

**City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
December 18, 1997
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a regular session Thursday, December 18, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Lenox led those attending in the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were: Caroline Price, Annie McMenamin, and Bob Brooks.

ADDITION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Lenox made a motion to add agenda item 12-97-11 "Consider Friday, January 2, 1998 as an additional paid holiday for City employees." Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Lenox presented Employee of the Month Award to David Lamb.

Mayor Lenox presented the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting to Steve Rapson.

Mayor Lenox presented an Award of Recognition to Caroline Price for her contributions to the City.

MINUTES

McMenamin made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 1997 meeting as presented. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Lenox abstaining.

OLD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no old agenda items.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

12-97-09 Consider Funding for Fayette Senior Services, Inc.

City Manager, Jim Basinger, addressed Council and stated there was a request again this year from the Fayette Senior Services, Inc. for an increase in funding of \$1,500 for FY 98, which would be helpful in meeting operational costs. Basinger said these additional costs were due to Fayette Senior Services expanding the Respite Care Program from three days to five days. Also, the transportation

fleet needed updating by replacing a van, which required a 20% local match for a State grant. Further, that operational costs had increased last year due to the absence of the Olympics, which utilized two staff members for a time in FY 97. A history of the donations, which Council made to Fayette Senior Services over past years, was provided for Council's review and City staff recommended this funding be taken from the Council Contingency Fund.

Basinger introduced the President, Joan Neal, and Executive Director, Andy Carden, of Fayette Senior Services, Inc., who briefly explained how services in Peachtree City had been increased.

McMenamin made a motion to approve the request for a donation of \$6,500.00 to allow the Fayette Senior Services program to continue providing services to our city and that funding should be taken from the Council Contingency Fund. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12-97-10 Consider Purchase and Funding for Thermo Imaging Equipment.

Basinger addressed Council and stated that several months ago, one of the Peachtree City volunteer firemen had recommended that Council purchase a Thermal Imaging System for the Fire Department and that this piece of equipment would enable a fireman to locate and rescue victims in structure fires, detect hidden fires within a structure, detect hazardous material vapor clouds, and could also be used to locate lost children and adults in wooded areas at night.

Basinger explained further that at the time of the request, Council had asked that the Fire Department Equipment Committee to evaluate the piece of equipment and come back with a recommendation. Basinger said the Equipment Committee had completed its evaluation of two types of thermal imaging equipment - one was a hand held system and the other system was permanently mounted to a helmet. Basinger advised that the committee recommended purchasing four of the hand held ISI-Vision System units - 3 units at a cost of \$16,695 each, and one demonstrator for \$13,500. Also, there were accessories for the units that would cost \$3,500 for a total cost of \$67,085 for all four units and accessories. However, the committee did recommend the purchase of one unit initially for training and evaluation, and that the remaining 3 units could possibly be purchased within 60-90 days. Basinger advised there were adequate funds in the 1998 PIP for this expenditure.

McMenamin stated she had attended a demonstration of the Thermal Imaging System and felt that it was important to know that the system not only located people involved in a fire, but let firemen know exactly where the heat of the fire was coming from so that firemen would not go into a very dangerous situation. McMenamin said further that City staff and Council always tried to stay on top of all state-of-the-art equipment for Peachtree City's firemen and police.

Lenox suggested that the first unit and accessories be purchased, which would enable the Peachtree City Fire Department to put this system into operation and assess its capabilities and utilization, and

then the department could come back in 60 to 90 days to report the performance of the system and confirm the recommendation to purchase the complete set of units.

In response to McMenamin's inquiry, Chief Reed confirmed that the department did want to purchase one demo unit with accessories to do preliminary training and evaluate the equipment and that 60 to 90 days would allow enough time to do so.

Price made a motion to approve the purchase of the demonstrator Thermal Imaging System with the accessories for a total of \$17,000.00 and that the Fire Department use this unit for evaluation purposes and report back to Council within 60 days for consideration of purchasing an additional three units. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12-97-11 Consider January 2, 1998 as an additional paid holiday for City employees.

Lenox said most of the political entities and companies in the area had decided to grant January 2, 1998 as a paid holiday for their employees and felt there would not be much demand for City services on that Friday. Lenox said he thought City employees had done an excellent job throughout the course of the year in a very cost-effective and efficient manner and this was an opportunity to say thank you.

McMenamin made a motion to approve an additional paid City holiday on Friday, January 2, 1998 for City employees. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Lenox made a motion to take a brief recess and to reconvene in executive session for an update on a legal matter. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken in executive session. Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lenox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Attest: _____
Robert L. Lenox, Mayor



Gloria Strobel, Acting City Clerk