he intends to build a new Parker's Convenience Store. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Frost to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

  
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Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
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William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

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[O.C.G.A. §50-14-2]

To discuss the future acquisition of real estate;  
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (4)]

This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

CITY OF VIDALIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date.

Notary Public, State of Georgia  
Commission Expires 3-12-16

(Although the same is not mandatory, the following participants concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 2/10/14

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NAME	ADDRESS
Melissa Moore	City of Vidalia
Les Salter	STC
Kern Hucks	Vidalia
Rich Williams	Vidalia
Bill Mitchell	
Jim Anderson	Vidalia
Buck Moon	Vidalia



**CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

FEBRUARY 20, 2014

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSEY, AND EDDIE TYSON

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MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:30 A.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

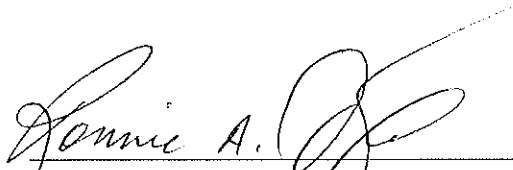
A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.


A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to adjourn from executive session and to re-enter open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

**AGENDA**

1. **FIRE CHIEF SELECTION** – A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to name Brian Sikes Fire Chief for the City of Vidalia. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
2. **APPOINTMENT OF CITY PUBLIC DEFENDER** – Councilman Turner made a motion to re-appoint Tom Peterson IV as public Defender for the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
3. **LAND SALE TO PARKERS'** - Mr. Torrance presented an offer from Dent Temples of \$2.12 per square foot for the .10 acre the City owns that will adjoin Greg Parker's property. This would come to \$9172.00 for the property. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to offer the property for \$10,000 provided that it is no more than a .10 of an acre as provided by their survey, and if more than a .10 of an acre then offer at the corresponding square footage price. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
4. **ORDINANCE CORRECTION** – Mr. Torrance presented a request to change Section 4-16 of the alcohol ordinance to correct a discrepancy in the wording concerning the Registered Agent requirement. (See Attached) A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Frost to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

  
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Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
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William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

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To discuss the future acquisition of real estate;  
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This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

CITY OF VIDALIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:



Notary Public, State of Georgia  
Commission Expires 3/12/16

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John Raymond Turner  
Dana Chesser  
J. Edward Taylor

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MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. J.W. CALVIN

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - None

**DVA:** - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She stated that marketing efforts are in full swing with the Onion Festival and the DVA membership drive.

**VACVB** – Ingrid Varn gave an update of the activities of the Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**ONION FESTIVAL** – Les Salter brought the Council up to date on activities of the Onion Festival Committee.

**TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He informed the Council that another solar company has come to the Chamber requesting land for a solar power plant. The Chamber is working with them on this project. He also stated that the Youth Leadership class graduation will be held this week.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD** - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of February. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2014 meeting and the February 20, 2014 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **AGENDA**

1. **Verizon Lease** – Mr. Torrance presented an amendment to the current Verizon lease that outlines the replacement of 3 antennas with new equipment and also the addition of several small amplifiers. (See Attached Amendment) The Council would need to approve the changes and authorize the Mayor to sign the document. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Jackson Heights Neighborhood Assn.** –Mr. Torrance presented a letter from the Jackson Heights Association complaining about the noise generated by the range fan on top of the Steeple Chase restaurant. Mr. Torrance gave the background of the restaurant, and the existence of the fan. He also reviewed the zoning in the area. He explained that the City has been out to the site with a DB meter and the resulting test does not warrant an ordinance violation from the City. He stated the association has been advised to get their own lawyer and possibly bring civil action against the restaurant. The Council was in agreement.
3. **One Day Alcohol Permit Onion Festival** – Mr. Torrance presented an application from Ingrid Varn for a one day alcohol permit to sell beer on Friday April 25, 2014. This event is the Friday night Street Dance being held in downtown Vidalia. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to

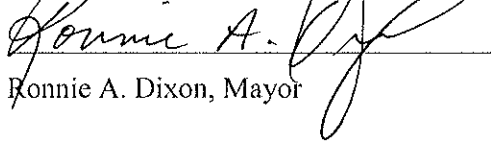
- approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.
4. **One Day Alcohol Permit Onion Festival** – Mr. Torrance presented an application from Ingrid Varn for a one day alcohol permit for Saturday April 26, 2014. This event is the Saturday Concert being held at the Airport. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.
  5. **One Day Alcohol Permit Onion Festival** – Mr. Torrance presented an application from Ingrid Varn for a one day alcohol permit for Sunday April 27, 2014. This event is the Golden Chef Cook Off. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.
  6. **One Day Alcohol Permit Onion Festival** – Mr. Torrance presented an application from Ingrid Varn for a one day permit for Saturday April 26, 2014. This event would be held at the Pal Theater in Vidalia. The Council tabled this request until the called meeting on March 20, 2014.
  7. **Alcohol Permit for Food World** – Mr. Torrance presented an application from Food World for an alcohol license to sell packaged beer and wine. Food World has purchased the Harvey's store in Vidalia. The application is complete and has been signed by the appropriate departments. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.

#### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT –**

1. **Striping Bids** – Mr. Torrance presented the two bids received for 14 miles of street striping. The low bid was from Southeast Centerline for \$24, 830.00. We are recommending that this be approved and be paid from SPLOST. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Fire Works at Ribbon Cutting** – Mr. Torrance presented a proposal for a small fireworks display to kick off the opening of the new amphitheater on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. The display would take place after the ribbon cutting ceremony. The cost would be \$1500.00 and would come from the Council's legislative capital if approved. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Fencing** – Mr. Torrance presented the bids for portable chain link fencing that would be needed to close off streets and the area around the new amphitheater. The low bid was from Handy Andy for \$8043.00. This could be paid for from the contingency line item in the amphitheater project. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Additional Paving** – Mr. Torrance presented a proposal to pave the grassed area between City Hall and Tom Peterson Realty. The bid from McLendon is \$4135.19 and would be paid from the contingency line in the amphitheater project. Councilman Tyson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Storm Drain improvements Todd Street** – Mr. Torrance presented a proposal to replace the storm drain pipe on Todd Street at Hwy 292 with a 24" pipe. ESG has to continually clean and repair the existing pipe and recommends this proposal. The bid is for \$4855.68, and would be paid from SPLOST. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
6. **2014 Capital Request** – Mr. Torrance presented a request to fund \$217,000.00 for capital in 2014. His recommendation is to fund \$100,000.00 from the General Fund fund balance, and to fund 117,000.00 from SPLOST. After some discussion Mayor Dixon asked that this be tabled until the called meeting.

Mayor Dixon set March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. for a called Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

  
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Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
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William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

ROSTER

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: March 10, 2004

WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR OUR RECORDS.

NAME	ADDRESS
J. W. Calvin, JR	509 Pine St. Dublin, Ga
Melissa Moore	
Sam Owens	
Les Sitter	
AARON COOPER	1400 Jimmywell Rd
Rich Williams	



## CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 20, 2014

MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, SHAUN OLIVER – DEPUTY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, FRANK WAITS – POLICE CHIEF, JEFF WEST – ESG

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:30 A.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - None

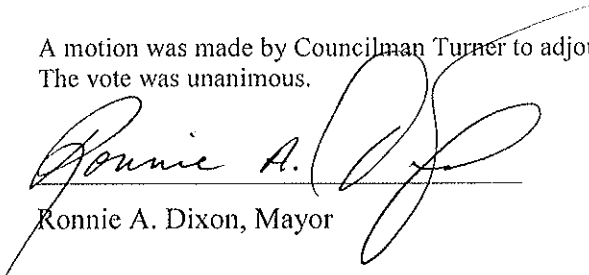
### **AGENDA**

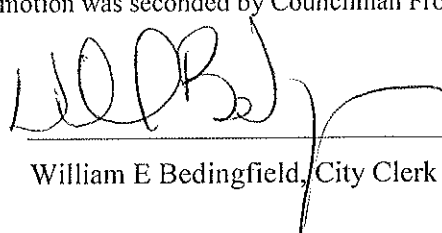
1. **ONE DAY ALCOHOL PERMIT ONION FESTIVAL 4/26/14** – Mr. Torrance presented an application from Ingrid Varn for a one day alcohol permit for Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. This application was presented at the regular March meeting, but had been tabled until some clarification could be obtained concerning the venue already holding an alcohol license. This event is to be held at the Pal Theater which holds a valid alcohol permit. Mr. Torrance informed the Council that the Revenue Department had been contacted and that it was not against regulations to issue the permit. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.
2. **SPLOST REVIEW** – Mr. Torrance presented the current SPLOST review to the Council. He reviewed the progress on each job and explained the availability of funds. He requested that the Council allow him to purchase a new excavator at a cost of \$34,795.00. This price includes a trailer. The old ditch witch has a trade in value of \$19,000. This purchase would come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. Councilman Turner made a motion to purchase the equipment. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
3. **2014 CAPITAL REQUEST** – Mr. Torrance presented a request to purchase \$215, 560.95 of capital in 2014. He explained the he had cut the Department request from \$474,000.00 to the requested amount. He is proposing that we use \$100,000.00 from the General Fund 2013 fund balance and that the remaining \$115,560.95 come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Turner. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
4. **AIRPORT FUEL TRUCK PAYMENT** – Mr. Torrance presented a request to have the General Fund forgive the remaining \$23,379.12 owed to it by the Airport for the fuel truck purchased in 2005. The recent downturn in the economy has so negatively impacted fuel sales at the Airport that they have not been able to make a payment in several years. Councilman Tyson made a motion to forgive the debt. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous. Upon final review the remaining balance owed and forgiven was \$14,439.00.
5. **FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT REQUEST** – Mr. Torrance informed the Council that Fire Chief Brian Sikes was applying for a \$15,000.00 FEMA grant to purchase much needed education equipment. He stated that if successful the City's match would be \$750.00, and that the Council would need to approve the match. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
6. **ALCOHOL ORDINANCE REVIEW** – Mr. Torrance presented an ordinance amendment that updates the alcohol ordinance concerning employees in on premise establishments. (See Attached Amendment) The amendment deletes section 4-52 that would require the City to do background checks on all employees that work in on premise accounts. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.



7. **MAYOR/COUNCIL SALARY EXPENSE CHECK** – Mr. Torrance explained to the Council that in 2008, when the auditors recommended that their expense check and salary check be combined into one check, the record of this action was not perfected in the minutes. He stated that a motion was needed clearly detailing the intent of the Council to combine the two checks into one check designated as salary. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
8. **SALARY/EXPENSE ADMENDMENT** - Mr. Torrance presented an amendment to the ordinance pertaining to the Council and Mayor’s salary and expenses. Mr. Torrance explained that after a review of the City’s ordinance he discovered that the Mayor and Council Salaries were listed incorrectly. He stated that in 2008 when the auditors requested that the expense check be combined with the salary check the ordinance should have reflected the change. This amendment is not a change in the amount that the Council and Mayor are paid, but only to have the ordinance reflect the correct amount. The amendment correctly lists the Mayor’s salary at \$10,800.00 per year and the Council’s salary at \$5400.00 per year. (See Attached Amendment) A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
9. **EXPENSE REIMBUREMENT AMENDMENT** - Mr. Torrance also pointed out that the ordinance should state that reimbursable receipted expenses can be paid to elected officials, and that this had been erroneously left out of the ordinance. (See attached Amendment) A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

  
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Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
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William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

**CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

APRIL 3, 2014

MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, BRIAN FROST, LISA CRESSER,  
AND EDDIE TYSON

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** BILL TORRANCE -- CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD -- CITY  
CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, KELVIN SEAGRAVES, HOFSTADTER  
AND ASSOCIATES.

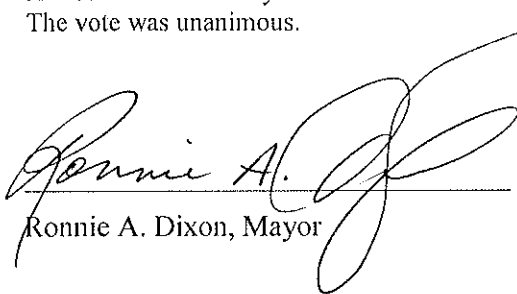
MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:30 A.M.

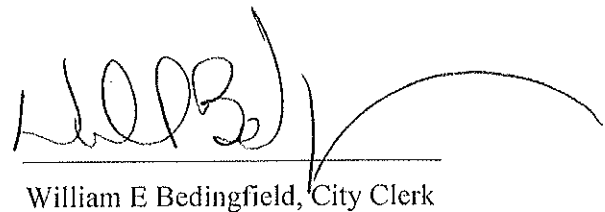
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - None

**AGENDA**

1. **NORTHSIDE STREETScape PROJECT** -- Mr. Torrance Introduced Kelvin Seagraves, with Hofstadter and Associates, to the Council. He then brought the Council up to date on the upcoming bid of the streetscape project. He then explained that a power pole in the middle of the planned park would be extremely distracting to the project, and that he needed the Council's input on how to handle the poles. Councilwoman Chesser asked that the City get a quote from Georgia Power on moving the poles. Mr. Torrance stated that he would call Georgia Power and get pricing, but he and Kelvin both felt that the price would be cost prohibitive. Mr. Torrance recommended that we bid the project with the park included at the current location and then possibly entertain removing it or changing the design. Kelvin Seagraves stated that the cost of the park could be deducted from the project if so desired. The Council then discussed several options on moving the park in the project. The Council was in agreement that we move forward with the bid and come back to them with final pricing and options. The Council also recommended that the City get with the owner of the old Chevrolet building and have him tear down the free standing wall located on North Main Street. Mr. Torrance stated that he would pursue getting the wall torn down.

A motion was made by Councilman Frost to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

  
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Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
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William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 14, 2014

MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON, **ABSENT:** CECIL THOMPSON

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, JEFF WEST – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: Rev. James Joyce

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - Biram Chapman addressed the Council concerning the Convenience Center and the lack of supervision at the center. He feels that items are being placed into the wrong containers, and that the City is missing an opportunity to save money. Mr. Torrance explained that the Council had made a decision several years ago to only fund 20 hours a week of supervision at the center, and that several containers were there that can accept all types of trash. He also explained that items taken to the landfill or to C&D both cost the City \$25 dollars a ton, so no economy is gained by moving items from one to the other. He explained that moving valuable resources to staff the center would not provide the savings necessary to warrant the cost. Mr. Chapman did suggest that a box be placed there that would be designated as items that the Salvation Army or Good Will would need. The Council agreed that this was a good idea and asked Mr. Torrance to investigate the possibility of a special container.

Ann Owens, owner of the Pal Theater, asked the Council if she could close the alley beside the Pal on Friday and Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to around 5 pm. This would be in conjunction with the Onion Festival. Also to close it on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm until around 8 pm for a Cinco de Mayo dinner. And again for the 280 Art Gallery on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 3pm until 8pm. The event on the 8<sup>th</sup> also needs to include blocking off 8 to 10 parking spaces at 5 pm to handle the much larger expected crowd. Paula Toole stated that she would talk to the merchants and inform them of the activities. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the requested closings. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

**DVA:** - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She stated that she was excited about the New City Park and can't wait to present it in her report to the DCA.

**VACVB** – Rich Williams gave an update of the activities of the Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**ONION FESTIVAL** – Les Salter brought the Council up to date on activities of the Onion Festival Committee.

**TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – No report

**FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD** - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of March. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2014, March 20, 2014 and the April 3, 2014 meeting. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## AGENDA

1. **Street Closing Relay for Life** – Mr. Torrance presented a request from Leatha Barfield to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Church and Jackson Streets on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 6AM for the Relay for Life event. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Ezra Taylor Right of Way Easements** – Mr. Torrance presented the 4 parcels of property that would need to be deeded to the County to complete the paving of Ezra Taylor Road. He stated that the Council would need to approve the Mayor to sign the easements. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Onion Festival AD in the Advance** – A proposal from the Advance, for an Ad in a special Onion Festival insert, was presented to the City Council. The full color AD would cost \$535.00 and run in next week's paper. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Alcohol License T & T Bait and Tackle** – Mr. Torrance presented to the Council an application for off premise beer and wine sales from T & T Bait and Tackle. All departments have reviewed the application and signed where appropriate. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Alcohol License 201 Café** – Mr. Torrance presented an application for on premise beer and wine sales from 201 Café. All departments have reviewed the application and signed where appropriate. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

## CITY MANAGERS REPORT --

Mr. Torrance presented to the Council a proposal from Charlton Calhoun to deed a parcel of property to the City at no cost. The property is on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Vann Street. Mr. Torrance explained that the property has a City easement for a ditch and is of no use to anyone else. He is recommending that the Council accept the property. Councilman Turner made a motion to accept the property. Councilman Frost seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

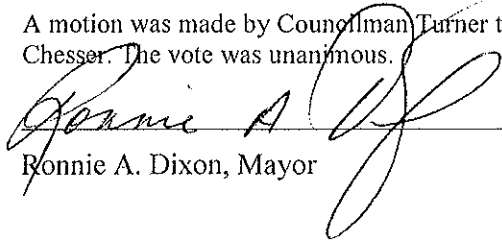
Mr. Torrance presented a request from the Vidalia High School Girls Golf coach for a donation to cover the expenses that were incurred during the recent tournament held in Vidalia. The request is for \$700.00. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the request and to take it from the Council's legislative account. Councilman Frost seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

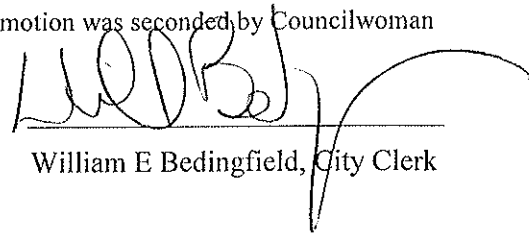
Mr. Torrance presented a request from the Boys and Girls Club to use the Community Center at no charge for a fund raiser. The Council suggested that the Community Center Committee review the parameters that need to be set for allowing non-profits to use the facility rent free. Councilman Turner, Chairman of the Committee, stated he would follow up with members.

Mr. Torrance informed the Council that we need to remove the 8 yard dumpster from the New City Park, and possibly use the dumpster at Vallarta's. We would need to get Tom Peterson and Vallarta's on board before we move forward. The Council suggested that Mr. Torrance proceed developing this or a suitable plan to remove the dumpster.

Councilwoman Chesser requested that Bill Torrance investigate installing a camera system at the New City Park Amphitheater. She is concerned about the possibility of vandalism and feels that a camera system would deter this type of behavior. Mr. Torrance stated that he would look into a system and bring the information back to the Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

  
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Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
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William E Bedingfield, City Clerk



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 12, 2014

MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, JEFF WEST – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, TOMMY SASSER – RECREATION DIRECTOR

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: JAMES JOYCE

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - County Commission Chairman Blake Tillery asked that the Council communicate to the City about the precinct changes. Mayor Dixon stated that our Vidalia Today program on the radio would be on the subject of these changes. Commission Chairman Tillery thanked the Mayor for his help.

Mrs. Wendy Wright -Williams brought a request to organize a 5k walk run for preventing child hood obesity. The date would be August 9, 2014 beginning at 7:30 AM and would require some street closings. Mr. Torrance stated that they would need to get the route along with overall plans together and bring them to him and he would help facilitate getting it ready for approval at the Council meeting in July.

**DVA:** - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She thanked the Council for the new Amphitheater, and stated that the feedback from the Downtown Merchants has been overwhelmingly positive.

**VACVB** – Rich Williams gave an update of the activities of the Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Rich also presented a proposal to have live music and fireworks on the Saturday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the new Downtown City Park. The total cost would be \$10,000.00 and would be funded fully by the City. The festivities would start around 6 pm and would be completely free to the public. Mayor Dixon asked that this issue be tabled until it could be fully researched by the License and Permits Committee.

**ONION FESTIVAL** – Les Salter brought the Council up to date on activities of the Onion Festival Committee.

**TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He told the Council of a meeting with a group from India that could possibly bring a lot of new jobs to the area in the automotive supply business. He thanked the Council for their support in making this visit a successful endeavor.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD** - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of April. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

### **AGENDA**

1. **Community Action Month Proclamation** – Mayor Dixon presented to Concerted Services, Inc. a Proclamation declaring May 2014 as “Community Action Month” in Vidalia. Pam Fountain, Director of Concerted Services, accepted the Proclamation.

2. **Cruise In Car Show Request** – Andy Clarke brought a request to the Council to use the new Amphitheater parking lot for a Cruise-In on June 7, 2014. The event raises money for a number of charitable causes. He stated that they usually have around 80 vehicles that cruise in for the event. Mayor Dixon stated that a Council has not had time to review this and other types of events that wish to use the new park. Councilman Frost made a motion that we allow them to use the park this Saturday to see how it would work and to give the Council time to see how this would fit in the overall plans for the park. The motion was seconded Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
3. **License and Permits Meeting 5/9/14** – Councilwoman Chesser informed the Council that it held a meeting on 5/9/14 to meet with the owners of the new Aqua Lounge. She informed the Council that the meeting was routine for any new on premise alcohol permit request. (See attached minutes)
4. **Alcohol Application Aqua Lounge** – Mr. Torrance presented an application for an on-premise beer and wine license at 505 West First Street in Vidalia. The application for the Aqua Lounge is complete and has been signed by all required departments. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.
5. **One Day Alcohol Permit Sports Boosters** – Mr. Torrance presented a request from Wayne Wheeler for a one day beer and wine permit. The event is a golf tournament to benefit the Sports Boosters of Vidalia. The tournament will be held on June 26, 2014 at the Rocky Creek Golf Club. The application is complete and has been signed by the necessary departments. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.
6. **Community Center Committee Meeting 5/9/14** – Councilman Turner reported to the Council that a meeting by the Committee was held on 5/9/14 to discuss the fee waiver requests that the City was receiving from charitable organizations. The Committee has brought back the attached recommendations for the Councils review. (See attached minutes) Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
7. **Precinct Changes Vidalia** – Mr. Torrance explained that the County had closed numerous voting precincts to streamline the voting process in County elections. Mr. Torrance stated that with the County closing the Morris Street precinct for County elections he recommends the City also close the precinct and use only the New City Hall Annex Court Room as our only precinct for City elections. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Bedingfield will get with the County Election Superintendent to run the necessary ads and set up the required public hearing.
8. **Northside Street Scape Project Bids** – Mr. Torrance presented the bids on the North Side Street Scape project. O.C.S., Inc. was the apparent low bidder at \$632,882.05. Mr. Torrance is recommending that the Council give Mayor Dixon the authority to sign the contracts pending final approval from our City Engineer. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
9. **United Way Golf Tournament** – Councilman Tyson made a motion to place a four man team in the annual United Way Golf Tournament at a cost of \$500.00. The funds would come from the Councils legislative capital. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
10. **Library Board Appointment** - Mayor Dixon has received a request from the Toombs County Library Board to have Tracy Adams re-appointed to their Board. The appointment would be for the remainder of 2014 and end December 31, 2016. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.



Mr. Torrance reported that after Dewey Anderson had returned from Clerk training he pointed out that the City needed a section in its ordinance that pertained to a "penalty for failure of person cited to appear". (See attached ordinance) Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

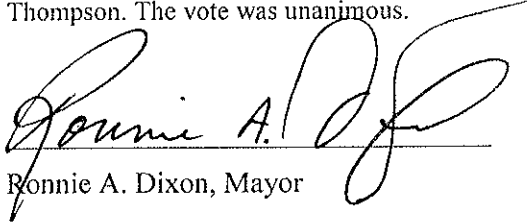
Mr. Torrance presented several pictures showing the wall on North Main Street that the Council has had some concern over it potentially falling. City Marshall Shaun Oliver has spoken with the owner and has been assured that he is willing to take the wall down. The concern is that the wall is connected to the adjoining building and could compromise the integrity of that wall. Mayor Dixon tabled the issue until some further research could be done.

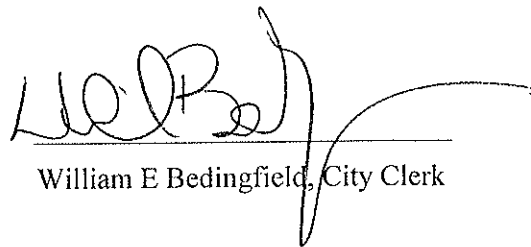
Mr. Torrance presented the slate of officers recommended for GMA's district nine. The Council is in agreement and is instructing Mr. Bedingfield to fax in the Council's approval.

Mr. Torrance is recommending that the Council enter Kevin Britton in this year's Leadership Toombs Class. The tuition is \$600.00 and would come from the contingency line item. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tyson asked about the testing of the new weather siren system and how the system worked? Mr. Torrance explained that the system was tested at less than full volume, and that in a real emergency a very loud and continuing blast would indicate that everyone should seek cover. He also emphasized that testing was never done during bad weather, or when storms were predicted.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

  
Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
William E Bedingfield, City Clerk



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

JUNE 9, 2014

MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSER

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, FRANK WAITS –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, KATHY BRADFORD – THE ADVANCE, JEFF WEST – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. CHESTER PROCTER

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - A request was made by Denise Johns to have The Sweet Onion Color Run for Cancer Cure 5K on Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> 2014. The event would be held at the Arts and Crafts location on Old Airport Road. Mr. Torrance informed them that another event was scheduled for that day and location so another date would need to be provided. Also he stated he needed the route that they would run for Police approval. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the event as long as a date and route were designated that City Manager Bill Torrance could sign off on. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

Andy Clarke gave a review of the recent Cruise – In held at the Amphitheater this past Saturday. He stated that over \$2100.00 was raised for charity. He is requesting the Council allow him to do it again in July and August. The event would held be on the first Saturday of each month. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

**DVA:** - No Report

**VACVB** – No Report

**ONION FESTIVAL** – No Report

**TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – Bill Mitchell brought the Council up to date on activities of the Chamber. He highlighted the date for the next Chamber Connections. He also stated that the turn out for the Chamber’s Showcase Toombs event was a record success this year. He also stated that he had a call last week about property around a regional airport. He met with Bill Torrance today and they reviewed the some twenty five acres that the City has at our Regional Airport. Mr. Torrance explained that the property is available and asked the Council if they would be interested in clearing the property and doing some grading to make this property more suitable for development. It hopefully would have enough timber to offset the grading necessary. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to allow the Mayor to negotiate the clearing and rough grading of the property to better facilitate bringing in new industry. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD** - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of May. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2014 meeting. Councilman Frost seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**AGENDA**

1. **License and Permits Meeting 5/19/14** – Councilwoman Chesser updated the Council on the meeting held on May 19, 2014. She explained that neither the County nor Lyons were interested in

participating in the event, and also discovering that the property required for the fireworks display was owned by the railroad meant a permit was going to be either too costly or impossible to obtain. Mr. Torrance also stated he had explained the outcome to Rich Williams, and that Rich fully understood that we would not be hosting the event this year. The Council was in agreement. (See attached minutes)

2. **City Hall Remodel** – City Manager Bill Torrance presented a plan to do some remodeling to City Hall that would involve partitioning off the old Council Chambers and making a new office for the City Manager and his Administrative Assistant. This would leave a very adequate size room for the Council or other groups to meet, and also free up much needed space in the front of City Hall. The estimate for the basic structure work was \$8,800.00, but Mr. Torrance felt that all work, including carpet and paint, could be accomplished for \$15,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request for \$15,000.00 to complete the project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
3. **One Day Alcohol Permit Sweet Onion Classic** – Mr. Torrance presented an application from Rose Anne Holman for a one day alcohol permit for the Sweet Onion Classic Golf tournament to be held on 9/18/14 at Hawks Point Golf Club. The application is complete and has been signed by the appropriate departments. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.
4. **Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution** – Mr. Torrance presented a resolution for the City to approve the Toombs County Hazard Mitigation Plan. (See Attached) He stated that Lynn Moore, EMS Director, and County Officials, along with the City's Fire Department, had worked for the better part of a year getting the plan ready. This plan has to be updated every five years as required by law. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Ordinance Change** – Bill Torrance informed the Council that the official designation of the Council's meeting place needed to be changed in the ordinance from City Hall to the Municipal Annex. (See attached ) A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the change. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT –**

Mr. Torrance gave an overview of the work session that took place last Thursday June 5, 2014. The purpose was to discuss the new SPLOST call and how the monies would be utilized over the next six years. He stated that he had instructed the Department heads to evaluate all facilities and bring back estimates of needed up grades and repairs of all facilities for the Council to review. He told the Council that as these reports came back that the Chairman of each committee involved would notified so that a meeting could be called to review the results and the bring recommendations back to the Council.

He also reported on the trip to the Governor's office and to GMA to present onions had been on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also presented a letter from the Governor thanking us for the onions.

Also he informed the Council of the COPS Federal Assistant Grant that Major Calloway is working on. The grant, if awarded could be used to fill two police officer positions that are already in the budget but still unfilled. The Federal Grant would be for \$216,823.50 with a City match of \$72,274.50 for a total of \$289,098.00. This money would fund these officers for three years and require the City to fund at least a fourth year. Councilman Turner made a motion to have Chief Waits apply for the grant. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

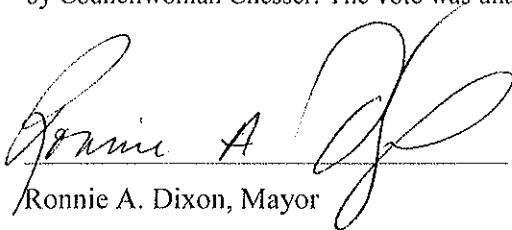
He also stated that Fire Chief Brian Sikes and several of his staff assisted Hazlehurst on a large fire located at a lumber yard today. He informed the Council of our commitment to assist other agencies when needed and thanked Chief Sikes for his team's tremendous efforts during this crisis.

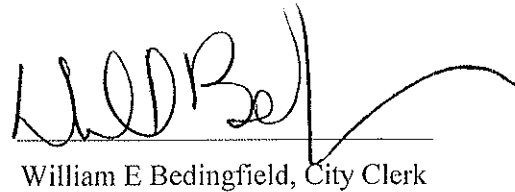
Mr. Torrance also informed the Council of a building being erected in the Forest Lake Drive area that meets City zoning requirements but not covenants of the neighborhood. City Attorney Threlkeld explained that the City was not responsible for enforcing neighborhood covenants and that any litigation to stop the building would have to be done by the neighborhood association. This was for information only.

A motion was made by Councilman Frost to adjourn and enter executive session for the periodic evaluation of employees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to adjourn from executive session and enter regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

Being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

  
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Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor

  
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William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

