REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA  30083
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:  Mayor Patricia Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson, Councilmembers Susan Coletti, Richard Mailman, Andrea Redmond and Steve Higgins.

STAFF:  City Manager ChaQuias Thornton, Attorney Joe Fowler, Police Chief Chauncey Troutman, Public Works Director Jim Tavenner and City Clerk Rhonda Blackmon.

CALL TO ORDER:  Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:  A quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:  Councilmember Redmond gave the invocation and Councilmember Higgins led the pledge of the flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: (Citizens are encouraged to speak but keep their comments to three minutes):  Hilda Friese at 6655 JBR Memorial – mentioned the ice cream social and that no one from the city was present.  Also mentioned were the directional signs on their property and their placement is a hindrance to them and the mailman as well.  The Stone Mountain Business Group is meeting on 10/21/17.

Joan Munroe at 5499 Woodsong – mentioned the council have better microphone audio and the audio on the website being poor.  Also, the car with the April tag is still parked at its location.

Judy Asher at 5287 Mount Village Court – Stated that the grass had been cut at the house three doors down from her.

Katrina Jarrell – August 26th they hosted Rock the Block at Medlock and Mike Glenn and Jaquan Jones were honored.

Pastor Parker at 821 3rd Street with St. Paul’s AME Church – Asked about the house behind the church stating that the property needs to be cleaned up.

There was no one else to come forward to speak.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:  Minutes of the Council Committee/Work Session Meeting on July 17, 2017; Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Richard Mailman seconded the motion; motion carried 5/0.
Minutes of City Council Regular Council Meeting on August 1, 2017; Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Richard Mailman seconded the motion; motion carried 5/0. The remaining minutes will be moved to the next voting meeting.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADOPTON OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Request to add by unanimous consent under New Business: F. Preliminary Plat Approval for Proposed boundary change – 5201/5209 Skyline Drive – George and Susan Coletti. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of the agenda of the day; Councilmember Richard Mailman seconded the motion; motion carried 4/0 with 1 abstain.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A. Consideration of Council Initiated Amendment to Appendix A, Zoning for Regulations Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and/or Tiny Houses. (This item is for discussion only) City Manager ChaQuias Thornton gave an update, Councilmember Susan Coletti stated under item D to change the language and under F, they do have lofts; under G change “build” to “built”; Councilmember Higgins stated that under A, “either/and” did not make sense; Councilmember Mailman mentioned tax base questions.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Consent Agenda; none.

B. Request to Dispose of Surplus Property – 2006 Toro Commercial Z-Master Mower – Public Works; Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Richard Mailman seconded; motion carried 5/0.

C. Request to Dispose of Surplus Property – 2004 Toro Commercial Z-Master Mower – Public Works; Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Richard Mailman seconded; motion carried 5/0.

D. Administrative Review of Building Plans – Hearthstone Subdivision – CORE Homebuilders – Request for special call meeting

E. Bid Award – Churchill Court – Road Project – The K & E Group USA, LLC. - $6,500 – Table – to rebid; Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson made a motion, Councilmember Richard Mailman seconded; motion carried 5/0.

F. Preliminary Plat Approval for Proposed Boundary Change – 5201/5209 Skyline Drive – George and Susan Coletti; Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Richard Mailman seconded; motion carried 4/0; 1 abstain.
NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Resolution 2017-20 To Participate in County SPLOST/EHOST Referendum; (Discussion Only) Mayor Wheeler gave an update on the SPLOST meeting that she attended; City Manager ChaQuias Thornton was also at the meeting and stated that she would like to send a letter concerning the 6-year term possibility. City Manager Thornton went through some of the projects on the list.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Planning and Zoning; Mayor Wheeler stated this was already discussed.

B. Community Affairs; Councilmember Coletti reminded everyone of the citywide yard sale on September 23rd and the shredder will be there from 10 to 12.

C. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Request for Relief of Deed to Secure Debt; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson stated that this item will be added to the work session agenda.

D. Finance; no report.

E. Community Outreach; Councilmember Redmond mentioned the cleanup at Medlock Park saying there were about 80 bags of trash; she stated that August 26th was the Rock the Block event; Tunes by the Tracks was last Friday, September 1st.

F. Public Safety; Councilmember Mailman asked that the Chief go out to 821 4th Street and see about the car that is still parked there. City Manager Thornton stated this property is in the county and Code Enforcement Officer Roseberry is working on this with them. SPLOST was discussed.

G. Public Works; Councilmember Wells was absent.

H. Historic Preservation Commission; this report was given at the work session.

I. Visitor Center; Kim Cumbie spoke about Tunes on the Tracks being on the website and the locations of some of the signs from the filming crews.

Mayor called for a motion to go into Executive Session; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Mailman seconded; motion carried 5/0; adjourned into executive session at 7:16 pm.

Reconvened back into the regular meeting at 7:43 pm with no action taken.
REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE; Councilmember Redmond mentioned the Yellow Daisy Festival.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR; Mayor asked that everyone keep the new tax issue in their prayers.

ADJOURNMENT; Mayor called for a motion to adjourn; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Richard Mailman seconded; motion carried 5/0; meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Mayor Patricia Wheeler

City Clerk Rhonda A. Blackmon