

Atlanta City Council Meeting Minutes July 16, 2019

OPEN: The regular meeting of the Atlanta City Council was held on Tuesday July 16, 2019 at the Atlanta City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor McVey at 7:30pm.

ROLL CALL: Colaw, Thomas, Young, Dreyer, Cheek and Evans were present.

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

ROLL CALL:

Colaw-yes
Thomas-yes
Young-yes

Dreyer-yes
Cheek-yes
Evans-yes

Motion Carries.

Motion by Evans second by Dreyer to pay all bills as approved by their respected chairman or as far as money allows.

ROLL CALL:

Colaw-yes
Thomas-yes
Young-yes

Dreyer-yes
Cheek-yes
Evans-yes

Motion Carries.

Melanie Blankenship asked if there was an ordinance prohibiting someone to live in a house without utilities.

Paul Goodwin reported that Karen Court project was started. He states the next project will be Third St. drainage.

Sealcoating will start on Friday and patching will continue throughout the summer.

Randy Brooks gave an update on Golf Course. Play in June was very good. July starting off very good with several outings and more scheduled.

Mayor McVey brought up equipment for discussion. Mowing equipment for Golf Course. There was a need for a new mower. The City entered a lease for a used mower.

Alderwoman Cheek asked if the mower was in use now. Yes, and it works well.

Mayor McVey brought up the Façade improvement Grant. The Atlanta Public library has asked for a grant in the amount of \$2000.00 to repair the front of the museum building. Jim Welchel stated the Library received 2 bids for the work. Alderman Young asked where or who the bids were from.

Motion by Cheek second by Evans to approve the grant request in the amount of \$2000.00 for the library Museum Building.

ROLL CALL:

Colaw-yes
Thomas-yes
Young-no

Dreyer-abstain
Cheek-yes
Evans-yes

Motion Carries.

Mayor McVey brought up information regarding 2019 ball games. Mayor states the temporary dugouts were blown down during heavy storms. Fred Finchum was requesting assistance in building 2 new dugouts. The Atlanta Little League will contribute \$500 towards the total cost of approximately \$1500.00

Alderman Evans states she feels it is a service to our community.

Alderman Cheek states it is an investment in our youth.

Motion by Thomas second by Cheek to accept the proposal to build 2 new dugouts.

ROLL CALL:

Colaw-yes
Thomas-yes
Young-yes

Dreyer-yes
Cheek-yes
Evans-yes

Motion Carries.

Mayor McVey brought up Key Project discussion.

Alderman Dreyer brought up the butterfly gardens and flower gardens at the school. The possibility of collaborating with the school as an educational tool and using community volunteers.

Alderman Thomas brought up more possibilities for Economic Development and a possible Business District to help grow tourism.

Alderman Young states he wants projects that benefit all citizens.

Alderman Colaw brought up new signs for historical landmarks and for the Golf Course. He also states that the Coal Mine exhibit to proceed. The possibility of a storm water drainage system throughout town.

Mayor McVey discussed storm drainage issues.

Alderman Colaw stated fireworks were Fantastic.

Alderman Thomas would like to nominate Chris Coyne for lunch with Mayor.

Alderman Young asked what \$10,000 miscellaneous charge to Golf Course was.

Mayor McVey brought up a few updates regarding Farnsworth and IEPA. He states he spoke with Railroad representative regarding mowing and tall weeds. He also spoke with IDOT representative regarding mowing along Rt.66. it will be put on the schedule to mowed in early fall.

American Water is requesting another meeting in a couple of weeks.

Andrea Halley has asked if she could be allowed to give a private swim lesson after pool hours. Mayor McVey asked for Council's input.

Alderwomen Cheek and Thomas felt it would be setting a precedent.

Alderman Young asked for clarification on RR crossing information.

Motion by Colaw second by Cheek to adjourn the meeting.

ROLLCALL:

Colaw-yes

Dreyer-yes

Thomas-yes

Cheek-yes

Young-yes

Evans-yes

Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Kelly Embery

City Secretary