

# Atlanta City Council Meeting Minutes December 3, 2019

**OPEN:** The regular meeting of the Atlanta City Council was held on Tuesday December 3, 2019 at the Atlanta City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor McVey at 7:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion by Evans second by Thomas to approve the minutes from Nov 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**

Colaw-yes  
Thomas-yes  
Young-yes

Dreyer-yes  
Cheek-yes  
Evans-yes

Motion Carries.

Motion by Cheek second by Colaw to pay all bills as far as money allows.

**ROLL CALL:**

Colaw-yes  
Thomas-yes  
Young-yes

Dreyer-yes  
Cheek-yes  
Evans-yes

Motion Carries.

Carl Johnston addressed the council on the possibility of a City operated grocery store.

Chief Eimer reported on an increase in car burglaries in the area. He reminded everyone to lock cars and homes.

Randy Brooks reported the Golf course was basically closed. Equipment repairs were being started.

The Attorney updated the council on the property at 106 NE Second St. He recommended a demolition action. The mayor and council gave opinions on actions that should be taken. Tax liens will be checked.

Motion by Colaw second by Cheek to have a judge declare the building abandoned and unsafe.

ROLL CALL:

Colaw-yes  
Thomas-yes  
Young-yes

Dreyer-yes  
Cheek-yes  
Evans-yes

Motion Carries.

Alderman Young asked that the demolition be put out for bid.

The council took up the proposed Cannabis ordinance. The City Attorney went over the ordinance prohibiting cannabis businesses or establishments. This ordinance was provided by the Illinois Municipal League.

Several options were discussed that would add options for pharmacies to fill prescriptions.

Alderman Colaw felt the basic ordinance should be passed because many changes will follow. A revised ordinance will be brought back to the council.

The Council took up the topic of a Christmas gift to employees. The Mayor felt that gift cards would be appropriate.

Alderman young felt that the employees should be given options as to where the \$50.00 certificate can be given.

Motion by Young second by Cheek to approve \$50.00 gift cards for employees for Christmas.

ROLL CALL:

Colaw-yes  
Thomas-yes  
Young-yes

Dreyer-yes  
Cheek-yes  
Evans-yes

Motion Carries.

The attorney stated that the ground has been closed on for the Interstate Development Project. Harikrisna LLC is the official owner.

Alderman Thomas commented that tourism was continuing. Christmas tree lighting event had a very good turnout.

Alderman Young felt that more work needed to be done along RT. 66 regarding tree stumps.

Alderman Evans was appreciative of our Attorney and Police Chief for getting any/all updated information on the Cannabis laws and ordinances.

The Mayor gave the council information on cooperating with Olympia on using a shared frequency for radios.

The radios for the City employees had been updated.

He gave an update on the truck stop and what progress could be expected.

The mayor stated he and ken stopped and talked with the Hotel to remind them that they were behind on their tax payments.

Bill Loy was given employee of the month for November.

Alderman Colaw commented on a coop grocery store and we are looking at Mt. Pulaski to see how they put together and possibly use that as a model.

Motion by Cheek second by Evans to adjourn the meeting.

ROLLCALL:

Colaw-yes

Dreyer-yes

Thomas-yes

Cheek-yes

Young-yes

Evans-yes

Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Kenneth Martin

City Clerk