

# CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

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*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*

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 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 were present.

**III. INVOCATION:** Council Member Rob Turner

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Faye Coffield spoke on new business coming to the city and money other than franchise fees.

Lisa Wright spoke on several items regarding the 2018 budget.

**VI. MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 4, 2017

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017 with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**VII. ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Council Member Clanton made a motion to adopt the agenda with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

## VIII. PUBLIC HEARING:

### 1. 2018 Fiscal Year Budget

City Manager, Michael Harris gave a detailed overview of the 2018 budget. He discussed the proposed amendments, sales taxes, business taxes, business licenses, building development permits, donations, fine, forfeitures, expenditures, and personnel.

Afterwards Mayor and Council had questions. Council Member Cobble inquired about the actuals, TAN payments, past due account and said the worst-case scenario would be if we did not have money to carry over. Council Member Adoma said the budget appears to be based on 3 services, Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement and Parks. She spoke on public safety, balance sheet, trial balance and monthly reports from CH2M. Council Member George Turner inquired about funds due to the city in 2017 that will come in 2018 and bills from 2017 that will be paid in 2018. Council Member Rob Turner inquired about the App for the Film industry under Economic Development.

Mayor Lary asked to open the Public Hearing and Council Member Adoma made a motion to open the public hearing with Council Member Cobble providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

#### Speakers:

Faye Coffield spoke regarding the budget.

After there were no other speakers, Council Member Adoma made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

## IX. AGENDA ITEMS:

### Old Business:

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

Council Member Clanton made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Adopting Article IV Depository Financial Institution Business License Tax of Chapter 24, Taxation with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Ratification of the Ordinance Adopting Chapter 24, Taxation, Article I to adopt Insurance License Fees and Premium Tax Regulations

Attorney Destiny Washington gave an overview as to why this item was here before Council once again.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to approve the ratification of the Ordinance adopting Chapter 24, Taxation, Article I to adopt Insurance License Fees and Premium Tax Regulations with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**New Business:**

4. Ordinance to Adopt the City of Stonecrest Meeting Schedule for 2018. **First Read Only**

Mayor Lary and Council Member George Turner called for a Special Called Meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. Council Member Rob Turner left the meeting.

5. Discussion on new Charter for the City of Stonecrest

City Attorney Kurrie gave an overview regarding changes for a new charter. Council Member Adoma said the charter is one year old and why are changes being made now. She inquired into what other cities established for only nine months were changing their charter. City Attorney Kurrie continued with the presentation. He said he did not know of any other city that has adopted a new charter within nine months. He discussed HB 600 and how it would affect the City of Stonecrest. There was much discussion and this item will come to the Special Called Meeting on December 27, 2017.

**X. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

City Manager Michael Harris thanked Mayor and Council for the time spent on the budget. He explained that all the current staff are under CH2M.

**XI. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

City Attorney Kurrie spoke on a letter from the Attorney General's Office regarding an Open Records complaint. He said at this point the vendor is responsible to answer the request and not the city. Council Member Clanton asked if the city is free from liabilities. He said we should put as much information online as possible for the citizens. Council Member Adoma said for the record she would like for the City of Stonecrest to consider becoming a City of Ethics.

**XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Cobble had no comments.

Council Member Clanton announced a Leadership Meeting on every second Saturday at Fairfield Baptist Church. He said District 1 will be participating in the M L King parade. He said he will start his Quarterly Townhall Meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> at Stonecrest Library.

Council Member George Turner said people celebrate Christmas for many reasons so from District 4 and the Turner Family Merry Christmas.

Council Member Adoma spoke on respecting the opposing opinion. She said she, Council Member Cobble and Commissioner Johnson will be feeding the Police Officers on Christmas at the East Precinct and announced she would be having a Budget Meeting tonight at the Stonecrest Library.

Mayor Lary thanked the staff for the Christmas decorations. He announced he and Mrs. Lary are having a Stonecrest Claus and many of the staff and others have given gift for children of Stonecrest. He spoke on building relationship with delegates.

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Lary made a motion to recess the meeting and go into Executive Session for a personnel matter with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Clanton made a motion to reconvene into the regular meeting with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.** Council Member George Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously at 2:45p.m.**

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