

**City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
February 15, 2001
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a regular session, Thursday, February 15, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Robert L. Lenox led those attending in the pledge of allegiance. Other Council members present were: Carol Fritz, Bob Brooks, Dan Tennant and Annie McMenamin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Lenox presented the Employee of the Month Award to Bernice Wassell.

MINUTES

McMenamin made a motion to approve the February 1, 2001, minutes as submitted. Tennant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA – approved 5-0

1. Alcohol License Change – Don Pablos - approved 5-0

McMenamin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Tennant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- 02-01-04 Presentation - Golf Cart Safety Restraints and Litter from Fast Food Restaurants - Bill Aleshire - no action taken

Bill Aleshire, Peachtree City resident, addressed Council with a request to require safety restraints on golf carts and a request to fight the fast food litter problem on the carpaths.

He felt City Council had attempted to correct the unsightly problem of litter in Peachtree City, but that it had not been resolved. He said the fast food restaurants have kept the area in the vicinity of their establishments clean, but the surrounding paths and streets were still being trashed. He suggested the city impose a tax on all carry out food to pay for the cost of employees to pick up litter.

He also expresses his concern for safety on the cart paths. He said he often noticed that small children sat in the lap of golfcart drivers, and this caused him great concern. He felt children could be injured and he suggested that safety restraints should be utilized on carts if children were being transported.

Tennant did not feel it would be fair to tax all restaurant patrons. Colin Halterman, Director of Public Services, said the City had three full-time employees to pick up trash.

Lenox said he had given the litter issue much thought and he could not come up with a resolution. MCMenamin pointed out that it was Peachtree City residents who used the carpaths and felt they should be challenged to pick up their litter. Fritz suggested an art contest to promote public awareness, and to get the school's involved so children could remind their parents of the issue. Brooks felt the problem was wide spread and agreed that the City should stay on top of the issue and monitor the situation. He suggested the City continue its conversations and dialogue with the owners of fast food restaurants, so that the issue is constantly being recognized and addressed. Tennant noted that the city spent over \$2,000 a week for employees to pick up litter.

Lenox offered several suggestions concerning safety of golf carts. He asked if Council should consider seat belts on golf carts, restrict children riding on golf carts or require them to wear safety helmets when riding golf carts. The City Attorney, Rick Lindsey, said the City did have the authority to impose the use of safety restraints, but he recommended against it because no test studies had been conducted and he was concerned about liability issues. Lenox instructed Fire Chief Lohr to study the issue and collect data from area hospitals to find out the magnitude of the problem and to present the information to Council at a future meeting. McMenamin also suggested that staff contact Robert Kurbis from the Safe Kids Coalition to obtain his opinion on the matter. No action was taken.

02-01-05 Presentation – Fayette F.A.C.T.O.R., Tane Wilson – no action taken

Tane Wilson, Coordinator for The Fayette F.A.C.T.O.R., explained the mission of the their organization. She said the Fayette F.A.C.T.O.R. was a local chapter of the Family Connection which was a statewide network of 156 counties who have made a commitment to improve results for children and families. Each community has a broad-based collaborative that was a public/private partnership to develop implement and evaluate a community strategic plan. The Family Connection was launched in response to data reporting that Georgia ranked 47th in the well-being of children and families. Their mission is to coordinate resources and bring all areas of the community together to improve the lives of Fayette County's children and families. Wilson encouraged the community to become involved with the organization. Council indicated their appreciation to the Fayette F.A.C.T.O.R. and commended their efforts. No action was taken.

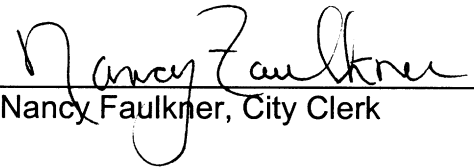
02-01-06 Solicitation on Highways- no action taken

The City had received numerous complaints about solicitation of funds at the Highway 54/74 intersection. After a review of the law, the City Attorney determined that unless the City passed an ordinance to allow the solicitation of funds in roadways, it was forbidden. Lindsey also said that staff had prepared an ordinance amending the solicitation ordinance to present for consideration at a future council meeting. Lenox said that he did not want to allow solicitation of funds on highways and did not want to pass an ordinance to allow such. He welcomed additional suggestions to improve the current ordinance. Council agreed. No action was taken.

Council/Staff Topics

1. Discussion – Line Creek - Carol Fritz said the Line Creek Association expressed concern that WASA's water discharge study was flawed and that Line Creek was impaired. Discussion took place. The city will send out RFP's to request an independent review of the study. The City Manager will meet with Dennis Chase to obtain a summary of their concerns.
2. McMenamin suggested that staff contact the former Mayors of Peachtree City for their input on the changes to the Charter.
3. Brooks instructed staff to send another letter to the Department of Transportation to follow up with a letter that had been hand delivered to Mr. Tom Coleman concerning the entrance to Planterra Drive.
4. Brooks resigned from Council effective February 21, 2001.

Lenox made a motion to adjourn. Tennant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Nancy Faulkner, City Clerk

ATTEST: 

Robert L. Lenox