

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Nathan Purvis	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Matthew Chancey	City Administrator
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Russell Preston	City Attorney
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Logan Propes, Brian Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Patrick Kelley

Visitors: Sadie Krawczyk, Sharon Swanepoel, Beverly Harrison, Patrice Broughton, Chris Bailey, George Baker III, Vickie Chancey, Alice Floyd, Ray Uhl, Teresa Uhl, Peggy Clark, Tom Clark, Jim Ballew, Pat Kamienski, David Clemons, Allison Graham, Reverend Dan Toof, Valerie Urmetz, Betty Gaubert, Bob Gaubert, Angela Yarman, Joe Graham, Pat Green, Lynn Warren, Patrick Graham

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Invocation

Mayor Thompson gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that Council Member Lee Malcom was absent. There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

Delete Item – Item 4. 1st Reading – Speed Zone Ordinance under New Business.

To approve the agenda as amended.

*Motion by Richardson, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. January 5, 2016 Council Minutes
- b. January 12, 2016 Council Minutes
- c. January 12, 2016 Executive Session Minutes
- d. January 12, 2016 Airport Commission Minutes
- e. January 19, 2016 Planning Commission Minutes
- f. Renewal – Ancillary Insurance Dental & Life – Approval of renewal. (Recommended for Council approval by Finance Committee February 2, 2016)
- g. Renewal – Property & Casualty Insurance – Approval of renewal. (Recommended for Council approval by Finance Committee February 2, 2016)

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- h.** Call Center Positions – Approval of creating two full time positions by combining three part-time positions and staying within the current budget. (Recommended for Council approval by Finance Committee February 2, 2016)
- i.** Approval – Out of State Travel for SGA Conference – Allow two employees to attend conference in Charlotte, North Carolina March 14 – 16, 2016. Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee February 2, 2016)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

*Motion by Adcock, seconded by Richardson.
Passed Unanimously*

II. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Public Comments

No one signed up for public comments.

Council Member Lee Malcom arrived during the discussion.

2. Public Hearing

a. De-Annexation – 1401 Alcovy Street

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the application for de-annexation of this property from the City. Mr. Kelley stated the acreage is 13.6 with 967.37 feet of road frontage on Alcovy Street and 791.58 feet of road frontage on Criswell Road. He stated the property is currently being used for a church. The resolution by the County to accept the de-annexation is in order. The Code Office and Planning Commission recommend the request be approved.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input. He also requested there to be a spokesperson to speak on behalf of the church.

Mr. Patrick Graham spoke in favor of the de-annexation. He stated that he is a member of the Parish Council at St. Anna's Catholic Church. Mr. Graham stated the petition to be a mutually beneficial resolution to the sidewalk issue. It would not create an unincorporated island for the City. The church is on a septic system, so there is not a sewer connection. The church does not pay property taxes, and the service rates which the church pay to the City would actually increase if they were in the County. The church would not benefit from the requirement of having to install an estimated \$92,000 worth of sidewalks which have no connectivity for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Pat Kamienski, of 824 Fairway Drive, spoke against the property de-annexation. He stated that he feels as though the Church is requesting a divorce from the City after 65 years. He stated that Mr. Graham alludes to \$92,000 for the cost of the sidewalks. If he had attended all the meetings, he would realize that the City was willing to do the job for less than \$35,000 which could be stretched over a four year period. He stated sidewalks to be part of the vision which the City has for their Master Plan. Mr. Kamienski also read the Oath of Office that each elected officials take when entering office. He requested that the de-annexation be denied.

Mr. Patrick Graham stated that Mr. Kamienski presented a passionate plea. He stated that the Church has tried to act in an honorable way throughout this process.

There were no other public comments; Mayor Thompson declared that portion of the meeting closed.

Council Member Purvis stated that he feels that the property was in the County and now wants to be back in the County. So that makes sense to him, because there aren't any connecting sidewalks. He wants to be the type City and Council that enforces the code, but with this situation where it is not creating an island, he feels they should be allowed to de-annex. Mr. Purvis proposes approval of the request for de-annexation.

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Council Member Lee Malcom requested that the motion be amended to add that any issues within the Code Office and any requirements that are still pending with the property for a certificate of occupancy be carried forward and the County be advised of that.

Council Member Purvis stated himself to be fine with that amendment.

Council Member Wayne Adcock seconded the motion.

Council Member Larry Bradley stated that he really struggles with this situation. There are two items on the agenda where commitments were previously made to provide some type of infrastructure for the City. They are both now trying to use loopholes to get out of fulfilling those commitments. Mr. Bradley stated he has a problem when financial considerations take precedence over the organizations commitments.

Council Member Norman Garrett stated that he agrees with Mr. Bradley. He feels that the church wants a de-annexation because they don't want to install the sidewalks. He hates to feel that would be a concern for a church of such magnitude. He feels some type of obligation should be upheld towards the agreement that people should be held accountable.

To approve the de-annexation.

*Motion by Purvis, seconded by Adcock.
Voting yes were Richardson, Adcock, Malcom,
Purvis, Little.
Voting no were Bradley, Garrett, Crawford.
Motion Passed 5-3.*

III. NEW BUSINESS**1. Application – Beer & Wine Package Sales – All Star**

To approve the application.

*Motion by Richardson, seconded by Purvis.
Passed Unanimously*

2. Request – Monroe Walton Properties Conditional Development Agreement

City Administrator Matthew Chancey discussed the request from Monroe Walton Properties to be released from the irrevocable letter of credit from 2012. He explained the purpose was to insure that the sidewalks and street lights on Georgia Avenue would be installed at the time the property was developed, but now the property will not be developed.

Mr. Brian Thompson stated that he had Gresco do a photometric study. They did the study according to Georgia Department of Transportation standards which is too much light by City standards. The roundabout was also not taken into consideration so if lights are installed there will need to be three additional lights added to meet traffic requirement for a roundabout. That would make a total of thirteen lights for one side or twenty-five lights for both sides of the street. He explained it would be approximately \$1,500 per pole.

Council Member Lee Malcom stated that she did a ride-by and the right-of-way is unsightly. It is grown up with broom sage and the soil is not stable. She stated that all of the lighting faces into the parking lot of the County and not out where the sidewalks would be. Therefore, she feels it is imperative that street lights be added, whether it be thirteen or twenty-five. Ms. Malcom stated it would be a travesty to leave it in the current condition.

Council Member Norman Garrett stated there to be a lot of written document involved, but none of it means anything if they don't uphold their side of the agreement. He stated that he agrees with Ms. Malcom that they should install the sidewalks and the lighting, because that was the agreement and the City will benefit from both.

To deny the request, the sidewalks and streetlights need to be installed.

*Motion by Garrett, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

3. 2nd Reading – Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendment

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal gave the second reading of the ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance by implementing text amendments and changes identified in Exhibit A.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Garrett.
Passed Unanimously.*

4. 1st Reading – Speed Zone Ordinance

Removed from agenda.

5. Resolution – Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chief Keith Glass discussed the updates. He explained the major change to be adding language regarding terrorism and technology.

To approve the resolution.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

6. Renewal – Health Insurance

Finance Director Logan Propes explained that the City has once again partnered with Covenant Services Group as the incumbent for the renewals. The renewal bid proposal shows a total decrease of 5.71 percent to the estimated maximum plan costs. The health coverage rates will be set in March with open enrollment and the renewal coverage will begin on April 1st. The wellness points will have a 25/35% spread for 2016 instead of the 20/30% spread from 2015, which means each credit point will now be worth six percent instead of five percent. If all wellness points are obtained, there will be no premium increase for the employee.

Mr. Jim Ballew, President of Covenant Administrators, discussed the healthcare insurance renewal. He explained that the City's proactive steps have resulted in a 5.71 percent decrease in maximum costs.

Council Member Larry Bradley stated the decrease to be great news, but questioned the increase of rates based on the wellness program.


Mr. Propes stated it is to get more participation from the employees and covered participants, and help get them to make healthier lifestyle choices. That basically saves the City money in claims costs, due to being self-insured.

To approval the health insurance renewal.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

IV. ADJOURN

*Motion by Adcock, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*


MAYOR


CITY CLERK