

MINUTES
TOCCOA CITY COMMISSION
August 23, 2010

The City Commission of the City of Toccoa met in Regular Session at City Hall on Monday, August 23, 2010, at five o'clock P.M. with Mayor Bob Troup presiding.

The invocation was given by Pastor Paul Garrison followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance to the Flag.

On roll call the following were present:

Mayor Bob Troup
Vice Mayor Janice English
Commissioner David Austin
Commissioner Ron Seib
Commissioner AJ Pavliscsak
City Manager Jay Johnson
City Attorney John Dickerson
City Clerk Fredda Wheeler

Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Vice Mayor English and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda as submitted, a copy of this Agenda being attached as Exhibit "A."

Under Reports the following comments were heard:

Commissioner Austin wished Laverne Cox a happy birthday.

Commissioner Seib reported that the Joint Animal Control Committee had appointed Angie Garland as the 1st board member to serve with the other members that will consist of two (2) City Commissioners, two (2) County Commissioners and one other citizen. Additionally, letters have been mailed to 25 citizens requesting their service on an Advisory Board.

Commissioner Pavliscsak stated that he had received a phone call from Evan Oglesby expressing his desire to move forward with the work at the Emory Johnson Park. By consensus the Commission agreed to authorize and instruct the City Manager to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with Mr. Oglesby so that all parties would be clear on what work will be done and who will be responsible for doing it.

City Manager Johnson reported that the rear boundary property lines of the Emory Johnson Park and the Whitman Street Complex would be surveyed soon. He also reminded everyone of a Work Session scheduled for August 31, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. and a Special Called Meeting on September 2, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

A. United States Census 2010 – Participation Award

Mayor Troup displayed a plaque and referenced a letter from the United States Department of Commerce expressing appreciation for the support received from the City of Toccoa in helping the U.S. Census Bureau to achieve a complete and accurate count in 2010.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Vice Mayor English and unanimously carried to approve the following Consent Agenda items as submitted.

B. Request for Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2010 City Commission Work Session.

C. Request for Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2010 City Commission Meeting.

D. Report on Emergency Purchase for Replacement Air Conditioning Unit at Eastanollee Wastewater Treatment Plant

E. Consideration to Declare Certain Vehicles Surplus to City Needs

Motion by Commissioner Seib, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried that the proceeds derived from the sale of the surplus vehicles in Item E would be transferred to the Emergency Fund Reserve.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

F. Report from the YMCA Doyle Street Pool

Robin Dake, Program Director, presented a detailed report of revenues and expenses for 2010. She also presented a letter that she received from a parent of a child that had attended one the day camps offered this summer. A copy of this report and letter being attached as Exhibit "B."

G. Consideration of Professional Services Agreement with Robert and Company for Doyle Street Fire Station Due Diligence Study.

Motion by Commissioner Seib, seconded by Vice Mayor English and unanimously carried to approve the not-to-exceed price of \$13,192 for professional services from Robert and Company. A complete evaluation of the building will be done before any work is started.

H. Consideration of Professional Services Agreement with Design South for Water and Sewer Rate Study.

Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to approve the proposal from Design South for professional engineering services to conduct a rate study for water and wastewater systems. For the services requested, fees and expenses should not exceed \$12,500.00.

I. Consideration of Resolution Establishing a Moratorium on the Construction of New Billboards within the City of Toccoa Pending Adoption of Sign Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Seib and unanimously carried to adopt an Ordinance enacting a moratorium on the construction of new billboards in the City of Toccoa for a period up through and including February, 2011.

J. Opening Bids for Various Street Re – surfacing Projects.

City Attorney Dickerson opened the five (5) bids that were submitted. The bids were as follows; C W Mathews Contracting, \$285,403.64; Allied Paving, \$304,858.65; Strickland and Sons Pipeline, \$353,585.12; Martin Construction, \$386,483.00 and Reeves Construction, \$318,136.50. Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Commissioner Austin and unanimously carried to remand this matter to staff for further evaluation and recommendation to be provided at next City Commission meeting.

K. Recognition of Visitors Wishing to Speak on General Items.

Velma Brown Ridley - 13 Brown Street - Ms Ridley expressed the following concerns:

- Resurfacing of Prather Bridge Road
- Kudzu on vacant houses in her neighborhood
- Building behind Mt. Zion Baptist Church - she would like to purchase this building and donate it to the church.
- Need for electrical outlets at Emory Johnson Park
- Grass that she is cutting at vacant houses in her neighborhood

L. Consideration of Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Vice Mayor English and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting in order for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss the following: Personnel Matter. An affidavit was signed by Mayor Troup and all Commissioners present stating that the above-matter discussed was not subject to the Open Meetings Act. See Exhibit "C" attached.

Motion by Commissioner Seib, seconded by Commissioner Austin and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to reconvene the Regular Session.

M. Consideration of any Action on Matter Discussed in Executive Session.

There was no action taken on the matter discussed in Executive Session.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Commissioner Austin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Fredda Wheeler, City Clerk