

MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF PEACHTREE CITY
January 18, 1990

The City Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday Night, January 18, 1990, at 7 PM in the Municipal Building meeting room.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Members of City Council present were: Mayor Frederick Brown, Jr. and Council members David Good, Sandi Bongiorno, Robert Brooks and Rich. Parlontieri.

Addition of Agenda Items

Councilman Brooks made a motion that item be added to discuss forwarding a letter to the Fayette County School Board regarding school boundaries. Motion was seconded by Parlontieri. Motion carried unanimously. Item No. 1-90-12

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognitions

Mayor Brown presented the Employee of the Month Award for the month of December to Sgt. Judy Cunningham of the Police Department.

Mayor Brown recognized Boy Scout Troop 212 from the Christian Church who were attending the meeting as part of their work on a merit badge. Their leader, Ray Graham, explained that the troop was new and the boys were working on their communication merit badge.

Department Reports

Mayor Brown called attention to the monthly departmental reports urging the public to review these occasionally because of the wealth of information available regarding the department functions. He reported the population to be 20,372.

Minutes of Meeting

Motion was made by Bongiorno and seconded by Parlontieri that the minutes of the Council meeting held January 4, 1990 be approved as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items

There were no old agenda items and Mayor Brown moved into the new items.

New Agenda Items

1-90-9 Redesign of the Police Vehicle Markings

Police Chief, Jim Murray, addressed the City Council with a proposal to redesign the police vehicle markings. He explained that the suggested

change was designed by the police officers of the department as a project assigned by him as a promotional assignment. He explained that he provided the officers with designs of police vehicles that had been selected as the best designed police vehicles in the United States to provide them with professional designs to work from. Chief Murray recommended the design that was before Council be approved for the following reasons:

1. The striping was reflective and would provide a safety feature .
2. The lettering size met the requirements set forth by the State law.
3. The striping was made of quality material and would be professionally applied and guaranteed.
4. The striping met the requirements set forth for national accreditation.
5. The design presented a positive, professional image of the police department.

Mayor Brown called for discussion on the proposal and hearing none called for action. Motion was made by Borgiorno that the design be approved as recommended by the Police Chief. Motion was seconded by Brooks. Parlontieri asked about the time frame for making these changes and Chief Murray felt it could be done by next week. He stated that this design would be applied to seven vehicles. After further comments the motion was carried unanimously.

1-90-10 Surplus Communication Equipment

City Manager Basinger called attention to a memorandum from the City Engineer requesting that certain communication equipment be declared surplus so that it could be disposed of. Basinger explained that the new communication equipment recently purchased for the new communication center would replace the items listed. The items were:

1. Rohn Tower - 160' w/guyed wires
2. 4 base stations
3. 1 dictaphone
4. 3 remote stations
5. 35 pagers
6. 11 mobile radios
7. 1 console
8. 13 portable radios, chargers, and related items.
9. 5 antenna w/coax cable

Basinger recommended that any proceeds from the sale of the equipment be applied toward the purchase of the new communication equipment to help reduce the amount that was going to be borrowed as a lease/purchase arrangement.

Basinger brought up another subject regarding the surplus 160' tower. He explained that staff had met with Mr. Lee Weaver, representative of the local ham operators, and the group had indicated an interest in working with the city during emergencies to help provide communications. Basinger explained that during the recent chemical spill emergency the City had realized there was not adequate communication equipment for these type emergencies. As a result of the meeting with Mr. Weaver a Memorandum of Understanding between the Amateur Radio Emergency Services and the City had been prepared for consideration by Council whereby the ham operators would

provide emergency communication services when needed. Mr. Weaver and a number of other ham operators were present in support of the proposal. City Manager Basinger explained that the City Attorney had reviewed the document and felt it was appropriate and that the staff felt that this agreement would be a benefit to the City during emergencies. He explained that should this agreement be approved the ham operators would be included in any plans or drills the city had in planning for emergencies. Basinger explained that the local ham operators have a need for a tower and if the Council felt this service would be a benefit to the city, that the tower be sold to them for one dollar and that they would remove the tower and relocate it at no cost to the city. Basinger stated that the staff recommended the Memorandum of Agreement be approved and that the tower be sold to the ham operators for one dollar with the understanding that they will move the tower holding the city harmless during the move.

Good explained that he was at the command center during the recent chemical spill and saw a need for more communications than could be provided for by city equipment. He explained that citizens were evacuated to the schools but there was no communication link back to the site for them to stay informed on what was happening. The police and fire equipment was tied up with their own needs. Good stated that during the debriefings after that emergency the thing that kept coming up was that better communications were needed between the many different departments of the city that could aid in emergency situations. He explained that he had been a ham operator for many years and had participating in many serious emergency situations. He felt that Peachtree City was blessed to have so many ham operators in the City and County and that it would be good that the group had become organized in such a manner that they could offer assistance to the City. He felt that rather than paying to have the tower taken down substantial benefit could be received giving the tower to the amateur operators in return for their services in emergency services support.

Motion was made by Good that the Rohn tower be sold to the amateur radio operators for one dollar, that staff be authorized to negotiate and sign the Amateur Radio Emergency Service Agreement and that the remainder of the communication equipment on the list be declared surplus and bids be obtained for their disposal. Motion was seconded by Parlontieri. Parlontieri questioned where the tower would be relocated and Mr. Weaver explained that it would be on the property of Dr. McDowell on Hilo Road in Fayette County. Motion carried unanimously.

1-90-11 Agreement with DOT for lighting Golf Cart Underpass

City Manager Basinger explained that DOT has provided an Agreement for lighting golfcart underpasses to be built near the McDonald's Restaurant and under the Hwy. 54 Bridge when Hwy. 54 is widened. The Agreement called for the City to agree to provide the installation of power service points and to maintain the equipment once it is installed. Basinger reported that Ga. Power has indicated that there would be no charge to install the power service points and the only charge would be monthly reoccurring costs. Mayor Brown commented that the Agreement was for fifty years. Basinger reported that staff recommended the Agreement be approved.

Motion was made by Mayor Brown that he be authorized to sign the agreement. Motion was seconded by Bongiorno. Motion carried unanimously.

1-90-12 School Boundary Lines

Brooks read a recommendation to the Fayette County School Board urging the Board to delay action on establishing boundary lines for new schools until all alternatives had been considered for the 1990-91 school year. He made a motion that the Council adopt this recommendation and forward it to the school board with the signature of the full Council. Motion was seconded by Bongiorno. Parlontieri stated that he felt it was important that everyone know that this issue was not just a city issue but a County issue and an issue within each City within the County. He felt many citizens based their decision to locate in an area due to the proximity of the schools to their homes and the proposal to now move boundary lines and send children to schools not in their community was one that needed to be addressed. Brooks added that he too felt the concept of neighborhood schools was genuinely important. Bongiorno felt that across the county problems had been realized in bussing children to schools. She supported the concept of neighborhood schools. Motion carried unanimously. Copy of Resolution attached.

There being no further business Mayor Brown made a motion that the meeting be recessed to be reconvened in executive session to discuss pending lawsuits. Motion seconded by Good. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

No action was taken in executive session and motion was made by Mayor Brown that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Bongiorno. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.


 Frances Meaders, City Clerk


 Mayor Attest



Peachtree City

Georgia

Fayette County School Board Members
Fayette County Board of Education
210 Stonewall Avenue
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

Dear Board Members:

The City Council of Peachtree City, assembled in regular session on Thursday Evening, January 18, 1990, adopted the following resolution to be forwarded to you, the members of the Fayette County School Board.

RESOLUTION

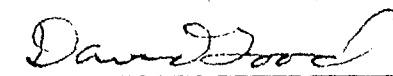
WHEREAS, We, the members of the City Council of Peachtree City, being residents of Fayette County, Georgia, respectfully request that you, the members of the Fayette County School Board, embrace the concept of neighborhood schools when planning boundaries for county school attendance, and

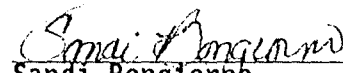
WHEREAS There is negligible difference between city and non-city residents in Fayette County. However, we firmly believe that all county residents benefit when children are able to attend class in close proximity to their home because of increased safety, comradery and the efficiency of education.

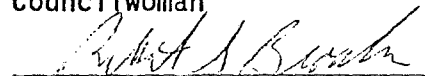
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the City Council of Peachtree City do hereby urge you to delay action on the school boundaries until all alternatives to the recently proposed county attendance boundaries for the 1990-1991 school year have been carefully considered.

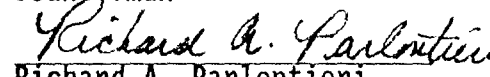
Adopted this 18th day of January, 1990.


Frederick Brown, Jr., Mayor


David Good, Mayor Pro-tem


Sandi Bongiorno
Councilwoman


Robert S. Brooks
Councilman


Richard A. Parlontieri
Councilman