



MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014 ~ 6:00 PM RIVERDALE, GEORGIA

The Riverdale Mayor and City Council met on August 11, 2014, at 6:00PM for the purpose of conducting a regular work session. The meeting was held in the conference room on the second floor at City Hall, located at 7200 Church Street, Riverdale, Georgia 30274.

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:01PM

Roll Call

All members of the governing body were present at the meeting.
Sherry D. Henderson, City Clerk, declared a quorum.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Evelyn Wynn Dixon	Mayor, At-Large	Present
Cynthia Stamps Jones	Council Member, Ward 1 Parliamentarian	Present
An'cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2 Mayor ProTem	Present
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Addition(s): Discussion on 2004 and 2009 Review of SPLOST funds.

Deletion(s): None.

Tabled: None.

Postponed: None.

There was consensus to amend the Agenda, to include conversation on review of 2004 & 2009 SPLOST Funds.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

E. Scott Wood provided updates on the following items:

1. Utopian Academy for the Arts Charter school opening/delay.
2. City of Riverdale "new business" report on Channel 2 - WSBTV
3. City of Riverdale accepted the resignation of Police Chief Samuel Patterson. Chief Spivey was named Interim Chief of Police. Nationwide Search for New Chief of Police, completed within 90 days or better.
4. Annual property tax notices will be mailed out next month.
5. Recommend to authorize appropriations for 2004 & 2009 SPLOST review. Money was collected by the County, but not disbursed to the municipalities in a timely manner.
6. Weekly Department Head meetings, every Monday at 10:00AM.

**Honorable Mayor Dixon called for questions and/or concerns from the Board.
There were none.**

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

L'Erin F. Barnes provided updates on the following items:

1. Recommend to authorize appropriations for 2004 & 2009 SPLOST review. Money has been collected by the County, but not disbursed to the municipalities in a timely manner.
2. Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) exist perpetually.

The are two (2) ways to manage this:

- Quo Warranto, which is to challenge an entity or person from occupying their public office, if they've abused their office.

-or-

- Riverdale's Governing Body can appoint seven (7) new members, properly manage their terms and don't provide any financial assistance as we have in the past.

Council Member Wallace inquired if we needed the RDDA to be active and involved?

Ms. Barnes replied the RDDA will always be there. However, it is not required for the RDDA to be active. In essence, the RDDA do not have to be active, for the Master Lease on the 6630 Camp Street Building to be nullified.

DDA duties and roles are clearly defined. All the RDDA Board members terms have expired. It was recommended the Board creates an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), and appoint new DDA Board members. An IGA will help shape our relationship with RDDA moving forward, but does not affect the past RDDA.

Mayor Dixon inquired if prior Board Members can be allowed to reapply as Board Members. It was confirmed, yes prior members can reapply if interested.

Camilla Moore stated the city can disassociate our ties, by not giving the DDA money and funding them. She reminded Mayor and Council, the city advertised for new RDDA Board Members and received 15 applications. She indicated she can provide this information to the Board for review, when we're ready to move forward with new appointments.

UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SHOTGUN/PATROL RIFLE, CHIEF SPIVEY, INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE, RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Riverdale Police Department currently has 12 shotguns and 13 patrol rifles in existing inventory. The Police Department is currently involved in familiarizing and training each sworn employee in the use of shotguns/patrol rifles. This process will be completed by August 23 of this year. Adjustments to the current policy and assignment of these firearms will be complete by September 1 of this year. Training and qualifications with each firearm will be conducted each year a minimum of two times. Employees will be scheduled to attend special training courses offered by the State each year as the class becomes available.

Violence across the nation continues to escalate with the use of assault weapons (Columbine, Fort Hood, North Hollywood bank robbery (1997), DC sniper, Navy yard shooting, Kennesaw(2014), and Clayton County(July 22, 2014). An Officer with a pistol is significantly “outgunned” when faced with an adversary armed with an assault weapon designed to inflict multiple casualties in a short period of time. Equipping our Officers with shoulder weapons will give our Officers the means to face these types of violent threats.

There will be a re-occurring cost yearly for the cost of training ammunition. At the current price of ammunition this would be a yearly cost of \$2000. This ammunition could be purchased with confiscated funds.

Alternatives: No other options when dealing with this type of unlawful force.

Staff recommends the implementation of shoulder weapons to sworn members of the Police Department.

Honorable Mayor Dixon called for questions and/or concerns from the Board. There were none.

Council Member Wallace asked if Riverdale Police Department have an officers deputized in the Sheriff’s Office, and she inquired about a Crime Task Force

We do have officers deputized with the Sheriff’s Office.

Camilla Moore stated she is working with Chief Spivey to develop a full package to address all concerns and provide the Board an updated project list for the Police Department.

DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE, DON TURNER, FINANCE DIRECTOR.

After evaluating software vendors, we have determined that the software which best meets the needs of the Finance department is BS&A Financial Management Software.

The three companies that responded to the RFP and their quoted prices are:

Tyler Technologies	\$156,000
BS&A Software	\$107,095
Edmunds & Associates	\$58,180

The employees who evaluated the three packages rated the three packages in the following order:

- 1.BS&A
- 2.Edmunds
- 3.Tyler

Even though BS&A was not the least expensive, the functionality is more suited to our needs.

Don Turner called several of the companies who are presently using each one. BS&A gave us their whole customer list and I called five at random. They all gave very high marks to the software and the company.

Edmunds gave the Finance Dept several handpicked customers and they gave a lukewarm endorsement of the software. At the GFOA conference, I talked to some current users of Edmunds and they indicated that they were not very happy.

Tyler customers that were called gave a good recommendation. However, they have a much higher cost with less functionality than BS&A.

The vendor proposal for the software and installation is \$107,095. There may be some additional fees for interfaces with other software in use by City Departments. We propose to utilize the GMA lease pool and pay \$21,400 per year over five years.

Finance Director stated he will bring in vendors to make a short presentation to the Board regarding the different software solutions available.

Honorable Mayor Dixon called for questions and/or concerns from the Board. There were none.

Council Member Wallace inquired about IT Dept involvement in the process.

Don Turner stated Lemmy (Paskel, IT Director) is involved. Lemmy has been part of the presentations and meetings. Lemmy commented the type of technology used by BS&A is better than the software Edmonson uses.

Council Member Stamps-Jones added the AS400 is antiquated. With that antiquated product, we are not abreast of current technology – which provides no service to personnel. However, she want to ensure the City is making wise choices and investments in our products. We need to secure product, with technology that is still relevant for at least 8 years. She agreed presentation is needed.

OVERVIEW OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Board forged a consensus to recess into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel and legal matter. The time was 7:25PM

ADJOURNMENT

The Governing Body reconvened into Work Session. There being no further business to come before Mayor & Council, Council Member An’cel Davis motioned to adjourn. Council Member Wanda Wallace offered the second. The time was 7:25PM

Meeting Minutes Approved:

By: _____
Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, Mayor

Attested By: _____
Sherry D. Henderson, City Clerk