Atlanta City Council Meeting Minutes February 5, 2019

OPEN: The regular meeting of the Atlanta City Council was held on Tuesday February 5, 2019 at the Atlanta City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Finchum at 7:30pm.

ROLL CALL: Eimer, Young, Finchum, Cheek, Halley and McVey were present.

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

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes 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 respected chairman or as far as money allows.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion Carries.

Rick Lynch asked if the Council had voted on the purchase of the Golf Course. He felt that the agenda did not allow for the purchase. He also felt that the purchase price had not been disclosed. He felt that he should have his questions answered.

Melanie Blankenship states she spoke to the Council on November 6th and stated that the Golf Course was a great asset to the community. She also requested the gun range be opened to the public.

Denis Kindred reported that new members will be coming in and pagers and equipment will be needed. 10 new firemen could be added.

Chief Eimer reported on a rash of burglaries in other areas of storage lockers. He reminded everyone to please be sure to lock everything up.

The jurisdiction of a small portion of South St. was never transferred to the City by ordinance. Logan County wanted this corrected and filed with the Clerk & Recorder's office.

Motion by McVey second by Cheek to add 1050 linear feet of South St. as proposed by the ordinance to the City of Atlanta.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion by McVey second by Finchum to enter executive session.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion Carries.

The council re-entered regular session.

Alderman McVey said that the City had discussed the Golf Course for several years and the City has an opportunity to purchase this Golf Course and it will not cost the tax payer, one dime. He also stated that there has been a lot of inaccurate information presented to the City.

Information was presented that this Golf Course would be able to sustain itself and not cost tax payers any money.

Alderman Cheek and Finchum agreed with Alderman McVey.

Motion by McVey second by Cheek to pass the resolution presented to the Council to authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to purchase the real estate in the document pursuant to ICLS 11-61-3 of the Illinois Municipal code which grants the City the power for public purposes to purchase real estate and gives the power to the City to barrow the money from the bank or institution for up to 10 years on the property currently known as Atlanta North Greens Golf Course. The City of Atlanta will opt not to extend the terms of the current lease agreement which expires March 30, 2019.

The City Council where as they have determined the most cost-effective way to operate the Golf Course is to purchase the real estate known as Atlanta Golf Course from the Limited Partnership as presented in this resolution.

The Mayor states that the Resolution states that the seller has agreed to sell this property in the amount \$210,000.00. The property was appraised at \$250,000.00.

ROLL CALL:

Halley-yes

Finchum-yes

Eimer-A Young-no Cheek-yes McVey-yes

Mayor-yes

Motion Carries.

Motion by McVey second by Halley to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion Carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm Kenneth Martin City Clerk