

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

Honorable Mayor Jason Lary, Sr.

Council Member Jimmy Clanton, Jr. – District 1

Council Member Rob Turner- District 2

Council Member Jazzmin Cobble – District 3

Council Member George Turner- District 4

Council Member Diane Adoma – District 5

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

December 27, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Stonecrest City Hall

3120 Stonecrest Blvd.

Stonecrest, Georgia

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jason Lary

II. ROLL CALL: All members were present.

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Adoption of the Ordinance to set the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

City Manager, Michael Harris gave an overview of the budget. He said the new amount is 6,203,000.00. He said as of today we have collected 2.5 million in revenue, paid the TAN and collected \$60,000 in Business License this week. He explained we will not receive the funds from Comcast or Georgia Power this year.

Council Member Cobble inquired about the reserve amount since we will not receive Comcast funds. Council Member George Turner inquired about the fines and forfeitures. Council Member Adoma asked if we are paying vendors for 2017 in 2018, what are the major changes in Legal payments, who is watching the house, do we have an oversight committee and who does the city employees answer to.

City Manager, Michael Harris explained since we will not get the Comcast funds, yes it will make our reserve smaller. He explained that the fines and forfeitures are only in the court department and for fines. He explained that we have a cutoff date for 2017 and if we pay 2017 bills in 2018 they will be encumbered. He further explained the reduction in legal fees since most of the charges were due to the start up, and, said we are in the process of hiring an internal auditor.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to open the Public Hearing with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Speakers:

Faye Coffield spoke on Public Safety, CH2M Contract, SPLOST and Taxes.

Lisa Wright spoke on detailed salaries for Mayor and Council, Amazon spending, Actuals for 2017, Completion time of budget and SPLOST spending.

Bernard Knight spoke on the significance of the occasion, a positive budget and great workers in Stonecrest.

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to close the Public Hearing with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

City Manager, Michael Harris came back and explained at this point we do not know when or how much it will cost for Public Safety. He explained personnel is in the budget and that is CH2M. He further explained that there will not be any collections of SPLOST until April and there will be a separate accounting, because those funds do not go with the General Funds.

Council Member Adoma said for the record she wanted it noted that without 2017 actuals Council is at a disadvantage to decide on the budget. She said she would like to have a monthly financial statement.

Mayor Lary said the City Manager has done a heroic job and he wants to commend him. The City Manager said he must commend Audrey Mays for her hard work.

After much discussion Council Member George Turner offered a motion to adopt the Ordinance to set the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. AGENDA ITEMS:

2. Adoption of the Ordinance to set the meeting dates for City Council for 2018.

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to adopt the ordinance to set the meeting dates for City Council for 2018 with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Adoma made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

WHEN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS REQUIRED, ONE WILL BE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: 1) PERSONNEL, 2) LITIGATION, 3) REAL ESTATE