

MINUTES  
TOCCOA CITY COMMISSION  
March 23, 2009

The City Commission of the City of Toccoa met in Regular Session at City Hall on Monday, March 23, 2009, at five o'clock P. M. with Mayor Ron Seib 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 Ron Seib  
Vice Mayor Bob Troup  
Commissioner David Austin  
Commissioner Janice English  
Commissioner AJ Pavliscsak  
City Manager Billy Morse  
City Attorney John Dickerson  
Acting City Clerk Fredda Wheeler

Motion by Vice Mayor Troup, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak 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 requested that the applications for the position of City Clerk be made available to her, so she could begin copying them, etc. Through consensus, the Commission agreed that Human Resources Director Brenda Yearwood would forward the applications to Commissioner English.

Vice Mayor Troup reported that he has always been very passionate about the amount of litter present in our community. He has been informed that, as a cost-saving measure, Georgia Department of Transportation would no longer be picking up litter on state highways. He asked the public to be aware of the problem and to throw less litter on the roadways. He also asked the Police Department to start writing tickets for those that are caught littering. This should send a message that littering will not be tolerated.

Commissioner Pavliscsak announced that Hill Street Baptist Church will be having revival through Wednesday, March 25, 2009. The guest speaker is Rev. Harris Malcolm (an actor in the video *Fireproof*) and everyone is welcome.

City Manager Morse announced that Business License Renewals have been mailed out in the past week. Motion by Vice Mayor Troup, seconded by Commissioner Austin and unanimously carried to extend the due date for renewals until April 30, 2009.

City Manager Morse also reported that the cases brought by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board for underage sales have been delayed for a variety of reasons; these cases will be rescheduled at a later date when they can all be heard at the same time. He also reported that officials from the City of Stone Mountain will be here on Friday, March 27, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. to review the “showcase of success” of the downtown area.

Bobby King, animal control officer, was recognized as being the recipient of a 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award. Bobby was recognized for 23 years of service in the field of animal control.

City Attorney Dickerson asked the Commission to impose a 120-day moratorium on cell tower construction, in order to provide the Commission time to review a new ordinance concerning the permitting of cell towers. Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Commissioner Austin and unanimously carried to grant the moratorium.

Mayor Seib announced that *Inside GMA Magazine* had a good article about the City of Toccoa’s usage of the Geo Tech Pinpoint System. Randy Smith, Public Works Director, stated that the system continues to save the city fuel and manpower. Mayor Seib also expressed thanks to the City Commission, Fire Chief Ayers, the entire fire department staff and Marie Morse for a very successful open house on March 17, 2009.

Mayor Seib next recognized any visitors who wished to speak on any of the Agenda items. There were no persons present who wished to be heard.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to approve the following Consent Agenda item as submitted:

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2009 City Commission Meeting

II. OLD BUSINESS

- B. Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Vice Mayor Troup and unanimously carried to accept the 2.12% (\$1,000.00) decrease in previously quoted price of \$48,000.00 from J. K. Duren for SCADA system upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- C. Eaton Aeroquip has been named Industrial Plant of the year, in the category of Indirect Discharger, Physical/Chemical Pretreatment, for 2009. Keith Cheek and Tim Fairchild accepted a plaque in honor of this most prestigious award.
- D. Motion by Vice Mayor Troup, seconded by Commission Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to approve the resolution and move forward with the Community Development Block Grant for the Avon Street Area Project.
- E. Motion by Vice Mayor Troup, seconded by Commission Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to approve the Countywide Natural Gas Plan Agreement for the Habersham County Service Area.
- F. Finance Director Emory Stephens gave a detailed presentation of Utility Billing Options which included:
  - 1. Outsourcing the printing of utility bills
  - 2. E-billing
  - 3. On-line bill payments

After questions and discussions by the Commission, it was suggested that this was a matter that needed to be addressed during a work session. No date or time was set for such work session.

G. Presentation of FY10 Operating Budget by the City Manager

Some of the highlights of the FY10 Budget are:

Total budget is \$30,564,729.00, representing a 10.46% decrease from the current budget.

No property tax mileage rate increase.

No salary increases.

No utility rate increases.

No solid waste fee increases.

Five percent reduction in work force through attrition.

City Manager's Summary being attached as "Exhibit "B"

H. Consideration of Engineering Services for the Toccoa Water System for Compliance with the EPD Sanitary Survey.

After discussion, the question was called by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried. Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and passed by a margin of 4 to 1 (Mayor Seib opposed) in favor of accepting the bid from CH2M Hill in the amount of \$43,750.00. The project will include the above-mentioned Survey in addition to the five-year review of the Risk Management Program.

I. Recognition of Visitors Wishing to Speak on General Items

There were no persons present who wished to be heard.

J. Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Vice Mayor Troup and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

Affidavit attached as Exhibit "C" signed by all elected officials.

Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Vice-Mayor Troup and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session.

The Regular Meeting was called back into session by Mayor Seib.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Motion by Vice Mayor Troup, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular meeting.

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Mayor

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Fredda Wheeler, Acting City Clerk