

# Atlanta City Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2018

**OPEN:** The regular meeting of the Atlanta City Council was held on Tuesday February 20, 2018 at the Atlanta City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Finchum at 7:30pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Billie Cheek, Adam McVey, Tommy Young, Keith Eimer and Amber Finchum were present. Andrea Halley was absent.

Motion by Cheek second by McVey to approve the minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-A	Finchum-yes
Eimer-yes	Cheek-yes
Young-yes	McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Motion by Finchum second by Eimer to pay all bills as approved by their chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-A	Finchum-yes
Eimer-yes	Cheek-yes
Young-yes	McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Mary Hill was present to object to the operation of the Golf Course. She wanted to know what benefit the City gets from various groups in the City. She also suggests 2 signatures on checks.

Paul Eckert asked how long it had been since the City had an audit. He was informed it is audited every year. He also recommended some changes on Old 66 that may help the traffic. The Mayor explained some steps the City had taken with the State to affect traffic.

Melanie Blankenship brought up reasons not to give the grant to the Betterment Fund for mailing. These included Atlanta Betterment Fund 501C status being revoked. That mailing expenses are considered an overhead expense. Illinois Constitution states that public funds can only be used for public purposes.

Police Chief Eimer gave a report on the accident involving 2 semis and explained what happened at the scene.

Chief went over the City's fine section of the ordinance. At the next meeting recommendations on fines and part time academy will be presented.

Mayor Finchum brought up the Betterment Fund request for mailing. The attorney states it was legal to give the grant for Economic Development.

Alderman Young felt a 3<sup>rd</sup> party should not be funded.

Alderman Eimer felt that certain work would not be done without the Betterment Fund.

The Council discussed both sides of the issues.

The Mayor addressed the funding issue in question. The request was for \$450.00 grant for mailing.

Motion by Finchum second by McVey to grant the \$450.00 to the Betterment Fund for annual mailing.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-A	Finchum-yes	
Eimer-yes	Cheek-yes	
Young-No	McVey-yes	Motion Carries

Mayor Finchum brought up the 2nd Pay Estimate from Laverdiere for the Raw Water Pipe Project in the amount of \$41,851.80

Motion by Cheek second by Eimer to accept and pay the estimate in the amount of \$41,851.80 for Raw Water Pipe for the well.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-A	Finchum-yes	
Eimer-yes	Cheek-yes	
Young-yes	McVey-yes	Motion Carries

The City was contacted by the Christian Church about expanding parking at their facility. The City requires a hard surface on parking lots. He wanted the council to be aware of the issue.

Alderman McVey stated that drains needed to be cleaned again. The Mayor outlined a problem near Holland Trucking with drainage.

Motion by McVey second by Cheek to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-A	Finchum-yes	
Eimer-yes	Cheek-yes	
Young-yes	McVey-yes	Motion Carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Kenneth Martin

City Clerk