

**CITY OF TUCKER  
MARCH 24, 2016  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucker held a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the Tucker Recreation Center. Present for this meeting were the following:

Frank Auman, Mayor  
Honey Van de Kreke – District 1, Post 1  
Bill Rosenfeld - District 1, Post 2  
Michelle Penkava – District 3, Post 1  
Anne Lerner – District 3, Post 2

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Frank Auman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Auman dispensed with the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Council Members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Council Member Honey Van de Kreke moved to adopt the agenda; Council Member Bill Rosenfeld seconded. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Council reviewed the minutes of the March 18, 2016 Special Called Meeting. Council Member Anne Lerner noted two typographical errors on page 2: (1) at line 2, “but the” should read “but to” and (2) third line from the bottom, there was a double “that.” Council Member Van de Kreke moved to approve the minutes with those changes; Council Member Rosenfeld seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The City Council moved to the Public Comment portion of the meeting. The public comments were as follows:

1. Matt Robbins – He thanked the Council and the Clerk for their work. He wanted to note that his comments at the March 15, 2016 Special Called Meeting were that once he saw the stack of City Attorney applications, he was not concerned with the Council moving forward on appointing the Acting City Attorney. It was not the case that he had anything to say about Mr. Anderson’s qualifications; the only “information” he had on the Acting City Attorney applications was literally seeing the of applications stack itself, not the individual qualifications contained in the applications. Mr. Robbins also noted that Noelle Monferdini, who was not present at tonight’s meeting, asked him to relay that her comments at the March 15 meeting were intended primarily to say that the Charter does not say what happens in the case of a runoff. Mr. Robbins reminded all to vote March 29th.
2. Katherine Atteberry – She is running for District 2, Post 1. She reminded everyone that early voting continues until March 25th and that the election is Tuesday, March 29th.

3. Anita Stoltzfus: She thanked the Mayor and Council for all their leadership, and she looks forward to the District 2 members being elected.

**FIRST READ OF ORDINANCE 2016-03-04:** Acting City Clerk Anne Lewis read the caption of Ordinance No. 2016-03-04, related to licenses, permits, and business regulations. Mayor Auman explained that the ordinance was necessary so that the City could begin collecting much-needed revenue from businesses in the city.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES 2016-03-02 and 2016-03-03:**

**A. Adoption of Ordinance 2016-03-02 – Grant of Franchise to Georgia Power Company**

Mayor Auman explained that the ordinance is to allow Georgia Power to use the rights of way in Tucker and to allow the City to charge Georgia Power a franchise fee. He noted that there will be additional franchise ordinances for other utilities.

Council Member Penkava moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Van de Kreke seconded. Discussion ensued. Mayor Auman thanked Council Member Penkava for her tremendous efforts to supply Georgia Power with all the Tucker addresses which have an electric meter. He explained that although Georgia Power is not required to begin paying until next year, the company has agreed to make an advance payment of 25% of the estimated amount due. Discussion ended, and the vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous.

**B. Adoption of Ordinance 2016-03-02 – Ordinance to adopt Chapter 24 Taxation to Levy a License Fee and Gross Premium Tax on Insurers and to Levy a License Fee upon All Depository Financial Institutions.**

Mayor Auman stated that the approval of the ordinance will allow the City to levy fees on insurers and banks in the City. Council Member Rosenfeld moved to adopt the ordinance, and Council Member Penkava seconded. A short discussion ensued, during which the Council noted that the ordinance had been posted online at the Tucker Civic Association's City of Tucker page, and there were no comments from citizens. The Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Lerner thanked all for attending the meeting and explained that the ordinances being adopted are basic ones. She expressed gratitude to the Tucker Civic Association for posting City documents and encouraged people to read the proposed ordinances. Finally, Council Member Lerner said that it is important for everyone to understand that one of the main roles of the Acting City Attorney is drafting of ordinances.

Council Member Rosenfeld said he echoed Council Member Lerner's comments. He also expressed the Council's gratitude to Dede Musser for her tireless work in posting the important documents on the Tucker Civic Association's website.

Council Member Honey Van de Kreke wished all a happy Easter.

Council Member Penkava reiterated thanks to Ms. Musser for making sure that Tucker citizens have access to all City information.

Mayor Auman thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He explained the process for the creation, consideration, approval, and posting of the minutes of meetings. He stressed that once minutes are approved by the Council, they are the final minutes. Mayor Auman thanked the Acting Clerk and also expressed his appreciation to Ms. Musser and all the many volunteers who are helping the City with the administrative tasks.

He reported that the Council is making progress on ordinances, email accounts, and the website. As of this meeting, the Mayor and Council Members all have City email addresses. The email format is **firstinitiallastname@cityoftucker.com**, i.e., for Mayor Auman: [fauman@cityoftucker.com](mailto:fauman@cityoftucker.com). Additionally, the City is a big step closer to getting the [www.cityoftucker.com](http://www.cityoftucker.com) website up and running. He reminded everyone that once the City gets approval, the email addresses and website will change from .com to .gov; the website and emails will be redirected to .gov.

The City is also making progress on getting insurance, with Council Member Rosenfeld leading that effort. Council Member Lerner is working on gathering information necessary to addressing the City's real estate needs. Finally, progress is being made on banking arrangements.

Mayor Auman announced that the DeKalb Elections Board will meet on April 1 to certify the runoff results. Within a couple of hours of that certification, the City will hold a swearing in for the newly-elected members of the Council. Council Member Penkava noted that the details are still being firmed up, with input from the four candidates.

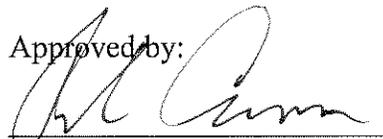
Mayor Auman asked the audience for Tucker event announcements. Charlton Allen reminded everyone of Tucker Day on May 14.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Council Member Van de Kreke moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Rosenfeld. On unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attest:

  
Acting City Clerk

Approved by:

  
Frank Auman, Mayor