

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 14, 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, JEFF RAIFORD- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, JEFF WEST – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – ESG, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF, KATHY HILT – THE ADVANCE

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

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. ROBERT GREEN

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Andy Clarke presented the Council a plaque in appreciation for helping with their Cruise In fund Raiser. The Council thanked Andy for the Plaque.

Martha Powers, from the Ohoopsee Regional Library, brought the Council up to date on the activities of the Library. She stated that she intended to come at least quarterly to report to the Council. The Council thanked her for the update and stated that her coming quarterly was a good idea.

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She stated that she will be doing the program at the Kiwanis Club in two weeks. The program will be on the Main Street program. She also informed the Council that she and her Committee are already working on fall activities. She asked that the Council approve Thursday October 30, 2014 as the official night for trick or treating in the City. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. She also welcomed several new businesses to the downtown and invited everyone to support these new ventures.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of June. 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 June 9, 2014 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **Streets and Sanitation Meeting 6/16/14** – Mr. Torrance presented the results from the Meeting held on June 16, 2014. (See attached minutes)He explained that the dilapidated housing program needed to be continued and that the Committee had recommended the approval of \$30,000.00 for the remainder of this year, and to fund it from fund balance. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Torrance also brought the recommendation from the Committee to allow ESG to handle our removal of yard trash. This would involve Republic giving up the service and reducing their rate by \$2.60 per household. The request also includes a price increase to residential customers of \$1.00 for a total of \$3.60 per month for yard trash removal. In the proposal the Committee is recommending that we increase the commercial sanitation and disposal charge by

- .35 per cubic yard. This proposal would allow .10 per cubic yard to go to Republic to offset fuel cost and the remaining .25 would come to the City to offset disposal cost. This request is also to approve a five year extension of the contract with Republic. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Amphitheater Committee Meeting 6/24/14** – Bill Torrance informed the Council of the meeting held on June 16, 2014 to discuss the new Amphitheater and the attempt to formulate some rules and guidelines for its use. (See attached Minutes) Cassie Neal, from Cornerstone, brought a request to use the Amphitheater for a Contemporary Christian Musical show on Saturday evening the 13th of September. She stated the show would be free to all who wished to attend. Mr. Torrance made a recommendation that even though the final policy on the use of the Amphitheater had not been finalized that this event be allowed. He stated that he would work closely with the event to monitor its effect on the park and downtown area. He stated that this would be a good guide in helping to write the final guidelines for the Amphitheaters use, and he would report the results to the Amphitheater Committee. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request with Mr. Torrance working closely with their Committee to evaluate the needs of the event. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Tyson abstained citing his ties to Cornerstone.
 3. **Service Lateral Ownership Ordinance** – Mr. Torrance introduced 2 ordinance additions that help to clarify the ownership of the service laterals for water and sewer. (See Attached Ordinances) Although it has always been City policy that the home owner is responsible for the lateral connection from their house to the main, it has also been the City's policy that any and all work that needed to be done on City right of way the City would supervise this work. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the ordinance additions. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 4. **Alcohol Application Tammy's Do Drop In** – Mr. Torrance presented an alcohol permit application from Tammy Hardeman. She is opening a new store at the old Shine's location on Orange Street. Her application is for beer and wine off premise and is complete, and has been signed by the appropriate Departments. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained.
 5. **Library Board Appointment** – Mayor Dixon received a request from the Ohoospee Regional Library Board to appoint Kay White to fill the unexpired term of Tracy Adams. If approved the term would expire on December 31, 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Torrance explained to the Council that with the new software conversion we are running behind in getting last minute tax notifications ready for the paper. He asked the Council to push the sale date of non-paid property taxes back a month to September. The required ad would appear in the paper during the 4 weeks of August and the sale would take place in September. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

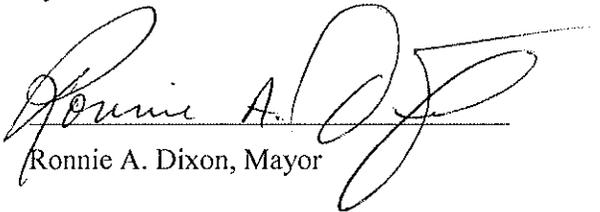
Mr. Torrance informed the Council that we are still working on the splash pad concept for the North Side project. He showed the Council several concepts and designs, but no recommendation was ready at this time.

Mr. Torrance presented a proposal to look at the purchase of a skid steer versus renting one. Jeff West stated that a new one would cost \$79,000.00 to purchase and \$2200.00 a month to rent. After much discussion by the Council Mayor Dixon recommended that Jeff get several prices together and bring it to the Finance Committee for review.

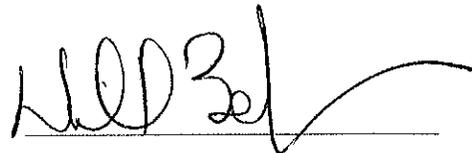
A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss the periodic evaluation of employees, possible litigation and the acquisition of real estate. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

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

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



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

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.)
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- 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 14th day of JANUARY, 2014.

CITY OF VIDALIA
By: [Signature]
Mayor or Presiding Officer

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

Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires _____

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

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7/14/14

Vidalia City Council Meeting

NAME	ADDRESS
Melissa Moore	City of Vidalia
Allison Osborne	1301 Barron St. Vidalia
Robert Green	423 Charles D. Vidalia
Martha Bowers-Jones	Okeechobee Regional Library
Gail Harris	"
Cassie D. Neal	300 Wendy Lane Vidalia
John & Amy	426 Charles Dr.
Wendell Dixon	Adams St,

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2014

MINUTES

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

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

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: Rev. James Joyce

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - DJ Cruise with the Cruise In thanked the Council for allowing them to use the City Park for their events. He stated that they would like to request that the Council allow them to use the City Park on the first Saturday of every month for their event. He reiterated that if there was any conflict that they would move their event to another location. Councilman Thompson made a motion to allow the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

John Chalker addressed the Council and would like to apply for a one year peddler's license to operate a Bar B Que wagon at 1500 East First Street in Vidalia. Mr. Torrance explained that this license would only be for a year and would not be renewed. Mr. Torrance also explained the Council's intent would be for him to get a permanent location with a building to establish a restaurant. Councilman Thompson made a motion to allow the permit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous

DVA: - Laura Brown brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She stated that the DVA would like to use the City Park for this year's Trick or Treat Fall Festival. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to allow the DVA to use the Park for this event. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mrs. Brown also explained to the Council that the annual Veterans Luncheon had lost its regular venue and asked if the Council would consider allowing the luncheon to be held at the Community Center at no charge on November 11, 2014. Mr. Torrance stated that the room would only hold 350 people so the event would need to open up and use the old section also. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to allow the DVA to use the Community Center on November 11, 2014 at no charge. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. She also wanted to know if this could be the regular venue for the annual luncheon. The Council recommended that they use the November event to evaluate the venue before requesting it on a permanent basis.

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 reminded everyone of the Chamber Connection being held at the Vidalia Airport on Thursday August 14, 2014. He also informed the Council of the upcoming "Serving up Toombs and Montgomery" event to be held at Hawks Point on Thursday September 11, 2014.

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

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

AGENDA

1. **Water Sewer Meeting 7/15/14** – Councilman Tyson outlined the results of the Water and Sewer meeting held on July 15, 2014. (See Attached Minutes) The Committee is recommending that the City purchase the SCADA system to monitor all wells and lift stations that were outlined in the

meeting. The cost would be \$87,045.20 and would come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

2. **Water Sewer Meeting 8/6/14** – Councilman Tyson presented the results from Water and Sewer Meeting held on August 6, 2014. (See Attached Minutes) The committee has reviewed the information presented by Public Works Director Jeff West, and is recommending that the City purchase the Skid Steer at a cost of \$89,650.00. The money would come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
3. **2014 Millage Rate** – Finance Director Bedingfield presented the 2014 recommended millage rate to the Council. The rate meets the required roll back and does not require 3 meetings to approve. The rate for Vidalia Toombs would be 4.431 and the rate for Vidalia Montgomery would be 3.553. With the Council's approval the 5 year history would be published in the paper and the final adoption would be at the September Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Taxi License Application**- Mr. Torrance presented an application from Alvin Powell to operate a Taxi service in Vidalia. The application is complete and all requirements have been met. . A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Torrance discussed having a Council work session on August 18, 2014 at City Hall. He also recommended that the Council set the appeal hearing for the Dream Lounge. Mayor Dixon recommended that we hold the hearing at 11:00 and then enter the work session after the hearing. He also recommended that we have lunch brought in.

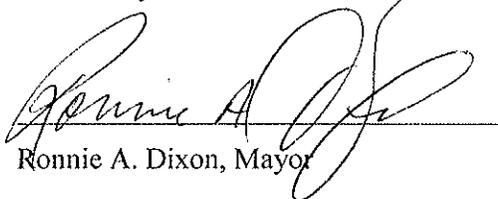
City Marshal Shaun Oliver gave a report on the 2014 dilapidated house program to the Council. (See Attached Report)

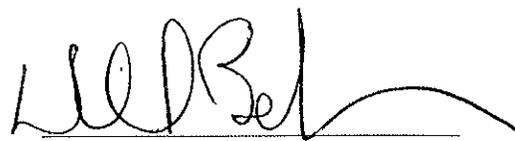
Mr. Torrance also gave a report of how the City responded to the violent storm that passed through Vidalia this past Friday night. He commended ESG and the City's public safety employees for their hard work during this event. He then explained that now that the storm has passed we are working to clean up the debris and that we would be picking up trees and limbs that residential customers have placed out by the street. He also stated that he would present this on the monthly Vidalia Today radio show in the morning.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

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


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This the 11th day of August, 2014.

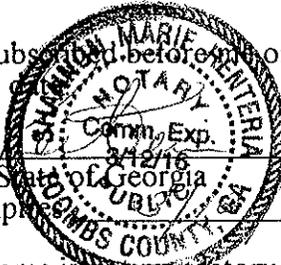
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Vidalia City Council Meeting

8-11-14

NAME	ADDRESS
Melissa Moore	City of Vidalia
John [unclear]	Toombs County
Buck Moon	Vidalia
Blake Tillen	
Lana Brown	DVA
John Chalker	Montgomery County
ANN MARIE CHALKER	MONTGOMERY Co.

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2014

MINUTES

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE –ADMIN ASSISTANT, BRIAN SIKES – FIRE CHIEF

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00p.m.

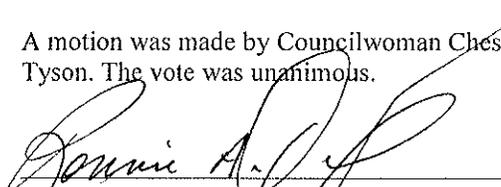
AGENDA

1. **NEW FIRE TRUCK** – Mr. Torrance presented to the Council a request to purchase a new fire truck at a cost of \$692,000.00. The new piece of equipment is a much needed ladder truck. The bid process has been quite extensive as reviewed at the Council work session held on Monday morning. The new ladder truck will aid Vidalia in its upcoming ISO review, and provide much better protection to the taller buildings in the Community. Mr. Torrance explained that the funds would come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. A motion was made Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

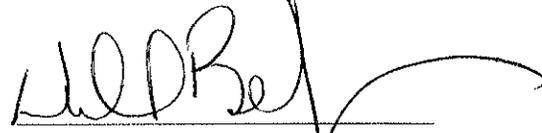
CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Torrance reported to the Council that we did not get the 2014 CDBG grant.

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



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
MINUTES

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

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

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. KEVIN HICKS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Tracy Todd brought a request to close 2nd Street from Jackson to Church Street for the annual First Baptist Church Fall Festival being held on October 26, 2014. The street would need to be closed from noon until 4 p.m. Councilman Tyson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

Scott Morrison, also with the First Baptist Church, brought a request to close Church Street from Hwy 280 to 2nd Street for the Bright Light 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run. The event will be held on October 18, 2014. The race will start at 7p.m. and use the current Onion Festival Route. The section of the street will need to be closed at 6 p.m. He also requested that the Police provide an escort for the 1 mile fun run and the 5k race. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Tony Wardlaw informed the Council of a new newspaper and TV Station that he and his family will be bringing to Toombs County. The newspaper will be a weekly newspaper and the TV will be online streaming only.

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She outlined the October 30th Trunk or Treat event that will be new this year and take place in the New City Park. She also asked Jason Colbert to come up and address the Council on the Downtown Town Music Festival that will take place on October the 28th. Jason informed the Council that the Swinging Medallions will be performing on the new amphitheater stage and that the Tiger Creek band will be performing at the Meadows Street Park. He asked the Council several questions concerning street closings and the use of fencing to block off areas. The Council instructed him to get with Mr. Torrance and work out the details.

VACVB - No Report

ONION FESTIVAL – No Report

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – No Report

FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of August. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Bedingfield also up dated the Council on the progress of the new software and how it has effected water bills.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2014 meeting and the August 18, 2014 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

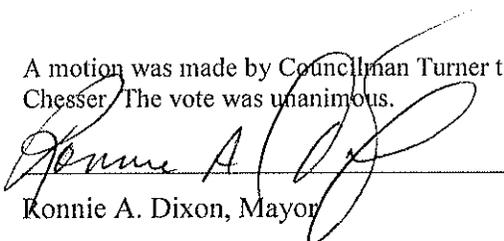
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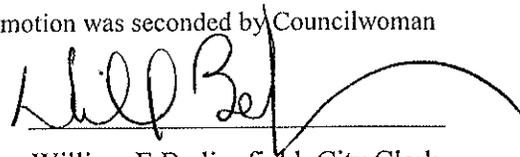
1. 2013 AUDIT – TRACY CLARK – City auditor Tracy Clark presented the results of the 2013 audit. He presented the Management Letter along with the Annual Financial Report. He stated that he was able to give his unqualified opinion with no exceptions found.
2. STREETS AND SANITATION MEETING 8/28/14 – Mr. Torrance presented the results from the meeting. (See Attached Minutes) The Committee is recommending that the timing of the light at 3rd and Church Street be changed to allow the street with the most traffic to have a longer green cycle. Councilman Tyson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous. The other two items do not require action.
3. 2014 MILLAGE RATE – Mr. Bedingfield presented the 2014 millage rate to the Council for final adoption. The rate as advertised will be 4.431 mills in Vidalia Toombs and 3.553 mills in Vidalia Montgomery. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the 2014 millage rate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
4. RUDELL ROAD BIDS – Mr. Torrance presented the bids from Rudell Road project. This is a project that will bring water and Sewer service across Hwy 280 to the property that is being developed by Dr. David Kim. The low bidder is McLendon Enterprises at \$121,437.32. Dr. Kim will reimburse the City for half of the cost once completed. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
5. 2014 LMIG RESURFACING BIDS – Mr. Torrance presented the LMIG Resurfacing bids to the Council. East Coast Asphalt LLC was the low bidder at \$196,964.36. The 2014 LMIG money provided by the State is \$127,523.63, so the project will require the City to fund \$69,440.73. These funds would come from SPLOST. Mayor Dixon stated that if anyone had additional streets that might need resurfacing to bring them to Mr. Torrance's attention. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
6. SWEET ONION CLASSIC – As in past years the Council is again being asked to sponsor a player in the Sweet Onion Golf Tournament. This tournament has funded numerous City projects and according to Mr. Torrance is a worthwhile investment. The \$500.00 request would come from the Council's legislative capital. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Tyson. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT --

Mr. Torrance informed the Council that a house on Green Acres Drive had used industrial equipment to clear some property and had placed this debris out by the street expecting the City to remove it. He informed the Council that the City did not have the capability to remove this much trash and that he was writing the owners a letter explaining the issue, and requiring them to have the trash removed.

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


Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor


William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

MINUTES

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

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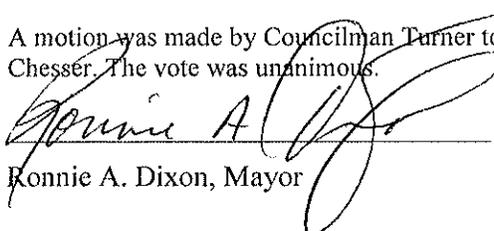
MAYOR DIXON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 2:30 P.M.

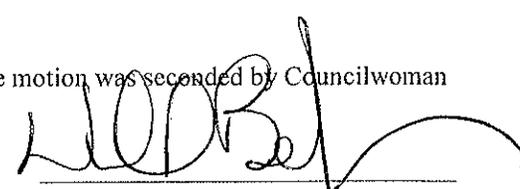
AGENDA

1. **ACQUISITION AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE** – A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to enter executive session to discuss the sale and acquisition of real estate. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chessier. The vote was unanimous.
A Motion was made by Councilwoman Chessier to adjourn and enter regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
Mayor Dixon presented an offer from MLB Ventures LLLP to purchase approximately .37 acers that adjoin their property on all sides. Their offer is \$28,702.00 which is the appraised fair market value. Councilwoman Chessier made a motion to accept the offer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
2. **CONCRETE PADS AT FIRE STATION** – Mr. Torrance requested that he be allowed spend up to \$15,000.00 to construct concrete extensions to both bays at fire station #2. The pads would be approximately 25' x 34' and 6 inches thick. This will keep the new ladder truck from destroying the asphalt. The funds would come from SPLOST. A motion was made by Councilwoman Chessier to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
3. **KNUCKLE BOOM TRUCK** – Mr. Torrance presented a proposal to purchase a 2006 knuckle boom truck from Republic Services for \$22,500.00. The truck in good shape and has been checked out buy out personnel. The funds would come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
4. **MEADOWS STREET REPAIR** – Mr. Torrance presented a proposal to repair the curbing that has sunk, and become uneven over the years, on the east side of Meadows Street. McLendon has put in a bid of \$9200.00. These funds would come from the streets line item in SPLOST. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

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


Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor


William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

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)]

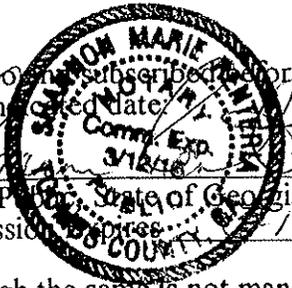
_____ To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved;
[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 23rd day of September, 2014

CITY OF VIDALIA
By: *Donnie A. [Signature]*
Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the
above indicated date.
[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 3/12/16
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(Although the same is not mandatory, the following participants concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

[Signature] _____
Lisa Chesser _____
[Signature] _____
[Signature] _____

Note: This form is to be used on all meetings of the City of Vidalia when four (4) or more council members are present.

Called Meeting 9/23/14
Vidalia City Council Meeting

NAME	ADDRESS
Melissa Moore	City of Vidalia
KARL OWENS	
ATW OWENS	

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014
MINUTES

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

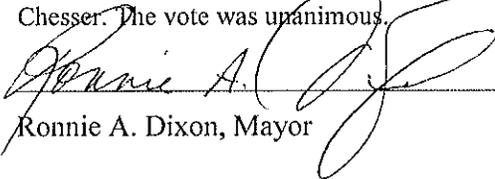
NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE – ADMIN ASSISTANT

MAYOR DIXON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.

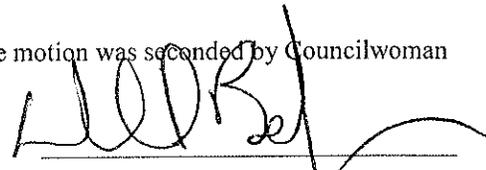
AGENDA

- I. **ACQUISITION OF THE PAL THEATER** – Mr. Torrance presented to the Council a proposal from Carl Owens to sell the Pal Theater to the City. His proposal states that the sales price of the building is \$346,990.00 with the furnishings and equipment valued at \$10.00. This brings the total sales price to \$347,000.00. He also presented an appraisal that was done in May of this year placing the value at \$394,000.00. The request is to sign a sales agreement immediately with the City paying \$10,000.00 in earnest money. The closing would take place in January. Also the earnest money would be refundable to the City if they should choose not to proceed with the deal. Mr. Tyson requested that the popcorn machine in the original building be left. Mr. Owens stated that they would leave the popcorn machine. Reid Threlkeld asked about the value of any historical equipment stored in the building. Carl Owens explained that there was a large amount of historical artifacts stored there. The Council requested that they be allowed to visit the building to decide on equipment that the City may want to purchase. Carl agreed to meet at 10:00 in the morning to do a walk through. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the purchase of the Pal Theater building for \$347,000.00 and to give Mayor Dixon or City Manager Bill Torrance permission to work out the details and close on the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Frost abstained citing business reasons.

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



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2014

MINUTES

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, SHAUN OLIVER – CITY MARSHALL, FRANK WAITS –VPD, ZACK FOWLER- VIDALIA COMMUNICATION, KATHY HILT – 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: BILL TORRANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Truett Andrews brought a request to have a hay ride from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on October 25th. The Sanctuary, a church located at 705 NW Main Street, is sponsoring the event. The route would be along North Main from Brinson Road to Ben Smith Park. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

DVA: - Paula brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She outlined the upcoming music event being held this weekend. She requested that the City approve closing the historic district of the downtown at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. Paula also asked the Council that the City set 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 30th for trick or treat throughout the City. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous. Kelly Wingate, with Community Hospice, gave a brief overview of this weekend's music event.

TOOMBS LIBRARY – Martha Powell gave an overview of activities that the Library has been involved in over the past month. Mr. Torrance stated that he held a meeting with the board and is putting together a joint meeting with Toombs County and Lyons to discuss support of the Library system.

VACVB – No Report

ONION FESTIVAL – See agenda item.

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – No Report

FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of September. 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 September 8, 2014 meeting the September 23, 2014 meeting and the September 30, 2014 meeting. Councilwoman Chesser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **Zoning Meeting 10/7/14** – City Marshall Shaun Oliver presented the minutes from the meeting held on 10/7/14. Matt and Kitty Lariscey, of 103 Hilldale Circle, have requested a side yard setback variance. The home owners were unaware of the 10 foot setback requirement when they started construction on a carport addition. The new construction has encroached the 10 foot requirement by the full 10 feet leaving no setback. After much discussion the committee voted 3 to 1 in favor of allowing the variance. The cost to remove the current construction would cause a significant financial hardship on the home owners. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson

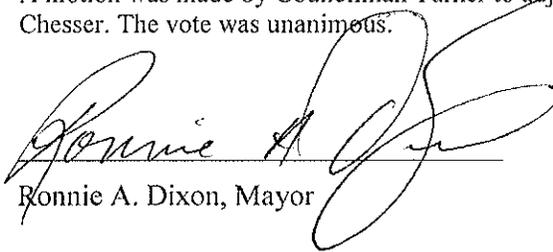
- to approve the variance as long as a gutter system is put in place to divert water from the neighbor's property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
2. **2014 CDBG Application** – Mr. Torrance presented the results from the CDBG grant that the City had applied for in 2014. He stated that getting a grant for water and sewer projects were going to be very difficult in the future due to our water rates being extremely low. These rates are at 67% of the minimum that the DCA requires for applying for this type of grant. He feels a better choice in 2015 will be applying for another grant to expand the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Torrance stated that Jason Cobb, with the RC, has asked to be considered in writing this grant. The Council asked that Mr. Torrance bring to them an outline of just what the needs are at the Boys and Girls Club, and what the City's responsibility would be in this grant application. Mr. Torrance stated that he would get this information to the Council.
 3. **2009 – 2014 SPLOST** – Mr. Torrance presented the 2009-2014 SPLOST work sheet to the Council. He outlined how the City was proposing to finish paying out this SPLOST call and what projects would need to be moved to the 2014-2019 call. This was for information only.
 4. **Onion Festival Committee** – Tom Cato, Chairman of the Onion Festival, presented the Council with a list of the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee members as recommended by the Festival's Executive Committee. (See Attached List) A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous. Tom also gave an update on the progress of the 2015 Onion Festival.
 5. **Toombs Chamber Golf Tournament** – Mr. Torrance presented a request from the Chamber to place a team in its upcoming Golf Tournament being held this Thursday at Hawks Point Golf Club. The cost is \$700.00 and would come from the Council's legislative capital. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to enter a team in the tournament. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

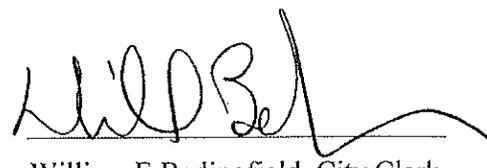
CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Torrance presented a proposal to completely replace all the lighting at the Ed Smith Complex. Recreation Director Tommy Sasser has gotten the two largest and most popular lighting companies to bid on the project. Musco Lighting is the low bidder at \$335,000.00. Mr. Torrance stated that if the Council chooses to proceed this year we would need to move the \$500,000.00 loan that SPLOST owes the general fund into next year's SPLOST call. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request and to fund it from SPLOST this year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Torrance presented to the Council an award that was presented to the Vidalia Recreation Department by the GRPA naming the department the "2014 Agency of the Year". He also stated that Recreation Director Tommy Sasser was honored with the "2014 Distinguished Professional Award" given by the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association. The Mayor and Council instructed City Manager Torrance to extend their sincere appreciation to Tommy and his staff for these outstanding awards.

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


Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor


William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

2015 Vidalia Onion Festival Committee Roster

Chairman- Tom Cato

Chair Elect- Dustin Booth

Past Chair- Les Salter

Chair of Events- Kelli Tapley

Chair of Merchandising- Rachel Tufts

Chair of Operations- Shannon Brantley

Secretary- Lauren Hofmann

Treasurer- Johnny Whited

Member at Large- Randy Dixon

Marketing/Advertising- vacant

Chair of Airport Operations (Airshow)- Kevin Britton

Chair of Entertainment- Tim Jones

Chair of Vendors- Julie Cook

Advisor- Brad Hart

City Manager- Bill Torrance

Vidalia City Council Meeting

NAME	ADDRESS
Melissa Moore	
Kitty Larissey	
Frank Harrison	
Marta Powers Jones	
Stephen L. Miller	
Patrick Boston	

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON AND LISA CHESSE

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: - Geraldine Bell asked the Council about the water rates, and how those rates were established. She stated that her bill seemed high and that a neighbors was lower than hers. Mr. Torrance asked Mrs. Bell to come to City Hall tomorrow and meet with Mr. Bedingfield. He explained that he would address her concerns. She Agreed.

Mr. Eugene Jackson, who lives at 1202 Rhodus Drive, is concerned about his yard trash and when it is supposed to be picked up. Mr. Torrance explained that the City has taken over this service and will pick it up weekly. Mr. Jackson was concerned that it would be better to know when the truck was going to run. Mr. Torrance asked could he come and meet him tomorrow to discuss the issue. Mr. Jackson agreed.

DVA: - Melissa Moore presented the report for Paula Toole. She Asked the Council to put December 9th on their calendars. This is the DVA Christmas Social that will be held at the Community Center at 6:00 p.m. She also reminded them of the Veterans Luncheon being held tomorrow at the Community Center.

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.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2014 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **2015 CDBG Application** – Mr. Torrance presented a request that the City apply for a CDBG Grant in 2015 to add on to the Boys and Girls Club with much needed additional space. He also is recommending that we use the RC to write the grant. After some discussion Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Revolving Loan Committee Meeting 11/10/14** – Mr. Torrance presented the results of the Revolving Loan Committee meeting held this morning. (See Attached Minutes) The Committee approved Meredith Industries for a \$150,000 loan to purchase equipment and software. The loan is for 72 months at 3% interest. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the loan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomson. The vote was unanimous.

3. **Morris Street Voting Precinct** – Mr. Torrance explained that the Morris Street voting precinct has been closed by the County for any County, State and national elections. Mr. Torrance is recommending that the City also close this precinct for City elections. Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
4. **WTOC Christmas Parade AD** – Councilman Turner made a motion to purchase a \$550 ad from WTOC for this year's Christmas Parade. The funds would come from the Council's legislative capital. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Library Board Appointment** – The Library Board is requesting that Joan Hutchinson be appointed to take the place of Kay White who is resigning her position. This would be a three term beginning in January and ending in December 2018 Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
6. **2015 Budget** – Mr. Torrance presented the 2015 budget to the Council for their review. The budget will be advertised and on display at City Hall for the next 30 days. The Council will approve the budget in December.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT – Mr. Torrance presented a request from Michael Keating to place a deck in front of his building at Bill's Donuts. Mr. Torrance is recommending that he be allowed to do this. Mr. Keating is adding the Yo So Sweet Yogurt business next to his. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

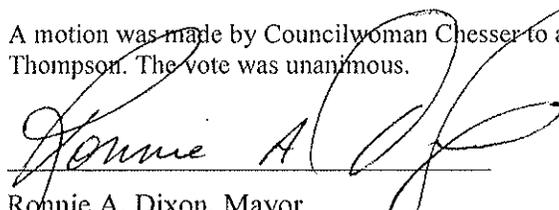
Mr. Torrance presented a request to purchase a new admin vehicle to replace the 2004 Suburban and then move the 2004 vehicle to the fire department. The total price would be \$45,990.00 for a 2015 Suburban, and the funds would come from the current SPLOST call. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve up to \$46,000.00 to purchase the vehicle. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

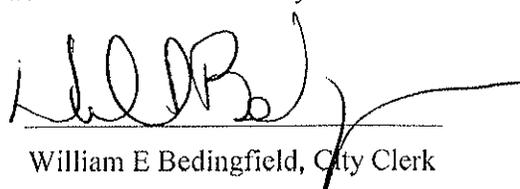
A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Torrance presented the Council with the 2014 performance package. This year's request is to give the employee's a 3.5% bonus to help make up for the 3 years that no cost of living had been awarded. He stated that the bonus package would cost the City \$99,579.18, and that the funds are available from this year's fund balance. The Council recommended that any employee, that per City policy would not be eligible for a yearend bonus, still receive a 1.5% bonus. He also requested that the total performance package be approved which include the employee turkeys and hams, and also the Christmas Luncheon. The total cost for the package would be \$105,061.75. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request as outlined. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser 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

DECEMBER 8, 2014

MINUTES

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

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 HILT – THE ADVANCE, JEFF WEST – ESG, ROBBIE AKINS – 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: H. W. MILLER

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

DVA: - Paula Toole gave a brief report of the activities of the DVA. She reported that this was the best Christmas Parade that we have ever had. The Council complimented her on the parade.

VCVB – No Report

ONION FESTIVAL – No Report

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – No Report

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilwoman Chesser to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2014 meeting. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **LICENSE AND PERMITS MEETING 12-8-14** – Councilwoman Chesser presented the results from today’s meeting concerning the new alcohol fee for on premise restaurants. (See Attached Minutes) The Committee is requesting that the Council approve a two tiered pricing schedule that separates accounts that choose not to open on Sundays. (See attached Pricing Schedule) A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained for business reasons.
2. **ALCOHOL RENEWALS FOR 2015** – Mr. Torrance presented the Alcohol License renewals for the Council’s approval. (See attached list) A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Thompson abstained for business reasons.
3. **AIRPORT STRIPING RUNWAY 14-32** – Mr. Torrance reported that the State share for the additional funding to stripe runway 14-32 was not going to be available. He also explained that no federal funds were available for non-primary runways. This would mean that the City would need to pick up the 75% or \$57,549.00 that the State had originally committed to the project. It is a project that needs to be done due to safety concerns. The funding would have to come from the contingency line item in the general fund. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
4. **TOOMBS COUNTY JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** - Mr. Torrance presented the 2014 Joint Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the Council needed to approve the attached resolution to bring the City back into compliance with the Department of Community Affairs. He explained the process that the City went through to complete the document and that any future grant would

require us to have this plan approved by the DCA. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

5. **MCLAIN, CALHOUN, MCCULLOUGH AND CLARK** – Mr. Torrance presented the engagement letter from our audit firm. He explained that there was no increase in the fees over the previous year. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.
6. **LMIG PROJECTS 2015** – Mr. Torrance had Jeff West present the overall projects that the City included in its proposal for 2015. He stated that the funds from the DOT were \$127,522.00 and that the total cost of the proposed projects would be \$216,490.79. This would leave the City a total of up to \$90,000.00 to fund from the SPLOST streets line item. A motion was made by Councilman Tyson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.
7. **VIDALIA TOURISM** – Mr. Torrance informed the Council that the Committee appointed by the Mayor to advertise, interview and select a new tourism director for Vidalia had completed its job. They have chosen Alexa Britton to fill this new position with the City. Alexa brings not only a master's degree, but also tremendous experience to this position. The Committee had four very good applicants to choose from, but felt Alexa had the most to offer the City. Mr. Torrance explained that she and her committee would be working to develop the new by-laws and to develop a strategy for the new Vidalia Tourism office. This would be brought before the Council in January. This is for information only and does not require a vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT –

Bill Torrance presented a proposal to complete the front section of the Amphitheater which include the Vidalia seal, a fountain and a 3 x 7 LED sign board at a cost \$42,851.00. He also presented a price of \$3000.00 for a 6 X 6 stainless steel onion for the fountain that will go in the back of the park. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve up to \$46,000.00 to complete the front wall of the Amphitheater, and the onion for the fountain. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Torrance brought a request from Stanley Farms to hook to City water and sewer. Stanley Farms will pay all cost to install the required lift station and to accept full responsibility for it after completion. They are requesting that the City take ownership of the 2 inch force main that will be located on the right of way. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous.

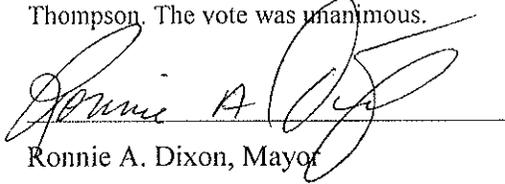
County Manager John Jones brought a request to name the new street that will access the new doctor offices Andrew Drive. The new street is off Rudell Road, and is being constructed by the County to City specifications. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

The Council approved Recreation Director Tommy Sasser to donate the old light poles from the Ed Smith complex to any school or government agency that needed them. This should not cost the City in any way for removal.

Mr. Torrance informed the Council that Kelvin Manning and Greg Goff donated the Christmas tree that is decorated at the Amphitheater. He also stated that this is a live tree that will be replanted in the back area of the new park after Christmas.

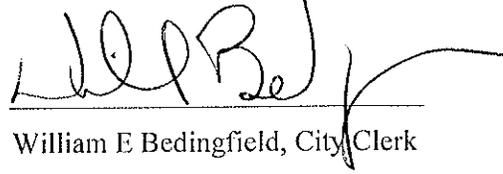
Councilwoman Chesser read an e-mail from Garrett Wilcox praising the fire department on a job well done. He witnessed a fire recently and could not believe that the Fire Department was able to save the house, but also prevent the adjoining property from being destroyed. The Council complimented Chief Sikes for an outstanding job.

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



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Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



Handwritten signature of William E. Bedingfield in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established new "Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning," effective March 1, 2014, under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, community involvement, and coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vidalia, Georgia has participated with Toombs County and the municipalities of Lyons and Santa Claus in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning through the Toombs County Joint Comprehensive Plan Coordination Committee, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, to update its existing adopted comprehensive plan with a new full plan update; and

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in the development of a new joint comprehensive plan, *Sweet! So Much More than the Vidalia Onion*, for Toombs County and its municipalities, including the City of Vidalia; and

WHEREAS, the new joint comprehensive plan has been previously submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review; and

WHEREAS, the Toombs County Joint Comprehensive Plan, *Sweet! So Much More than the Vidalia Onion*, has now been certified by this review as adequately addressing the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning and meeting all requirements as established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

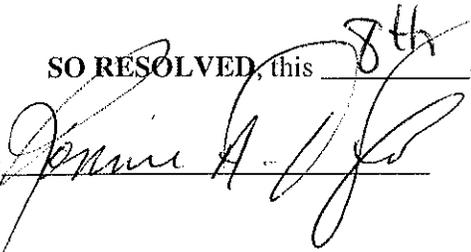
WHEREAS, the City of Vidalia is now desirous of adopting *Sweet! So Much More than the Vidalia Onion* as its official comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and as a general policy guide to its future growth and development;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vidalia hereby approve and adopt the Toombs County Joint Comprehensive Plan, *Sweet! So Much More than the Vidalia Onion*, as the City of Vidalia's official local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, as amended, and thus replacing its previous comprehensive plan adopted in 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vidalia hereby instruct and direct that formal notification of said adoption be forwarded to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and to other agencies, as appropriate.

SO RESOLVED, this 8th day of December, 2014.

BY:



ATTEST:



CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 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, AND MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:20 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Greg Johnson, Leo Peebles and Bill Ward, with Community Men in Action, asked the Council for use of the Community Center at no charge for a fund raiser. Bill Ward stated that all funds being raised would be used for a scholarship to be given in the Toombs County area. They have partnered with Heart to Heart which is a 501(C) 3 as required by the Council to request the discount. Mr. Ward stated that the organization was applying for their 501 (C) 3 status. Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

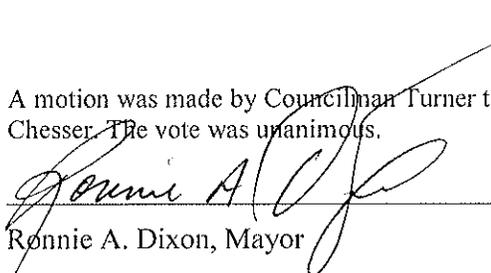
1. **2015 BUDGET APPROVAL** – Mr. Bedingfield explained that the 2015 budget had been properly advertised and available to the public as required by Georgia statute. He also stated that the required open budget meeting had been held this morning at 11:00 a.m., and that no citizen had raised any objection to the budget. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the 2015 budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson. The vote was unanimous.
2. **ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION – PIZZA INN** – Mr. Torrance presented an on premise alcohol application from the owners of the newly remodeled Pizza Inn. The application is in order and has been signed by the appropriate department heads. 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 for business reasons.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

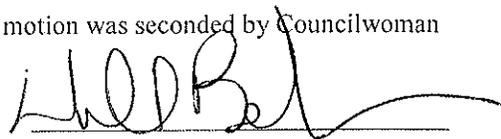
City Manager Bill Torrance brought a request from Massie McIntyre to have the City participate in a water and sewer extension in the Glendale Subdivision. Mr. Torrance stated that the cost to provide the necessary services would cost approximately \$183,000.00. This would make the investment in each available lot around \$26,000.00. This would exceed the value of each lot and not be a wise investment. The Council recommended that Mr. McIntyre bring back a complete set of plans for the Council to review before a decision can be made.

Mr. Torrance informed the Council that he has had a request from someone interested in purchasing the old fire station property located on McIntosh Street. He stated that if the Council was interested then we would need to put the property out for bid. The Council instructed Mr. Torrance to look into determining the value of the building and land, then to proceed accordingly.

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



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk