

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF PEACHTREE CITY
DECEMBER 1, 1994
7:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday Night December 1, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Lenox led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Present were: Mayor Robert Lenox, Councilmembers Annie McMenamin, Edward Bradford, Robert Brooks and Caroline Price.

No items were added to the agenda.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognitions

Mayor Lenox announced that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting would be held at City Hall Plaza on Saturday December 3, 1994 at 7:00 p.m., and that Santa would be in attendance for the children.

Mayor Lenox also announced that the fourth annual Christmas Festival would be held on Saturday December 3, 1994 in the City Hall Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Department Reports

Mayor Lenox announced that the department reports for November would be available at the next scheduled Council meeting.

Minutes

McMenamin made a motion to approve the revised minutes of the September 15, 1994 City Council meeting as presented. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the joint City Council/Commission on Children and Youth meeting of November 3, 1994 as presented. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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New Agenda Items

12-94-1 Consider Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance

City Manager Jim Basinger stated that Council had before them an amendment to section 3-4 (d) of the Peachtree City Code of Ordinances relating to the supporting documents to be filed

with an application for an alcoholic beverage license. Basinger stated that the Police Department, due to the privacy act, was no longer able to obtain driver history or criminal background information on persons who resided or have resided outside the State of Georgia within a five year period prior to the date of application. Basinger stated that the proposed amendment would require that those applicants furnish a certified copy of their drivers history and criminal history background to the Chief of Police from those states in which they reside or have resided. Basinger stated that staff recommended approval of the amendment and that Chief Murray was present to answer any questions Council would have.

McMenamin asked Chief Murray if it was a state or federal requirement that prevented them from obtaining the information. Chief Murray stated that it was a state requirement through G.C.I.C. Bradford asked if an applicant had lived in Georgia for two or three years and had lived in Pennsylvania prior to that time, would it be difficult for them to obtain the information from Pennsylvania. Chief Murray stated that if they knew about the requirement when they made application, they would be able to obtain the information. Murray stated that each state was different. Bradford stated that he wants to ensure that an applicant would not have trouble obtaining the information. McMenamin made a motion to approve the amendment to Section 3-5(d) of the Peachtree City Code of Ordinances requiring those persons residing outside the state of Georgia within five years of the date of application, to provide certified copies of criminal background and driver history information to the Chief of Police. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12-94-2 Consider Consolidated Communications Agreement

City Manager Jim Basinger stated that at the meeting of November 17, 1994 he had reviewed the funding and that Police Chief Murray and Fire Chief Reed had given their reasons for supporting the consolidated communications center. Basinger stated that he would like for Chiefs Murray and Reed to give Council a brief synopsis on their statements from the last meeting.

Police Chief Jim Murray stated that a consolidated communications system would benefit the 911 link between municipalities for emergencies. Murray gave an example of a person arriving home to find someone breaking in. Murray stated that if they called 911 from their car phone it would be dispatched to Fayette County and would have to be transferred to Peachtree City. Murray stated that a consolidated center would eliminate this type of problem in emergencies. Murray stated that a new system would be state of the art, it would reduce response time and more dispatchers would be handling calls on each shift. Murray stated that the present system did not allow for any more channels, which were needed. Murray stated that he believed the center would better serve the residents of all Fayette County and ask that Council consider the system.

Fire Chief Gerald Reed came forward and stated that a consolidated center would improve fire and EMS service to residents. Reed stated that on the current system there was no room for expansion and that additional channels were necessary. Reed urged Council to approve the inter-governmental agreement.

City Manager Basinger went over the key aspects of the consolidation agreement stating that it would combine the systems of Peachtree City, Fayette County, Fayetteville and Tyrone. A board would be established which would set administrative, operational, and financial policies. Basinger stated that the board would consist of eight members as follows: the Chiefs or their designees of the Fire Department and Police Department of Peachtree City, the Fire Department and Police Department of Fayetteville, the Police Department of Tyrone, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services for Fayette County, and a member of the Fayette County Marshal's Department and the Sheriff of Fayette County or their designee. Basinger stated that the agreement would be for a term of five years, which after four and one-half years could be automatically extended for an additional five year period unless one or more parties give notice to terminate their participation.

Basinger showed a chart of a ten year comparison and stated that over the next ten years Peachtree City would see a savings of one million dollars and that all combined entities would see a three million dollar savings over the next ten years. Basinger stated that the county would bear the startup costs of the building, the system and the furnishings. The agreement provides for funding after the center is established to be from a combination of proceeds from the E-911 telephone fee and a per capita cost. Basinger stated that residents of Peachtree City now paid .38 per line for E-911 service on their phone bill and that the city paid \$1.12 from the general fund. Basinger stated that Fayette County residents pay \$1.50 per line per month on their phone bill. Basinger stated that it was staffs recommendation that Council approve the agreement and decide on funding.

McMenamin stated that when Peachtree City tied into the E-911 system .38 per line per month was charged to residents as a start up cost and that administrative fees were not taken into consideration. Basinger stated that by law \$1.50 could have been charged on the phone bill at that time, but that Council had decided to continue to fund the \$1.12 from the general fund.

Brooks stated that the City had decided to subsidize the E-911 service due to the fact that Peachtree City was a separate entity and had the City been a part of a consolidated system the City would not have subsidized the cost.

Mayor Lenox stated that Peachtree City Residents did in fact pay the entire cost, with .38 cents on their phone bill and \$1.12 out of the general fund paid by property taxes. Mayor Lenox stated that for consistency, Peachtree City should aline with the county and have the entire \$1.50 charged on the phone bill.

Price asked if any areas of the agreement allowed leeway for future improvements and level of standards. Basinger stated that there had been much discussion over the makeup of the Board of Directors, and that while the County would have the final say in matters, the County would listen to all members of the board. Chief Murray stated that he felt that he would have a great deal of input and felt the system would be enhanced. Murray stated that after reviewing the inter-governmental agreement he recommended that an addition be made to ensure that the consolidated communication center would meet and maintain all required national accreditation standards.

Price made a motion to approve the inter-governmental agreement for the establishment of an consolidated 911 communications board and that we concurrently adjust the charge to Peachtree City Residents to the \$1.50 amount that will be billed on their telephone bills. The resulting change in city costs for communications should then be treated as an adjustment to the millage rate coming out with an adjusted millage of 4.05 for the 1996 millage. McMenamin asked if the addition recommended by Chief Murray needed to be made a part of the motion. Basinger stated that Chief Murray's addition did need to be made part of the motion. Price amended the motion to include the amendment as proposed by Chief Murray, that the Board of Directors shall require and ensure that the consolidated communication center meet and maintain all required national accreditation standards as set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. These standards are nationally recognized and accepted as the appropriate means of achieving professionalism in service to the community. Brooks seconded the motion.

Basinger stated that the increase in the line cost would not need to go into effect until the center was ready for operation. Mayor Lenox stated that he did want to clarify the point, in that the City would not want to put the additional line cost into operation until necessary and would want to be careful that the action not be construed as stipulating a millage rate for two years from now. He stated that it should be clear to say that the City will take this reduction in general fund costs after the consolidation goes into effect, with an appropriate reduction in the millage rate when that takes place. Motion carried unanimously.

12-94-3 Consider Bids - Police Vehicles

City Manager Basinger stated that the Police Department had budgeted to purchase four new vehicles and that staff recommended that the vehicles be purchased under State Contract from Boomershine Ford of Duluth for the price of \$16,575 per vehicle for a total cost of \$66,300. Basinger stated that there were sufficient funds available to purchase the vehicles. Basinger stated that the Police Department has requested to be permitted to retain the DARE vehicle and one additional vehicle to be used by the Police Auxiliary, both in non-emergency situations.

Price made a motion to purchase four vehicles for the Police Department on State Contract from Boomershine Ford for a total cost of \$66,300 and authorize the retention of the DARE vehicle and one other vehicle for the Auxiliary Police, both to be used in non-emergency calls. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12-94-4 Consider Bids - Preserve Cul-de-sac

City Manager Basinger stated that the City had solicited bids from six qualified paving contractors for the construction of a cul-de-sac at the end of Preserve Place in the Preserve Subdivision and that two firms had responded as follows:

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| 1. Jarvis Coursey
Newnan, Georgia | \$15,410.00 |
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| 2. Couch, Inc.
Peachtree City, Georgia | \$25,612.00 |
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Basinger stated that staff recommended that the contract be awarded to Jarvis Coursey, the low bidder, for the amount of \$15,410.00, and that the funds be taken from the City Reserve Fund. Basinger stated that Council had before them a recorded copy of the deed to the property from John Wieland Homes.

McMenamin stated that Council had assured the residents of the Preserve that a cul-de-sac would be constructed and made a motion to award the bid for the construction of the Preserve Cul-de-sac to Jarvis Coursey in the amount of \$15,410.00. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12-94-5 Consider Bids - Pebblepocket Pool Renovation

City Manager Jim Basinger stated that the 1995 Public Improvement Program allocated \$91,050 for the renovation of the Pebblepocket Pool and that three bids were received all over budget. The bids received were as follows:

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| 1. Tiernan and Patrylo
Fayetteville, Georgia | \$195,200 |
| 2. Tuggle Construction
Peachtree City, Georgia | \$161,782 |
| 3. Irwin and Mahaffey Const
Watkinsville, Georgia | \$162,221 |

Basinger stated that the low bid was from Tuggle Construction Company in the amount of \$161,782 which was \$70,732.00 over budget. Basinger stated that the architect was asked to modify the plans and specifications to accomplish the renovation at the lowest cost. Basinger stated that the architect and the low bidder had worked to meet the cost and were willing to assure the City they could meet the basic design requirements for a total price of \$126,000. Basinger stated that the project would still be \$35,000 over budget, but that staff and the Recreation Construction Committee felt that the proposed project revision would be acceptable and that the price was the best that could be expected with the Olympic Construction being done. Basinger stated that staff recommended that the contract be awarded to Tuggle Construction in the amount of \$161,782.00 provided the contract be negotiated down to no more than \$126,000 prior to the start of any construction. Basinger stated that Council had a memo before them from the Director of Financial Services, Steve Rapson, recommending that the \$35,000 be taken from the Highway 54 Median Landscaping Project and that \$15,000 be transferred, also from the Highway 54 Median Landscaping Project, to the Fieldhouse and Aquatic Center to correct a problem with the soil conditions.

Price stated that the year had been difficult due to Olympic prices and felt that staff had gained expertise in order to better plan next year for additional construction costs.

Brooks stated that he would like staff, prior to retreat, to collect information in the metro area of what cost overruns were due to Olympic Construction. Brooks stated that he did not want the same problem to occur next year when facilities were being constructed. Basinger stated that staff had already begun to evaluate costs and that the five year plan was currently being revised. Basinger stated that all projects would be looked at to assure that inflation and exceledated construction costs would be taken into consideration.

Brooks made a motion to award the contact for the renovation of the Pebblepocket Pool to Tuggle Construction in the amount bid of \$161,782.00 provided the City was able to get the cost down to \$126,000, with the \$35,000 overage to come from the Highway 54 Median Landscaping Project and \$15,000, also from the Highway 54 Median Landscaping Project, to go toward correcting the soil problem at the Kedron Fieldhouse and Aquatics Center. McMenamin seconded the motion. Basinger introduced Mr. Tuggle and Mr. Tuggle agreed to get the price down to \$126,000. Motion carried unanimously.

12-94-6 DCA - Recreation Grant

City Manager Basinger stated that staff had submitted a grant application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for a Local Development Fund Grant for the purchase and construction of a 26' x 36' picnic shelter with a concrete slab and to purchase sit equipment including picnic tables and grills at the Glenloch Soccer Complex. Basinger stated that the City was awarded the grant in the amount of \$7,189.00. Basinger stated that the City's share would be \$7,190 of cash match and \$1,400 of in-kind match. Basinger stated that staff recommended that the City execute the contract for the DCA for the purchase and construction of a 26' x 36' picnic shelter with a concrete slab and to purchase site equipment including picnic tables and grills at the Glenloch Soccer Complex with the funding as follows:

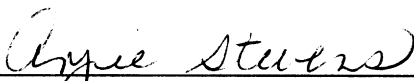
1. \$5,000 from the Neighborhood Parks Account
2. \$2,190 from the Wynnmeade Park Phase III

Price made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract with the DCA for the Local Development Fund Grant for the construction and equipment of picnic shelter at the Glenloch Soccer Complex with \$5,000 to come from the Neighborhood Parks Account and \$2,190 to come from the Wynnmeade Park Phase III Project. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

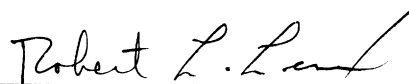
There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Lenox made a motion that the meeting be recessed to be reconvened in executive session. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

No action was taken in executive session and Brooks made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Angie Stevens, Asst. City Clerk



Mayor

Attest: