

# Atlanta City Council Meeting Minutes September 5, 2017

**OPEN:** The regular meeting of the Atlanta City Council was held on Tuesday September 5, 2017 at the Atlanta City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Finchum at 7:30pm.

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

The Mayor asked the officials to introduce themselves.

Motion by McVey second by Cheek to approve the minutes from 8/1 meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes  
Young-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes  
McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Motion by Finchum second by Halley to approve the minutes from 8/22 meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes  
Young-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes  
McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Motion by McVey second by Cheek to pay all bills as approved by their chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes  
Young-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes  
McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Andrew Brown was present at the meeting to discuss Water-Sewer bills. He provided figures and asked several questions.

Paul Eckert said that he felt that the Treasurer should be present. He felt that the City should have a certified back hoe operator. He stated the City should maintain the trees planted along the old railroad.

Melanie Blankenship asked for clarification on Water Bond and how the money was going to be handled.

She also asked if it was possible to put the \$20 on a separate line item on water bill.

Keith Gardner reported on a bid from Conklin Roofing for City Hall and the Police building in the amount of \$16,500. He recommended the repair.

He also presented a cost of \$25-\$2600 from Bloomington Tent & Awning for a lettered awning for the New City Hall.

Randy Brooks gave a short Golf Course report to the council. Two more outings had been scheduled for September.

Police department was preparing for the Fall Festival. Chief has officers on duty during the festival and has requested Logan County come through town as well.

The Mayor brought up the Ordinance for water rate and clarified the increases.

The Betterment Fund requested permission to pour a pad to install the Wayside interpretation panel at the end of Rt. 4.

The site was discussed and plans for the area were gone over.

Alderman Young felt that the site needed to be repaired and cleaned up prior to setting up the panel.

Motion by Halley second by Eimer to approve the request for the concrete pad after the area has been evaluated for clean-up.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Eimer-yes

Young-yes

Finchum-yes

Cheek-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The Betterment Fund's second request, they are looking to procure funds for 3 signs for the Looking for Lincoln community. They are requesting the City pay for 2 signs, which would be \$320.00 and the Betterment Fund, would pay for 1 sign.

Motion by Young second by Finchum to split the \$480.00 cost of the signs requested by the Betterment Fund.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Eimer-yes

Young-yes

Finchum-yes

Cheek-No

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

Olympia High School invited the Mayor and 2 Alderman to a meeting on October 5th for the purpose of to discuss how the school and community can work together to improve quality of life in the district.

The Mayor brought possible purchase of a call system for the City. Costs for One Call Now were given to the council for review.

The initial cost would be \$250 for 1000 calls. As calls were used up more would need to be purchased for .15 cents each.

Question was asked if other systems were looked into. Alderman Young asked if the data could be used with another company in the future. The Mayor felt probably not. The contract period is for 12 months.

Alderman Cheek asked for clarification of charges.

Motion by McVey second by Cheek to approve the purchase the One Call Now system as proposed.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Eimer-yes

Young-yes

Finchum-yes

Cheek-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The Municipal League made changes to the agreement with the City pertaining to the number of people that they have on the Board of Directors and because of that we have to sign a contract stating we empower them to change the board of Directors.

Motion by Halley second by McVey to approve the contract between the City and the Municipal League.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Eimer-yes

Young-yes

Finchum-yes

Cheek-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The Council entertained a request to correct an ordinance to include 304 SW Sixth St. in the TIF District.

Motion by McVey second by Halley to accept the ordinance correcting the property at 304 SW Sixth St. to be included in the TIF district.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Eimer-yes

Young-yes

Finchum-yes

Cheek-yes

McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency is changing the contract from the original 20 years to 5 years.

Mayor Finchum did recommend that the City sign the new contract with Logan County Joint Solid Waste.

Motion by Cheek second by Finchum to accept the agreement for 5 years.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes  
Young-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes  
McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The council reviewed a list of calls gone on by the Rescue Squad as well as some repair requests.

The Mayor reported that Keith had received a quote for the roof repair on both City Hall and Police/Rescue Squad building. He recommended that the council approve the roof quote of \$16,500 for repairs.

Motion by Cheek second by Eimer to approve the quote for the roof repairs.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes  
Young-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes  
McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The Mayor reported that a bid was received for painting the New City Hall. The Mayor felt that the City should wait until next year because we are so late in the season.

Alderman McVey commented on the increase in tax revenues.

Alderman Young asked if we has dirt leave town. Mayor stated we gave away some junk dirt.

Alderman Halley commented that it was time to look into the City Christmas tree. An artificial tree was being considered.

Motion by Amber Finchum second by Andrea Halley to close the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes  
Eimer-yes  
Young-yes

Finchum-yes  
Cheek-yes  
McVey-yes

Motion Carries.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm  
Kenneth Martin  
City Clerk