MINUTES OF MEETING
City Council of Peachtree City
November 17, 1994
7:00 p.m.

The Mayor and Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday Night November 17, 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 and Caroline Price.

Mayor Lenox stated that Council did not have a quorum present due to the absence of two Councilmembers and that no action could be taken in the meeting.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognitions

Mayor Lenox asked Mr. David Yeouze, McIntosh High School Student, to come forward and stated that he had displayed honesty and integrity by turning in $100 that he found on the cartpath. Mayor Lenox stated that the money had not been claimed and presented the $100 and a commendation for his integrity to Mr. Yeouze.

Mayor Lenox presented the "Employee of the Month Award" for October to Police Officer Jeff Westbrook.

Department Reports

Mayor Lenox announced that Department Reports were available for review at City Hall.

Consolidated Communications Agreement

City Manager Jim Basinger stated that while no official action could be taken on a consolidated communications agreement, Council was asked to embrace the concept of consolidated communications within the County. Basinger stated that he would like to have a public discussion of consolidated communications with an emphasis on cost savings and funding of the system. Basinger stated that Tyrone, Fayetteville and Fayette County were all holding meetings to consider consolidated communications and that a meeting of the Fayette County Government Association was planned for December for the development of a final agreement assuming all the municipalities and the county were able to reach an agreement. Basinger stated that Council had before them a breakdown of costs of a consolidated center showing the savings of over one million dollars to the city over the next ten years. Basinger stated that the agreement provided for the major funding for the consolidation to come from E-911 line cost paid by each telephone subscriber. Basinger stated that at the present time County residents paid $1.50 per line, that Peachtree City residents paid .38 cents per line with the General Fund paying the additional $1.12. Basinger stated that Council would need to decide to either continue to make up the $1.12 deficit or raise the line cost in Peachtree City to $1.50 per month for E-911 service. Basinger stated that the $1.50 line cost was projected to generate approximately two thirds of the operating/capital costs and that the remaining operating/capital costs would be allocated to each entity on a per capita basis.

Police Chief Murray and Fire Chief Reed gave full support of a consolidated communications center in order to better serve the residents of all Fayette County, both stating that a consolidated

communications center would better serve the residents in the most catastrophic emergency. Chief Reed stated that a consolidated system would allow for more dispatchers per shift to better serve residents in an emergency situation. Chief Murray stated that the National Accreditation required an enhanced E-911 system which the consolidation would provide.

Price stated that consolidation would serve Fayette County and keep up with current technology. McMenamin stated that she felt it was necessary to get the word out to the citizens that a consolidated communications center was in the best interest of the residents of Fayette County. Mayor Lenox stated that he was in support of a consolidated communications center and that the question would be funding of the project. Mayor Lenox stated that the consolidation would be cost effective for Peachtree City.

Council asked that information on the consolidated communications center be added to the next UPDATE PEACHTREE CITY to urge residents to come to the meeting of December 1, 1994 to express their views.

Report - Youth Advisory Board

Kirsten Fochtman, Nicki Wright, Christina Nicholas and Stacey Collins, members of the Youth Advisory Board, addressed Council with several issues and concerns that they felt were of importance to the youth of Peachtree City. Issues were: projecting a positive image of young people in the community, the life of a teen in Peachtree City, peer pressure, suggestions of lighting ball courts and playing fields, anonymous caller hotline to report crimes and violent acts, and the formation of a Peachtree City Teen Center. Possibilities for a teen center were discussed. There was a dialogue between City Councilmembers and the young people present about the activities of a teen center and how they would anticipate it being operated.

Mayor Lenox announced that the public hearings for the two variances would be held December 15th after they had been readvertised. All other agenda items would be considered at the December 1st meeting. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Angie Stevens

Angie Stevens, Asst. City Clerk

Robert L. Lenox

Mayor Attest: