

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Stonecrest City Hall

3120 Stonecrest Blvd.

Stonecrest, Georgia 30038

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jason Lary
- II. ROLL CALL:** All members present except Council Member Cobble who arrived at 10:15a.m.
- III. INVOCATION:** Council Member Rob Turner
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 1. Dele Lowman Smith spoke in opposition of the charter changes.
 2. Faye Coffield spoke in opposition of the charter changes.
 3. Julius Berry spoke in opposition of the charter changes.
 4. Dorald Honore' spoke in support of the charter changes.
 5. Al Franklin spoke in support of the charter changes.
 6. Valerie Carter, spoke in opposition of the charter changes.
 7. Susan Lee spoke in support of the charter changes.
 8. Julius Lee spoke in support of the charter changes.
 9. Lisa Wright spoke in opposition of the charter changes.
 10. J.W. Eady spoke in support of the charter changes.
- VI. MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 20, 2017

Council Member George Turner said to change the date in reference to the deferred item to 2017 and to change the spelling of the City Attorney's name to Destiny. Council

Member Adoma made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Council Member Rob Turner seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

Mayor Lary said he would like to remove item #2 from the agenda. Council Member Clanton made a motion to remove item #2 Resolution by the City of Stonecrest Authorizing the submittal of Charter Amendment to the Dekalb Local Delegation from the agenda and defer it to the January 16, 2018 meeting. Council Member George Turner provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Lary said he would like to add the Agreement with Carothers and Mitchell LLC on the agenda. Council Member Adoma made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Carothers and Mitchell LLC Agreement as item #5 with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. AGENDA ITEMS:

Old Business:

1. Ordinance Adopting Article VII, Excise Tax on Rental Motor Vehicles of Chapter 24-Taxation

City Attorney, Tom Kurrie gave an overview of the Excise Tax Ordinance and said it shall be effective January 1, 2018.

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Adopting Article VII, Excise Tax on Rental Motor Vehicles of Chapter 24- Taxation with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Resolution by the City of Stonecrest Authorizing the Submittal of Charter Amendments to the Dekalb Local Delegation – **Pulled from the agenda to January 16, 2018.**

New Business:

3. An Ordinance Adopting Article IV, Depository Financial Institutions Business License Tax of Chapter 24, Taxation.

Attorney Tom Kurrie gave an overview of the ordinance. **First Read Only**

4. An Ordinance Granting Franchise Fees to Georgia Power by the City of Stonecrest

Attorney Destiny Washington gave an overview of the ordinance and agreement. **First Read Only**

5. Agreement with Carothers and Mitchell, LLC

Attorney Kurrie gave an overview of why he suggested using Carothers and Mitchell for the issue with the Mayor Pro-Tem appointment. He stated he should recuse himself. Attorney Kurrie also stated he would pay the bill for Carothers and Mitchell. He said Attorney Carothers was too busy, but Attorney Mitchell is available.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to obtain Attorney Mitchell for an opinion and detailed analysis as to how he arrived at his legal opinion regarding her term as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Clanton seconded for discussion. After much discussion a vote was taken. Council Members Rob Turner, Adoma and Cobble voted in favor of the motion and Council Members George Turner, Clanton and Mayor Lary voted against the motion. **The motion failed.**

IX. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Michael Harris spoke on the 3088 Business License that had been mailed, the 2018 Budget meeting dates and AV system and monitors for the new meeting location.

X. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Cobble had no comments.

Council Member Rob Turner had no comments.

Council Member Clanton spoke on a Community Leaders Meeting December 16th at 10:00am at Fairfield Baptist Church.

Council Member George Turner spoke on how proud he was of the new city hall and the meeting of the Citizens for Healthy Environment.

Council Member Adoma announced a Work Shop for RFP training for small business owners and feeding the men in blue at the East Police Precinct on Christmas Day with Council Member Cobble and Congressman Hank Johnson.

Mayor Lary said he would like to get everyone opinion on changes for the meetings. He thanked Stonecrest citizens and praised CH2M and their employees.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

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