

MINUTES  
TOCCOA CITY COMMISSION  
November 09, 2009

The City Commission of the City of Toccoa met in Regular Session at City Hall on Monday, November 09, 2009, at five o'clock P.M. with Mayor Ron Seib presiding.

The invocation was given by Phillip Teasley followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance to the Flag.

On roll call the following were present:

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

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

Under Reports the following comments were heard:

Commissioner English mentioned how marvelous the Harvest Festival was on November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Mayor Troup asked Gordon Broome to give an update on the Work Ready Program. Mr. Broome announced that Stephens County had received the official designation as a Certified Work Ready Community. He also reported that:

1. 1009 persons have taken the Work Ready Assessment.
2. 885 received a certification-254 scored gold.
3. Job Gap Training is available for those who do not pass the test.
4. If you are unemployed, take the test and pass, you can receive \$50.00
5. 200 unemployed persons took the test- 3 scored Platinum.
6. Need to enlist 5 Industries to use the test when hiring.

Motion by Vice Mayor Troup to cease the transfer of funds into the Emergency fund. The question was called by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Mayor Seib and unanimously carried. Motion by Vice Mayor Troup, seconded by Commissioners Austin, English and Mayor Seib to stop funding the Emergency Fund for the remainder of this calendar year. These funds have been previously coming from the monthly budgeted figure and from incidental items. Commissioner Pavliscsak cast a vote of nay.

Commissioner Pavliscsak asked Water/Wastewater Director Don Dye for an update on the agreement with Habersham County as related to the High Service Pump Surge problem. Mr. Dye reported that the agreement had been signed by Habersham County and work will begin very soon. Commissioner Pavliscsak also wanted to inform all City of Toccoa retirees that they are not going to lose their retirement with The City of Toccoa. He also announced that meetings are scheduled with Georgia Municipal Association to see how the retirement plan might be improved. He also extended Birthday wishes to the Marine Corp on November 10, 2009.

Commissioner Austin asked that we all remember our Chaplain, Reverend Paul Garrison, who had surgery last week. He also expressed his appreciation to Gordon Broome and all volunteers for all the hard work that they do.

Mayor Seib reported that he wanted to thank all of the Department Heads for all that they do. He expressed his confidence that all were up to the challenge in the absence of Billy Morse. Bob Dallas, Ricky Rich and Griggs Wall, with the Governors Office of Highway Safety, were present to present the Toccoa Police Department with the following awards announced at the Georgia Law Enforcement Challenge Program:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> place award for agencies of its size-\$4000.00 credit to purchase equipment.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> place award for Rookie Department of the Year (first time applicant)-\$4000.00 credit to purchase equipment
3. 1<sup>st</sup> place National for first time applicants- awarded in Denver, Colorado.
4. 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 4-door police truck, fully marked and equipped with a new radar unit, new in-car video system and a Toughbook laptop computer.

Mayor Seib next recognized any visitors who wished to speak. There were no persons present who wished to be heard.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2009 City Commission Work Session
- B. Request for Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2009 City Commission Meeting
- C. Request for Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2009 City Commission Meeting with Staff

II. OLD BUSINESS

- C. Update on Hotel Motel Tax Audit.

Mayor Seib gave an overview and an update on the audits done by Muniservice in conjunction with the Georgia Municipal Association. He reported that two of the motels identified in the audit have been notified that they have not paid the appropriate taxes for their establishment. The process is in place to collect these outstanding taxes.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- D. Consideration of Alcohol Beverage Control License for Chevron Gas Station #22, 29 Mize Road, Teresa Price, Manager.

Motion by Vice Mayor Troup, seconded by Commissioner English and unanimously carried to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Austin recused himself from any discussion or voting on this matter.

E. Resolution: Honoring All Veterans and Recognizing the Importance of Veteran's Day.

Mayor Seib read a Resolution remembering those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and National Guardsmen who have given their lives in service to our great nation. All residents were encouraged to join in appropriate November 11, 2009, Veterans Day activities to honor the dedication and sacrifices that these individual who serve in the United States Armed Forces have made and continue to make in order to protect the freedoms and quality of life we Americans enjoy.

F. Request for Engineering Work by CH2M Hill for Norfolk Southern Railroad Property Project.

Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Commissioner Austin and unanimously carried to approve the request for Engineering Work pending discussion with Attorney Dickerson and representatives from Federal Emergency Management Agency.

G. Consideration to Enact the Standards for Telecommunications Antennae and Towers Ordinance.

Motion by Vice Mayor Troup, seconded by Commissioner English and unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of the Toccoa Planning Commission to enact the Telecommunications Ordinance.

I. Monthly Financial Report

Mayor Seib opened the floor for any questions or discussions concerning the Monthly Financial that had been distributed. It was

noted that the City billed \$1,323,746.00 in City Taxes. \$586,279.15 of that amount had been collected as of November 09, 2009. Vice Mayor Troup mentioned the favorable status of the Aged Receivables, Billings and Receipts. He also noted that the General Fund was looking good.

J. Recognition of Visitors Wishing to Speak on General Items. .  
There were no persons present who wished to be heard.

#### IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak and seconded by Commissioner English.

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Fredda Wheeler, City Clerk