

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council, Monday, June 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Mayor Jere Wood presiding.**

**Councilmembers Present:** Councilmember Betty Price; Councilmember Nancy Diamond; Councilmember Rich Dippolito; Councilmember Kent Igleheart; Councilmember Jerry Orlans; Councilmember Becky Wynn.

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Kay Love; Deputy City Administrator Michael Fischer; City Attorney David Davidson; Assistant City Attorney Robert Hulsey; Police Chief Rusty Grant; Fire Chief Ricky Spencer; Deputy Fire Chief Ricky Burnette; Community Development Director Alice Wakefield; Environmental/Public Works Director Stu Moring; Finance Director Keith Lee; Recreation and Parks Assistant Director Morgan Rodgers; Transportation Director Steve Acenbrak; Budget Manager Ryan Luckett; Contracts Manager Cory Salley; Community Relations Manager Julie Brechbill; Building Operations Technician Timothy Thompson; Digital Media Designer Joel Vazquez; Deputy City Clerk Nancy Saviano; City Clerk Marlee Press.

**Welcome:** Mayor Wood called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Environmental/Public Works Director Stu Moring and Fire Chief Ricky Spencer

**Regular Agenda:**

**Mayor's Report**

**Reading of a Proclamation honoring and recognizing Public Works/Environmental Director Stuart Moring upon his retirement from the City of Roswell**

Mayor Wood stated that he had two proclamations to read. He asked Kay Love if the retirees were both leaving at the same time. Love stated very close, within a couple of days of each other. Mayor Wood stated that Ricky Spencer is the senior, not as a department head, but as a volunteer with the Roswell Fire Department because he has been here 35 years. Kay Love corrected Mayor Wood that it had been 39 years. Mayor Wood stated that given that he is Roswell's senior employee retiring he is going to start with Stu Moring and his proclamation.

Mayor Wood read a ***Proclamation honoring Stuart A. Moring***, stating whereas in July 1969 Stuart A. Moring began his career and served our country honorably as a US Navy Civil Engineers Corps Officer in the Seabees in Vietnam and Guantanamo Bay. In 1974 Mr. Moring continued his education and received a master's degree in civil planning and civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. During Mr. Moring's career he has served his peers in the following professional organizations: President of the Georgia Chapter of American Public Works Association; President of the Georgia Section, American Society of Civil Engineering; Regional Governor of the American Society of Engineers; and Served on national committees for both the American Public Works Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. In 2003, Mr. Moring was selected as Georgia Engineer of the Year in Government by the Georgia Engineering Alliance, and was selected a Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year in 2007 and a Public Works Leadership Fellow by the American Public Works Association. Since 1997 during Mr. Moring's tenure with the City of Roswell, the City has received numerous awards for excellence in water treatment, the Water Distribution System of the Year, Storm Water Program of the year, the US Environmental

Protection Agency Resource Conservation Partner of the Year, the Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Award, Certificate as a National Wildlife Habitat Community and selection as a Georgia Water First Community. The motto of the Environmental/Public Works Department is "Public Works Works" and numerous citizens have written letters and emails expressing appreciation for the work in the department under Stu's leadership. Mr. Moring has served the City of Roswell for 17 years with distinction, fairness and integrity, promoting the sustainability objections of the economy, environment and citizen service. Stuart A. Moring will retire August 29, 2014 after an engineering career spanning 45 years. Stuart looks forward to focusing on community and international volunteer activities and traveling with his wife, Gay of 43 years.

On behalf of the City of Roswell, Mayor Wood proclaimed August 29<sup>th</sup> as Stu Moring Day and asked all of the citizens of Roswell and employees to join in honoring and recognizing Stuart Moring for his career and congratulate him on a well-served retirement.

Mayor Wood stated that he commented about Stu's accomplishments with the water plant and the solid waste pickup and the well and all of the great things he has accomplished. But, he forgot to mention what he respects most about Moring is he believes in serving the community and having a, "Service Delight". Mr. Moring believes that one's experience with the City of Roswell should be a delightful one when he is dealing with the employees. That spirit has infused his department in a department which is not known for like the fire or police department is one of glory. In the solid waste pickup, Roswell receives compliments every day about what a wonderful job they do. Not a job in which most folks reach out and compliment people on but which one Roswell receives. So, Stuart Moring has not only been a great engineer and a great leader, but he has inspired his department with that attitude of treating them with professionalism, with courtesy and making the experience with Roswell great.

Councilmember Jerry Orlans stated that he also wanted to say and he didn't mention this the other day when they were talking, but all of the other things that were mentioned Stu Moring has been involved in, in addition to that when he first came to Roswell they worked together on getting money and building the recycling center, which has become the recycling center for the state. They were the first ones to work on expanding the buffers on their streams from the state minimum of 25 feet. Councilmember Orlans thinks Roswell is the first municipality in the state to start looking at widening that to protect their streams. Mr. Orlans has been involved in a lot of things over the years and has done a great job for the City of Roswell. Councilmember Orlans thanked Stu Moring again.

Councilmember Becky Wynn stated that she really enjoyed being liaison with Mr. Moring and she knows that they had a difficult two years when they were trying to get the storm water utility fees passed, but Moring did an excellent job and all she can say is that he is a true gentleman and he is a friend and he always have a very, very special place in her heart and she is going to miss him dearly.

Councilmember Kent Igleheart stated that he thinks he said a lot of things on Friday so he won't go through them again. But two things, Stu had such a great group of people working in the department for so many years and each one is top notch in what they have done. That is how Roswell has gotten a lot of these awards. Those people love and respect Stu Moring and he thinks that that just says so much about him to be able to bring those people in and that they would want to work for him and the feelings that they have towards him. And of course the Council has the same feelings. For those who weren't there on Friday, Stu also read a letter that was sent in about,

just someone who had a great experience with the Public Works Department. It struck Councilmember Igleheart because it wasn't actually about Stu Moring personally. It was more generally. One could tell that it really was moving for Stu to know that someone really cared about how things were done for them and it really meant a lot to Stu to say that they did public service for those things. It was just really moving to see that and understand what it means to Mr. Moring overall. Councilmember Igleheart stated that it was a real privilege to have Mr. Moring as part of this City and to call him a friend and they will miss him.

Councilmember Nancy Diamond stated that Stu Moring has been a friend since she thinks 2004 when they met. She knows him not only to be a professional but incredible volunteer. He was on the Star House Board for quite a while and was very helpful in a number of ways in introducing the City into Star House in ways that they could work together. Councilmember Diamond thinks both sides have helped each other. She knows Stu Moring as a singer and a standup comedian and she thinks she still has the video that she was sent one day with his standup comedy. If one hasn't heard standup comedy about solid waste, Councilmember Diamond really thinks he ought to look into it. It is probably on You Tube, she is not sure exactly but they will make that available. Councilmember Diamond was really moved by all of the people that came on Friday from other organizations. People who not only had worked with him but other municipalities and representatives at all levels. The most impressive she thinks was the professor from Georgia Tech who was Stu Moring's teacher but talked about how much he learned from Stu. That is an incredible legacy. Councilmember Diamond is thrilled that Stu is not going anywhere and know that they can still find him and even though she never got to be a liaison, she appreciates his friendship.

Councilmember Betty Price stated that they will miss Stu Moring greatly. His presence in the City has been the culmination of an amazing career and all the things that are on here that maybe some of them didn't even know. She is delighted to know that this was hopefully Stu's s finest hour in his career before he went on to bigger and better things. She appreciated that she had him briefly as a department head when she first got elected on the Council but then got whisked off into a different department way too quickly. But, in that short time she knows that he brought forward a great idea that she was really appreciative of and she thinks they can expand upon now as the CDC and a number of physicians in the community have jumped onto this huge problem of prescription drug abuse. Price knows that the idea that he brought to help Roswell collect and not let go into the water supply out of date drugs is an idea that has really just been born and more people are catching onto now. They appreciate Stu bringing that and great ideas to the Council that they can expand upon and remember him fondly and wish him well.

Councilmember Richard Dippolito stated that while he has had the honor of being Mr. Moring's liaison for eight months, he is disappointed that he is leaving because he does not get to spend that whole two years with him. It has been a true pleasure. Interestingly, one of the first times that he actually worked side by side with Stu had nothing to do with city work. It was reading books for kids at Roswell North Elementary. Councilmember Dippolito thinks that is an example of his commitment to the community and his love for Roswell and what he wants to accomplish in Roswell going forward. They have had some discussions about things that he wants to do with the community, which Councilmember Dippolito thinks is really great. He loves the fact that Stu has dedicated so much of his life to Roswell and the fact that he is going to continue to dedicate a good deal of his time to Roswell and knows Stu is going to have a lot of fun doing that as well as other things.

As liaison, Councilmember Dippolito stated that it has been really great to see how the people who work with Moring treat him and respect him. That says a lot about Mr. Moring and his career and what he has accomplished. And just looking at them and the things that they say about him and the respect that they hold as Councilmember Diamond pointed out, people who are his peers in other organizations and throughout the state have a high amount of respect for him and that says a lot about him, the degree of professionalism and about him as a person. He thanked Stu for all that he has done and his great service to the City.

Stu Moring thanked the Council and stated that it has truly been a great privilege to serve the City of Roswell and he appreciated the opportunity. He said a lot has been made of the service ethic within the Environmental/Public Works Department and he would love to take credit for that. But the fact is that that work ethic was there and he would like to take credit for the fact of keeping good people that have that sort of attitude and identifying others who have joined their team who truly understand service to the community along with tremendous professional knowledge that has allowed them to bring a lot of innovations to the community. He said the Mayor mentioned their well exploration and construction. Among water professionals generally there has been a notion that "Oh, well the Piedmont area that we are in is not a good place for public wells." They just won't be prolific enough. But fortunately they were able to hire Mike Leonard several years ago and he had the foresight, he connected the department with geologists who were able to identify good potential sites and they now have a well that is capable of producing over 250,000 gallons of water a day. That is a very substantial addition and takes the pressure of the Chattahoochee River and surface treatment in general.

Mr. Moring said they have people in all sorts of arenas at the recycling center and environmental education, in storm water who are doing equally exciting things. They may not be as obvious as the well construction but they are people held highly within their specific professional areas. He said he counts it a great privilege that he was able to work with them.

**Reading of a Proclamation honoring and recognizing Fire Chief Ricky Spencer upon his retirement from the City of Roswell.**

Mayor Wood stated that it was his honor and privilege to read a proclamation honoring Roswell's Fire Chief, Ricky Spencer. He said he understands that "everyone goes home safe" is Chief's opening and closing words to his fire department. But it also his department applies to every citizen in this community.

Mayor Wood read a **PROCLAMATION HONORING FIRE CHIEF RICKY SPENCER**, stating whereas, in 1975, Ricky Spencer was accepted as a member of the Roswell Fire Department where he rose up through the ranks from Firefighter to Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and the highest distinction as Fire Chief and in 2004, Ricky Spencer was appointed as the Roswell Fire Chief after retiring from the Fulton County Fire Department with 23 years of dedicated service. Chief Spencer has remained a strong supporter of the standardization of a fleet of fire apparatus that is second to none with ten new apparatus replacing an aging fleet of Fire Engines, Ladder Trucks, Rescue Trucks and specialty apparatus for a quick and dependable response to the scenes of all emergencies. In 2012, Ricky Spencer was instrumental in the coordination of a donation of a surplus Roswell Fire Engine to a hurricane stricken town in Island Park, New York, a Volunteer Fire Department, that lost everything to hurricane Sandy - a proud personal accomplishment in Chief Spencer's career. In 2006, Chief Spencer was successful with lowering the ISO rating in Roswell from a Class 4 to a Class 3, which saves the homeowners and business owners of Roswell money on their insurance rates. In 2013, Ricky was named Georgia State Fire

Chief of the Year by the Georgia Fire Chiefs Association; received the Liberty Mutual Fire Mark Award for the State of Georgia and also was a nominee for the National Fire Mark Award. Ricky has continued to place Roswell Fire Department and their firefighters as one of the leading and most progressive Fire Departments in the State. Chief Spencer has served all of the citizens of Roswell with distinction, fairness and honor and has always strived to give the very best Fire and EMS services to the citizens of Roswell. On September 2, 2014, Ricky Spencer will retire after 39 years of Fire/EMS service and plans to enjoy his retirement by spending quality time fishing and hunting. Chief Spencer will also continue to support the City of Roswell and the Roswell Fire Department and all those who serve and protect our Roswell citizens.

On behalf of the City of Roswell, Mayor Wood proclaimed September 2, 2014 as Chief Ricky Spencer Day and asked all of the citizens and the City of Roswell Fire Department to join in honoring and recognizing Chief Spencer for his commendable career and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

Mayor Wood stated that Senator John Albers, who is also a volunteer fireman has something to add.

Senator John Albers stated that first he got to honor Stu Moring on Friday and although he is ending his career at the City in a few days he knows they will be working together for a very long time.

Senator Albers stated that he brought something for Chief Spencer as well. He said Chief Spencer and him have had a unique relationship where they are two old guys who still like fire service an awful lot. He is living in Roswell. Being served by Chief Spencer has been fantastic. But then serving Chief Spencer in state government has been equally as great for Albers. The work that they have done together through the Senate and Public Safety Committee has truly changed the lives of their fire fighters throughout the state. The old adage is true, it is not bragging if it is true. Albers gets to travel around the state and he gets to meet with a lot of fire fighters. The first thing they ask him is, "John, where are you from"? Albers says, "Roswell". And Chief Spencer's name comes up immediately. And the outpouring of good things that people say is a real testament to all of the things that Chief Spencer has done. And Albers know how gracious Chief Spencer is and how he always recognizes his department. But it doesn't work without the leader, the person who sets the example. And whether it is all of the time he spent in the fire service or the simple act of helping out the Village of Island Park, New York Fire Department when they needed nothing more than just a fire engine. Chief has done so much work and helped so much with for the Burn Foundation and leading the state for all of those people that got care they would not have normally gotten because of the money that Chief Spencer helped lead and all these folks help raise. It made a difference in people's lives. The fact that these folks right back here can work a part-time job doing what they love so much when it is not available hardly anywhere else with their full-time job, is something that is extraordinary that also helps save Roswell money and give them the best of the best at all times.

Senator Albers just wanted to say thank you from the state of Georgia and personally, on the behalf of himself and although they are done in these jobs, they are still going to put them to work. God bless you and thank you so much.

Mayor Wood asked Chief Spencer to come to the microphone. Now Mayor Wood called upon the Council for any kind words they may have.

Councilmember Becky Wynn stated that she wasn't going to do this because she knows she is going to have to do it again on Friday, so this is kind of tough for her. She was very blessed and honored that she was their liaison for two years. When Chief came to her about the fire truck and what people don't understand is it was just not the fire truck that was donated to Village of Island Park, New York, he also got other organizations involved and that truck was packed with clothes and food and water and whatever. Chief made so much difference in those people's lives and Wynn was so blessed that he did that.

Councilmember Wynn stated that the other thing that they really accomplished that she is really grateful that they did was the personal evacuation equipment that they got for their guys. He made her sit there and watch that video. It was a very tough thing to do but he knew she had to watch it and they worked really hard and they got that and it was because of his perseverance and his caring and loving for his guys that he wants them to come home safely that they got that done.

And just like Stu Moring, Chief is a true gentleman and he will always have a place in her heart.

Councilmember Nancy Diamond said she got to be liaison to public safety first thing out of the shoot in this job and Ricky Spencer has been very patient. She feels like they have celebrated together, they have cried together, they have vented over the lack of another fire station yet and celebrated again. So there have been more good things than bad. The Hovercraft is way cool. That was a great thing. She added that the generosity of Chief Spencer's leadership is something that is rare in this world anymore and the fact that there is a succession planned from within, it is because of that leadership. Chief Spencer has allowed people to grow in the job and let that happen and shine on their own right. She thinks that sense of family is what makes people want to come to work and that is also a rare thing anymore. She thanked Ricky Spencer for his friendship, for all he has done. It has been over 12 years but she appreciates knowing him and she looks forward to seeing him often.

Councilmember Rich Dippolito stated that it is wonderful to hear comments from people outside of Roswell about what a great Fire Department we have. They know that is because of Ricky Spencer and the department that he has put together. It is amazing the number of people who have commented to him personally about what a great job Chief Spencer is doing and a great job the Roswell Fire Department is doing and the reputation that they have throughout the state. That is really phenomenal, the number of unsolicited comments that he gets because of Chief Spencer. He thanked Chief Spencer so much for that.

One thing that has always amazed Rich Dippolito is the level of camaraderie in his department and that is hard enough to do with people who are there all of the time. But so many of his guys are there just part time, yet they love to come to work in Roswell. They love to come to work in Chief Spencer's department. He thinks it says a lot about the team that Chief has put together and the atmosphere that he has built within the Fire Department. It is a true brotherhood and it is very obvious. Councilmember Dippolito thanked Chief Spencer for all that he has done.

Councilmember Kent Igleheart congratulated Ricky Spencer on making it to this point and all that he has done to build Roswell's Fire Department as the Mayor said not only to be the best in the state, but Councilmember Igleheart would say they are the best anywhere. It is thanks to Chief Spencer's leadership and the folks that he has working with him. It is the same thing that Kent Igleheart said to Stu Moring, the fact that he has those folks who are willing to work for Chief

and do all that they do is really a testament to him. Councilmember Igleheart stated that he really appreciates Chief putting up with him. He knows he has caused him numerous issues and concerns over some issues personally and Chief always had a smile on his face no matter what he might have been thinking inside his head.

Councilmember Kent Igleheart stated that he has appreciated his personal understanding and his hard work and all of that and has already been said, the Island Park donation was just such an important part of what they have been able to do, and something that he will never forget in his years with the city. And being able to visit there and actually walk around with some of the folks up there and their department and seeing what all they did thanks to Chief Spencer. It was really one of the highlights of what Councilmember Igleheart has been able to experience and that was thanks to what Chief did for those people and his knowledge and doing something about making something happen as he often does. He thanked Chief Ricky Spencer.

Councilmember Betty Price thanked Chief Spencer. They all hold him in high, high regard and they are sorry to see him leave but they know there is another phase of life coming that will be bigger and better. They will miss his smiling face. He has always taken everything in stride and a great sense of humor that has kept his department cohesive and working well together.

Like her fellow Councilmember Igleheart, Price also visited for about 43 days after the hurricane and it was still in a shambles and FEMA tents everywhere and walking into that fire department, when they showed her the high-water mark, how high it had come up into their station. They were just ready to kiss her feet because she was the closest that they could get to Chief Spencer at that point. So, that was just a real treat to see the truck there and them actually using it and apparently they are still using it till this day, so that is great. So after 39 years, most of which was spent right here in this city, it is going to be hard for them to lose him, but they wish him well. Chief Ricky Spencer thanked Councilmember Betty Price.

Councilmember Jerry Orlans stated that it has been a pleasure over the years to work with Chief Ricky Spencer. He thinks he was also involved in his hiring back as a chief of the department. He has done a fantastic job. A part-time department is not easy, all of the scheduling and everything and he has gotten people in to do the right jobs at the right time and in the right way. Chief has always pushed on the Burn Foundation and Boot Drives, which has been a great cause to work for. Councilmember Orlans stated that Chief always has high expectations and he thinks he has pushed the department and people to have high expectations with him. That is what makes them one of the best departments in the state and one of the best departments in the country.

The City cannot express its appreciation of what Chief Ricky Spencer has done over the years for it. He has been a dedicated fire professional and he has been dedicated to the City of Roswell and he has heard many different comments of things he has accomplished over the years.

Councilmember Orlans stated that he is working on that station and he is going to have it for him.

Orlans stated that they love Spencer and they are going to miss him and he wants to go fishing some time with him.

Chief Spencer stated that he does not want to talk too much. He can't out do Stu so he won't try. It has been a good ride for him. He has enjoyed every minute of it. He knew that when he took this job that he would be turned into a politician and he feels like he has. He is as close as he will

get to one, how about that? These guys sitting back here in the back, they are the ones that make the Roswell Fire Department. Chief Spencer just takes the credit and he gives the credit back to them because without those guys coming and working as a part-time employee and saving the citizens of Roswell \$6-8 million a year by doing that, by not having a full-time department it is just unheard of this day and time. They have people come from up north to see how the Roswell Fire Department was modeled and how it worked. And they left here with trying to model the way Roswell is doing things. And, Deputy Chief Burnett, who is going to be the new fire chief on September 3, 2014, God Bless him. Spencer thinks Burnett will do a great job. He has been a friend of Spencer's for a long time, he knows this fire department inside and out, he knows the city and Spencer hopes that he can build a fire station quicker than he did.

He knows that the city council has worked on this for a long time. He said they have worked on it too for four years and four months and he knows that one day a fire station will be built. And the reason the station needs to be built is because these guys need a great place to work out of because they are great people. Chief knows that is going to happen and he looks forward to the day that they break ground and he looks forward to the day that they open the doors and let the trucks go in.

Chief Spencer stated that he has enjoyed working here. He appreciates Rick Chaffin giving him the chance and the Mayor and City Council giving him a shot. He said he is not going anywhere. He is going to still be here in Roswell. He has his fiancé with him sitting back there, Joanna, and they are Roswell home folks, they are a few of the people that are left in Roswell that have been here 60 years. He plans to come back.

Mayor Wood asked for one more hand for the chief. Thank you, Chief! Mayor Wood stated that firemen could feel free to go home safe.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of the August 11, 2014 Mayor and Council Meeting Brief.**

*Administration*

**2. Approval of Budget Amendment 54045202-08-25-14 for Construction of Sanitation Improvements in Roswell Area Park in the amount of \$49,940.**

*Public Works/Environmental*

**3. Approval of a Resolution to accept a U.S. Department of Justice FY2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$10,449 and Approval of Budget Amendment 22132101-08-25-14 in the amount of \$20,000.**

*Public Safety*

**4. Approval of Resolution to Accept the FY 2014 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant in the amount of \$12,452.65 and approval of a Budget Amendment to transfer grant match funding from the General Fund to the Grant Fund.**

*Public Safety*

**Motion:** Councilmember Jerry Orlans moved to **approve the Consent Agenda**. Councilmember Rich Dippolito seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Mayor's Report**

##### **1. Presentation of the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification to the Roswell Police Department by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.**

At this time Mayor Wood stated that they would have a presentation of the Georgia Law Enforcement Certificate for the Roswell Police Department Association of Chiefs of Police. We are here tonight to have the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police award the Roswell Police Department a second re-certification that the Association gives out. They were originally accredited in 2008 and through a lot of hard work by the officers and professionalism they were able to make this achievement. Tonight, here to present the certification is Chief Dennis Nelson of the Metter Police Department. Chief Nelson is also the third vice-president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. Also, probably his fondest memory, if not his greatest achievement is he is a former Roswell police officer.

Chief Nelson thanked the Mayor and City Council and stated that it was great to be back. Dennis Nelson stated that he was currently with the Metter Police Department and is here representing the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police under the state certification program. He kind of jumped on the opportunity to present this award because of the personal history he had in Roswell. He spent 16 years here. It was almost 20 years ago, July 1995 when Roswell received its first accreditation award in Buffalo, New York. And back then the state certification program didn't even exist. As Roswell's former accreditation manager, Nelson knows first-hand how much work goes into something like this. It took about two to three years to write the policy manual from scratch and then meet the compliance with the back then, 439 standards. Nelson was never more proud of any accomplishment than he was back then.

State certification is an equally difficult process. There are currently only 111 law enforcement agencies in the state of Georgia that have achieved this level, this state certification award. And even fewer that have the claim to state certification award and national accreditation. Roswell is one of them. Nelson stated that his figures may be wrong, but he has Roswell received its first certification award in 2006 making this the department's second recertification and third award overall, which is quite an achievement.

For those who don't know about what state certification is, Nelson explained that it is a progressive way helping law enforcement agencies review and improve their overall performances. The foundation of certification lies in the development of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating agencies conduct a thorough self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives through the standards. After the policies and procedures are in place then a team of trained assessors verifies that the applicable standards have been met and the process culminates when the joint review committee under the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police determines that the agency has met the requirements for certification. This certification status represents a significant personal professional achievement. Certification acknowledges the implementation of the policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally affective. Some of the benefits of certification include confirmation that the agency practices are consistent with professional standard, great operational and administration effectiveness, enhanced understanding of agency policies and practices, great public confidence in the agency, recognition in the field of outstanding achievement, reduced liability potential, which is always good for the city council to hear and greater governmental and community support.

The certification program identifies standards that are essential to the efficient and effective operation of a law enforcement agency. Participating agencies are expected to implement all applicable standards. The standards provide a detailed blue print of professional law enforcement. They are credible, realistic, flexible and effective and under constant review. The program currently has 129 standards covering eight areas that are essential to effective law enforcement. The standards incorporate contemporary professional thought and practices in Georgia law enforcement and if followed, ensures the goal of increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of the agency.

The six steps are application, policy development and assessment, joint review committee, an awards ceremony and monitoring compliance. The Roswell Police Department has completed five of these tasks. The compliance monitoring is ongoing and hopefully they will keep doing that and be recertified again.

As one can see, the state certification is a process that is difficult. It is earned by a law enforcement agency. These are considered the best practices for Georgia law enforcement, these standards. And of the more than 700 law enforcement agencies in Georgia, like Nelson said, only 111 have ever achieved this process and much fewer having accreditation also.

By presenting the award, the state certification program recognizes an agency for doing the right things and doing things right. State certification shows that the Roswell Police Department has illustrated professionalism in law enforcement.

Therefore, on behalf of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, it is Nelson's honor and pleasure to present Chief Rusty Grant and the dedicated men and women of the Roswell Police Department with this plaque recognizing this incredibly important achievement.

Mayor Wood asked for a hand for the police department. He thanked Chief Nelson for his role in helping get Roswell started on that right course. He thinks the review process and standards that have to be met really set a police department on the right course. And he is proud that Roswell has for years, with Nelson's help, been an accredited police department at a national and now at a state level. Nelson used the word professionalism many times. Mayor Wood said the Roswell Police Department is a well-trained, dedicated department that stays out of trouble and does a great job with their citizens and is truly a great, professional police department.

Mayor Wood asked Chief Grant if there was anything to add to all of that. Grant stated that he would like to recognize Detective Joel Montezinos who has been a real contributing factor in all of their GLEA accreditations as well as their state certifications. This is a big night for him not only because it is Roswell's second state recertification but it is his first day back to work after knee surgery. So, they are glad to have him back.

Chief Dennis Nelson stated that he would like to echo the comments. Joel is a hard worker, he is a good friend, he has done a good job picking up the torch that Nelson left behind and has been able to keep them continuously accredited and state certified. It could not be done without the hard work of an accreditation manager putting it all together and the hard work of the police officers at Roswell Police. They have a fine agency.

Mayor Wood recognized Councilmember Jerry Orlans who has the distinct honor of being the liaison of the Police Department.

Councilmember Orlans stated that he cannot say much more than what Chief Nelson has already read about their department. We all, in this city know that they have a great department, they do a super job and have been accredited for quite some time now. So, Chief Grant, thank you very much.

**2. Recognition of Certification of the City's Investment and Debt Policies by the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada (APTUSC).**

Mayor Wood stated that sometimes he wonders if their citizens are bored with all of Roswell's recognitions but as elected officials they are always proud of all that they achieve and not only do they have a great Public Works department, Police department and Fire department, what pays for those is Roswell's Finance Department and Mayor Wood has a recognition for their Finance Department. Mayor Wood asked Kay Love if she wanted to present that.

Kay Love asked Keith Lee to come forward. This is recognition of the city's investment and debt policies being certified by the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada. While they have had policies in practice for the city for a number of years and of course being a AAA rated city financially is very important, but Keith Lee has taken it to the next level and ensured that we have not only adhered to the policy but they codified the policy and met the required guidelines so that they can be recognized and it is just one more indication of the level and caliber of financial stability that the city has.

Keith Lee stated that Kay Love was absolutely right. The Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada is a professional organization which sets standards for the treasury profession if one will. It focuses on banking, on cash flow, on projections, on forecasting. They also have a certification program for investment and debt management. That certification review process is by private and public sector volunteers. They review Roswell's policies for standards such as the objectives of the investment, for the types of investments that Roswell wishes to invest in, the types of debt they would like to issue, the legality of that debt, capital funding. They take those policies and apply the standards of the organization and they have said that Roswell's policy meets the professional guidelines of the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada.

With that, Keith Lee stated that he has two plaques. One is for their debt management policy as well as their investment management policies. He said congratulations to Mayor and City Council for having policies that are professional policies that prove their dedication to managing the public's funds in a professional manner.

**3. Approval of a Resolution that the City of Roswell supports the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCID's) resolution of support naming the I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange as their priority capacity project for the northern quadrant regional economic development center.**

Mayor Wood stated that there is a resolution which he apologizes for not bringing to the Council's attention at a committee meeting. This is to support the DOT's expenditure for the GA 400/I-285 exchange. This has been approved by Alpharetta and Sandy Springs. It is to join in their support of this interchange which is essential for the operation of GA 400.

City Attorney David Davidson stated that basically what this resolution does is supports the central perimeter market's resolution to fix the interchange at I-285 and SR 400. They have moved it up to their top priority in their recent resolution and this would just be the City of Roswell's support for their resolution to make it a top priority project of regional significance and it would commit a perimeter CID support to the formation of a cross-jurisdictional public/private top end perimeter collaborative to support I-285 at GA 400 interchange improvements and the strategies to move the project forward as a top priority.

Mayor Wood stated that he was asking Council to support with solidarity with Sandy Springs and Alpharetta.

Councilmember Jerry Orlans stated that he understands the importance of this interchange without a doubt. They are endorsing this with no idea of what this \$450 million could be used for or other options it could be used for. They are just jumping in and saying that this is a number one priority for the entire state including our City. Councilmember Orlans does not know if David Davidson has any additional information that he can add to that.

David Davidson stated that he would not say it was the number one priority for the state, but it is essential for the operation of GA 400 that it is a high priority for Roswell. So, if they are going to in the future look for support from Sandy Springs and Alpharetta and north Fulton cities, he sees this working in concert with their other cities. It is nice to have additional information up front.

Mayor Wood asked David Davidson what information would help him. Davidson stated the \$450 million, what else it could have been used for? Wood stated that he is sure that \$450 million if one said, every city and every county would have a use for that money. And if this simply were a matter of the Council deciding how \$450 million could be spent, his personal preference would be all of it needs spending in the City of Roswell. But he does not think that is the option here. He thinks there is support at the state level for this project. He believes it essential for the operation of GA 400 because GA 400 doesn't work without I-285 working.

David Davidson agreed it was an important project. He is just saying, is it a number one priority for the City of Roswell for them to be endorsing the resolution?

Mayor Wood stated that it might be appropriate to take out that "number one priority" and just say that they support this expenditure. He thinks that would be appropriate to say it that way.

David Davidson stated to the extent that Mayor Wood wanted it confirmed that Mayor Wood is saying not number one priority but that they endorse the project. Mayor Wood stated that he thinks that would be a good language change and he would accept that.

Mayor Wood asked if there were other thoughts from the Council.

Councilmember Rich Dippolito stated that he agrees that the I-285 and GA 400 interchange is critically important and he thinks it is important to Roswell because the traffic backs up 400 and impacts their city and impacts all of their residents who commute. So he would say that as far as GA 400 project, it is probably the most critical one. He would add that a close second behind that is the Holcomb Bridge Road and GA 400 intersection. So, as far as directly impacting Roswell's residents, the 400 and Holcomb Bridge Road project is more important. But looking more

holistically and regionally he would put the I-285 and GA 400 slightly above that. But certainly he thinks their support of the I-285 and GA 400 intersection in no way diminishes their need and their desire to fix the Holcomb Bridge Road and GA 400 intersection because that is critically important not just to the City of Roswell, but to the region as a whole.

One question Dippolito did have is it says that they support a formation across jurisdictional, public, private, top end perimeter collaborative. He doesn't even know what that means. Could David Davidson elaborate a little bit on that? Mayor Wood asked Steve Acenbrak if he knows what that means.

Steve Acenbrak stated that what they are talking about is that one has a community improvement district and the CID is actually two districts. That is why it is technically the PCID's because one is in Dekalb County and one is in Fulton County. And so they are taking that quasi-governmental organization and they are reaching out to our government in the surrounding municipalities and saying that this is a partnership.

Mayor Wood asked Councilmember Rich Dippolito to look at the resolution itself and talk about the language to make sure they can get his suggestion. This is what Councilmember Orlans suggested.

Now, therefore be it resolved that Roswell supports the PCID's resolution naming the I-285 and GA 400 interchange as a project of regional significance. And they could say that they support the formation of a cross jurisdictional, public, private, top end perimeter collaborative to support the I-285 interchange and the strategy is to move the project forward. They are not saying that they are joining it, but they support the creation of this collaborative.

Councilmember Dippolito stated that he was not opposed to the formation of the collaborative, he is still at this point not sure what it is that he is supposedly supporting. He needs more information before he says it is important.

Davidson stated that he could get the Council more information but really it is their bringing a coalition together to support this interchange. They support them bringing a coalition together, not that they are joining it.

Councilmember Dippolito clarified that this is a public/private coalition that is yet to be formed. David Davidson stated that he did not know that. Dippolito stated that it was his understanding that they were in the process of forming this and he would support all of their efforts.

Can the Council just say that they support the project and leave off that second half? Mayor Wood stated that they could leave off the second half. He said to just say that it is a project of regional significance? And it will have the same impact. They are simply trying to build support across the region for this project. So it would be changed to read, now therefore be it resolved that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014 the City of Roswell supports the PCID's resolution naming I-285 at GA 400 Interchange as a project of regional significance.

Councilmember Price stated that if they are supporting their resolution, their resolution actually describes that interchange as their top priority project. So, if the Council is supporting the resolution, they ought to support the resolution not re-write it. Councilmember Price stated that

she would drop off that second half for sure but she wouldn't alter the first half since all they are doing is lending support to their resolution, which indicates that it is their top priority.

Mayor Wood stated that he was just trying to get a consensus of this Council as to. He can support either one, they have the same impact. They are recognizing this as a regional significance and the Council supports the project moving forward.

Mayor Wood asked Councilmember Price how she would suggest they write that. She stated that the reality is they don't have that resolution so they don't know exactly what they are lending their support to.

Mayor Wood apologized for not bringing the exact terms of the resolution. What if they said, "supports the I-285 at GA 400 Interchange project as a project of regional significance?" Which they are really saying that they believe in improving that I-285/GA 400 Interchange. If they want to start designing it and deciding....Steve Acenbrak is saying they don't want to go there.

David Davidson stated that they are reaching out to Roswell to make sure that they are on board with them saying not only do we think this is an important project but look at all of our local jurisdictions. They have also come up and formally agreed that this is also an important project. He thinks the exact language of whether it is the number one project or anything, he does not think that makes...He is sure that they would prefer that Roswell would go on record and say that that is their number one priority. He couldn't make that recommendation to Council because he thought that Holcomb Bridge Road/400, Gateway, are more for Roswell. But as far as a regional significance he thinks they can fully support that this is a project of regional significance.

Mayor Wood asked Steve Acenbrak what his recommendation would be. Acenbrak stated that he thinks they are fine, he thinks it is okay and to Councilmember Price, they have a resolution. Of course this is all going to be banded together and bundled up in order to add some weight to GDOT and to the funding sources. But the idea for them to go on record and say that they concur, that they support the PCID's effort to make this a project of regional significance, he thinks that is the gist of what they are asking for. And it is appropriate for Roswell to tailor the words in a language that supports Roswell.

Mayor Wood proclaimed that be it resolved that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014, the City of Roswell supports the efforts of the PCID to make the I-285/GA 400 Interchange as a project of regional significance. David Davidson stated that he thinks that meets the spirit and the intent of what they are trying to get to.

**Motion:** Councilmember Orlans made a motion for **Approval of a Resolution that the City of Roswell supports the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCID's) resolution with the change in the language.** Councilmember Dippolito seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wood stated that if David Davidson would edit that resolution they will send it on.

**Administration and Finance Department- Councilmember Kent Igleheart**

Councilmember Kent Igleheart made it very clear that the first one is only and actually both of them are only related to the Chief Judge. It has nothing to do with any compensation for the other elected officials. The first amendment is a second reading to change the reference of compensation to the Chief Judge within their ordinance and it will add language that it will be set by resolution and the second item is that resolution to actually set that amount.

**4. Approval of an amendment to Section 2.1.4, Compensation of Elected Officials, of the City of Roswell Code of Ordinances. (Second Reading)**

Deputy City Administrator Michael Fischer stated that the ordinance that they currently have states that by ordinance that they set the compensation for the Chief Judge. The city charter currently states also that they set the compensation of the Chief Judge and other judges by resolution. So this amendment to the ordinance will correct the method of setting the compensation for the Chief Judge, allowing for the compensation to be set by resolution.

The recommendation is to approve the second reading of the amendment to this ordinance.

David Davidson stated that this is an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Roswell, Chapter 2, Administration, to amend existing Section 2.1.4 Compensation of Elected Officials and for other purposes.

Now therefore, to accomplish the foregoing the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell, pursuant to their authority do hereby adopt the following ordinance:

Section 2.1.4 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety the current Section 2.1.4 and substituting a new Section 2.1.4 to read as follows. The text of which is incorporated here and by reference and if approved this would be the second reading.

**Motion:** Councilmember Igleheart made a motion to **Approve an amendment to Section 2.1.4, Compensation of Elected Officials, of the City of Roswell Code of Ordinances.** . Councilmember Wynn seconded the motion.

Mayor Wood opened the floor for public comment. Mayor Wood said this is this is the second reading. This does not set the compensation but simply sets the manner of approving the compensation as by resolution rather than by ordinance. The biggest difference being that it only requires one reading and not two readings to change the compensation.

Councilmember Betty Price asked someone to please clarify if the charter already said that they were to fix the compensation by resolution, how did it get to point that they were setting it by ordinance and were they violating their own charter in years past?

David Davidson stated that he thinks all that they are doing now is bringing it into conformance with the charter. He doesn't think that actually having it as an ordinance is a problem. An ordinance as one knows is an actual law of the City. A resolution is the intent of the Mayor and City council at that time so it is a policy decision. By putting it back in a resolution format as called for in the charter, it just makes it easier for the City Council to change their policy.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Igleheart stated that the second item is actually the resolution to set the amount of compensation and the method.

**5. Approval of a Resolution setting the compensation of the Chief Judge and other judges of the Municipal Court of the City of Roswell.**

Deputy City Administrator Michael Fischer stated as they just discussed the charter does allow to call for the compensation of the chief judge to be set by resolution. So, with the approval of that amendment that they just did, they can set the compensation by resolution which is what the Council has in front of them tonight. This sets the compensation for chief judge of the Roswell Municipal Court at \$275 per session and that the chief judge and only the chief judge of the Roswell Municipal Court can participate in the City of Roswell Employee Group Benefits Plan. The resolution also sets the compensation for other judges at \$275 per session with no access to the City of Roswell Employee Group Benefits Plan. So basically, the chief judge will have the opportunity for \$275 and participate in Roswell's health benefits, insurance benefits if one will and the visiting judges, standby judges, fill in judges would just continue to be paid at \$275 per session without any other employee benefits associated with that.

Councilmember Price stated that she sees in their packet, it was actually in the previous section, but she thinks it belonged in this section, a schedule of the court dates in 2015. She is a little concerned that they have two half-days on Mondays when she understands that their judge-elect is also the chief judge in Milton. And that is the dates that they hold court. Is there something that is going to change between now and 2015 that will make this work or will Roswell have to have a standby judge on Monday?

Michael Fischer stated that the way this calendar is set up, one will see that there is always one week that they try to not have the arraignment dates. So for the last week on the calendars of each month one just sees ones, those are hearings generally for in custody because they can only keep them for 48 hours without a hearing. So the way that the elected judge is laying it out is the one week of the calendar will just be for the hearings where the other weeks will be for the arraignments that they currently have now. So they have two sessions for some of the time and one session on other times. As far as another schedule for another city, he said he doesn't know. That doesn't play into what he is looking at here on the schedule. They have a work load that they need accomplished and he trusts this will accomplish that workload.

Councilmember Price stated that she thinks it is hard for a person to be two places at once. Is she missing something? She spoke to the City of Milton today and they said that they have court every Monday and their chief judge is Judge Hansford. So how does that work?

Michael Fischer stated that he cannot answer that. Mayor Wood stated that the judge from Milton is here tonight. Could he answer that question?

Councilmember Jerry Orlans stated that is what is unique and good about this system is that in addition to...any judge that they have is going to have missing dates in court. In addition to paying a salary and adding on per sessions for those dates that are missing, this will be the exact same compensation across the board since it is based on a per session basis. So, it really works much, much better.

Mayor Wood asked Judge Hansford if he understood the question. Judge Hansford said in regard to Councilmember Price asking how a person could be two places at once he does not have an

answer for that. Mayor Wood stated that he thinks the question was directed to what are Judge Hansford's plans on the Mondays in which currently there is a schedule at Milton and a schedule at Roswell.

Judge Hansford stated that currently, since last August, since the resignation of Roswell's previous chief judge, they have been operating in a fashion whereby...they are all standby judges at this point until the election. But Judge Schaefer has been serving on Mondays. What he anticipates occurring in moving into 2015 and of course this is contingent upon whatever calendar Milton decides to approve, there is some discussion there to move court to the evenings and Hansford has not been privy to those discussions except to say that he would be receptive to it if they decide to do that. So, he does not know what their calendar is going to be. But if it doesn't change, Judge Hansford will serve in Roswell on Monday mornings, Judge Schaefer will serve on the Monday afternoon session for the Monday afternoons that that they have a session. Judge Hansford serves on Wednesdays and he also presides on Fridays at the in custody hearings unless his absence is necessitated by an appearance elsewhere as an attorney. That is why they have standby judges and to agree with what Councilmember Orlans said, that is the precise reason that the proposal is made the way it is so that the City does not continue to spend the \$14,600 per year that they were spending previous to his election or prior to his election. That was an average over the last six years to cover for their chief judge in his absence. So the City of Roswell was spending that much on top of the salary. This will completely eliminate that. That will never happen again.

Mayor Wood asked if there were any other questions.

Councilmember Kent Igleheart stated that he did not have a question so much but he asked Michael Fischer to put the cost chart up on the screen. And what this shows is the cost that Roswell has paid during their current system where they pay a judge a full-time salary plus benefits and then have fill-in judges when that judge is unable to be there. The change is to make every session into a set amount per session regardless of all of the other aspects. It does include some of those benefits based on that, but the savings, just so everyone is clear, comes from not having that additional cost. That is essentially what this sets out. So if anyone has questions, that kind of shows the cost that it has been over the last four years on here, what it is projected to be, and then there is a range that it could fall within. But that is the main difference that they are doing, is changing from a full time pay to an actual per session rate.

Michael Fischer stated that was correct.

Councilmember Price stated that she sees that on page C, the middle column and that is with the fewest number of sessions per month, which according to what they were doing in the last years is probably a little low of an estimate. But in any case she is just surprised that the cost for fill-in judges is \$0 but she heard the judge say that on Monday afternoons, he can't be here.

Michael Fischer stated that would an additional cost of fill-in judges on top of what they are already paying a judge and there will be no additional costs. It is \$275 per session.

Councilmember Price stated that there is an estimate in that column because they already know that there are going to be fill-in judges on Mondays.

Mayor Wood stated to Councilmember Price that another way to explain it is if the chief judge is not available then the cost is deducted from his compensation and transferred to the compensation of the other judge, so there is no additional compensation. So, the additional amount would be \$0. So, the chief judge's salary would be reduced for a session he does not appear at.

Mayor Wood stated that as with the previous chief judge that was elected, he missed court dates and the City had to have fill-ins. In this case when the dates are missed they will again have to hire fill-ins but it will not cost Roswell any extra because the absence will be charged against the chief judge's compensation.

Councilmember Jerry Orlans stated that in looking at the study of the surrounding cities, they should probably take this and run because they are talking about \$275 per session and the surrounding cities are running \$450, \$475 or more per session. So he thinks it is great for the City of Roswell and they should move forward with it.

Mayor Wood asked if there were any other questions from Council before he opens it up. Do they have a motion?

**Motion:** Councilmember Kent Igleheart made a motion to **Approve a Resolution setting the compensation of the Chief Judge and other judges of the Municipal Court of the City of Roswell.** Councilmember Nancy Diamond seconded.

There were no questions or comments from the audience. Wood asked if there was any further discussion by Council.

Councilmember Kent Igleheart commented that he thinks they should thank soon to be Chief Judge Hansford because he came up with this idea. And it will save the City of Roswell money. He appreciates his efforts on coming up with that thought.

Councilmember Betty Price stated that they have mentioned the maximum number of sessions. That means the maximum number, let's say \$275 that they would pay in the year. Is that correct? Michael Fischer stated that was correct.

Mayor Wood stated that as he understood, this was a conservative estimate of the maximum number of sessions required. It may be that they have less sessions. If Roswell has a crime wave, they could have more sessions, but with their Chief in charge and the well-behaved citizens of Roswell, unless there is a crime wave which has not been in statistics and is not anticipated, this is a conservative estimate of the number of sessions required to handle all of their cases.

Councilmember Price stated that her question is do they have a minimum number of sessions for the Chief Judge?

Michael Fischer stated that the proposal was around 276 possible court dates based on the schedule that they currently are showing right now. It could be as high as 288, so he wanted to show the Council both conditions of what the maximum would be with a Monday, Wednesday, the Friday and then one on the weekend could be as high as 28. He does not anticipate it being that high. He anticipates it around 276.

Councilmember Price stated that she was talking about between judges. She doesn't want to see it get to the point where they have a split judgeship such that one judge is getting some benefits and the other judge isn't, but they would be working possibly similar hours. So she just wondered if they had a minimum number of days per month or whatever that a chief judge would be in attendance.

Mayor Wood stated that it is kind of like Councilmembers, once they are elected they don't have a minimum number of meetings that they have to attend. They trust them as an elected official to attend and serve their City and they have blessed to have Councilmembers and Judges who serve the City when they are available and when they have conflicts or family expenses or occasionally vacations, the City recognizes they may not make all of the meetings and it is the same way with a judge. So there is no minimum number of meetings a Councilmember has to come to, to get their salary in practice nor is there a minimum number of cases a Judge has to come to. He is satisfied with the \$275 a session and needs the work.

Councilmember Price stated that if she ever misses a meeting, it not because she is sitting at the City of Alpharetta City Council meeting. That would be her only concern that they have some split loyalties.

Mayor Wood stated that the City recognizes that Councilmember Price sometimes has to go to Washington DC and they appreciate her representation up there and sometimes duty calls her away from Roswell, but they thank her for being here at most of the meetings and they expect their Chief Judge to be here at most of the cases.

Councilmember Nancy Diamond stated that she is much more comfortable with a judge that they are paying when they use him and he is actually here than paying one to serve in other courts, which is what Roswell has done in the past. So, she is much more comfortable with this operation and the fact that Roswell has spent \$14,000 for judge that was sitting in other places a lot of that time is a whole lot different to her than this. So she is very comfortable with the pay as you go system and she appreciates Judge Hansford for bringing that to the Council.

Councilmember Betty Price stated that she thinks everybody is entitled to training. She believes there is a minimum amount of training that is required of a judge so there would be other days that standby judges will be needed. People are allowed to do whatever they want on their vacation, which she thinks they have provided adequate vacation for prior judges. So, she doesn't think casting experience on a previous judge is pertinent this evening. She thinks they are going in the right direction, however she is just trying to trying figure out what is the actual commitment of this judge to the number of days he specifically will be in the court room. She thinks that is a reasonable thing to want to know and to have him say he can't be two places at once didn't really answer her question until pressed.

Councilmember Rich Dippolito stated that he supports this resolution and he also wants to thank Judge Hansford for bringing it to the Council's attention. He thinks it is a great solution and it will save the City quite a bit of money. He said one thing that is not shown here that Judge Hansford has done is he has really given a lot back to the court in the way of organization. He knows the city staff is very pleased with the progress of the court. It is much more efficient than it had been. People are spending less time here and it is not reflected in this, but it is certainly a big part of what Judge Hansford has been able to accomplish.

Councilmember Becky Wynn agreed that this is a great way of doing it. And she cannot see that that they should be asking this judge-elect to do a minimum when they didn't ask the other judge to do a minimum appearance at their courts. She knows that Judge Hansford is going to be here as much as he can. He is a Roswellian and they are really proud of him and she can't see any other way to handle this. She thinks it is fair, he is not going to get compensated unless he is here. It is that simple. It is not like their other judge or former judge. So, she fully supports this.

Mayor Wood asked if there was any further discussion before the Council takes a vote. Hearing none, Mayor Wood called the question.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wood stated that at this time it is his great honor to administer the oath to their Chief Judge who has already been elected by the citizens and this is just a formality. But he will tell the Council that in the 16 years Mayor Wood has been serving as Mayor, this is the first opportunity he can recall, his recollection is not perfect, of being able to administer the oath to a public official. So it is a great honor and his first opportunity.

Mayor Wood stated that again, it was his privilege to administer the oath and so if the Chief Judge will repeat after him.

*I solemnly swear that I Bryan A. Hansford will support the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Georgia. And that I will in all respects observe the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Roswell. And I will well and duly perform the duties of the office of Chief Judge of the Municipal Court and I will, to the utmost of my skill and ability endeavor to promote the interest and property of the City without fear of favor or compassion. So help me God.*

Mayor Wood congratulated Chief Judge Hansford and welcomed him the City of Roswell.

They have retired two department heads, which they will miss but they have brought on a new Chief Justice which Mayor Wood is sure will be here for many years as he will tolerate them. Mayor Wood stated that this was his opportunity to address his Council and his citizens.

Chief Justice Bryan Hansford stated that those that know him know that he is not one for fanfare. He enjoyed serving his City. He has served this beloved City for the last seven years in a back-up capacity and in a more significant capacity since the resignation of the previous judge last August. The election was something to behold. He is very grateful for those of you who supported him and for those who are here who may not have supported him or for those who may watch this later who may not have supported him it will be his goal and true endeavor to earn their trust and their respect as their Chief Judge. He appreciates the trust that the citizens have placed within him. He appreciates the trust that his friends have demonstrated by supporting him in this endeavor and he is just ready to get to work. He loves this court, he loves this City. This is a place that he loves to come and preside. He loves having an impact on this City and using his skill set to do that.

Chief Judge Hansford thanked everyone for their support. The court's door is always open. Never fear a judge, certainly not this one. Please come and speak to him about any issues the Council foresees with the court. He is glad to hear their thoughts and their ideas and implement them if they can work in our court.

**6. Approval for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract for Banking Services with JP Morgan Chase Bank for a term of three (3) years with an option for two (2) additional one-year terms.**

Finance Director Keith Lee said the City issued a request for proposals and received eight proposals from regional and local banks. Those proposals were evaluated by the Administrative Department, Finance Department and Rec and Parks Department. The short listed four banks: Bank of America, SunTrust, Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase. The committee is recommending JP Morgan Chase. They currently provide banking services to Brookhaven, Dunwoody, the state treasurer's office, the state accounting office. The majority of their services are provided through an online portal that the City will have access to. They have integration with the MUNIS software that Roswell has purchased as their ERP. They will improve their depository functions by remote deposit. They will implement an E-payable solution to consolidate their payments that come from online banking services. They will waive Roswell's first year of fees. Their fees equate to \$15,000 a year compared to the current \$54,000 that Roswell is paying. And their finances were reviewed by Roswell's Financial Advisor and they have stated that they are one of the most capitalized institutions globally.

Just as a side note, they have 23,000 consumer accounts in the City of Roswell as well as 1500 small business accounts.

Councilmember Kent Igleheart stated that as Keith Lee has just said they have a number of benefits that they are able to bring to the City.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kent Igleheart made a motion to **Approve for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract for Banking Services with JP Morgan Chase Bank for a term of three (3) years with an option for two (2) additional one-year terms.** Councilmember Jerry Orlans seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Approval for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract for Procurement Card Services with JP Morgan Chase Bank for a term of three (3) years with an option for two (2) additional one-year terms.**

Keith Lee stated that in addition to the banking RFP they also asked the banks to provide P-Card services as an add-on service for the bank. JP Morgan provided a P-Card service that would increase Roswell's rebate by 20 percent. They would move from a VISA to a MasterCard as their P-Card. They also have a P-Card solution that integrates directly with use.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kent Igleheart made a motion to **Approve for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract for Procurement Card Services with JP Morgan Chase Bank for a term of three (3) years with an option for two (2) additional one-year terms.** Councilmember Rich Dippolito seconded.

**8. Approval for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract for Janitorial Services with Intercontinental Commercial Services, Inc. (ICS, Inc.) in the amount of \$140,100 for a term of three (3) years with an option for two (2) additional one-year terms.**

Finance Director Keith Lee stated that in March the City issued a request for qualifications from janitorial service providers. They short listed 16 of those companies and received 15 bids from the 16 that they short listed. They will service City Hall, the Law Enforcement Center, the Recycling Center, Hembree, Rabstick and Dobbs and provide service the Cultural Arts Center on an as needed basis. The contract is for \$140,100 which is approximately \$20,000 less than they are currently paying and the contract would be with Intercontinental Commercial Services. It is a three-year contract with two, one-year renewals.

Councilmember Rich Dippolito stated that he did remember discussing this in committee, but he asked Keith Lee if there was a requirement for this company to be bonded. Keith Lee stated that the City did do bonds for this company as part of the RFQ process, the RFP process as well as for their performance bond as well.

Councilmember Dippolito clarified that they were bonded against theft. Keith Lee stated that they were. And the employees will have criminal background checks as well.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kent Igleheart made a motion to **Approve for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract for Janitorial Services with Intercontinental Commercial Services, Inc. (ICS, Inc.) in the amount of \$140,100 for a term of three (3) years with an option for two (2) additional one-year terms.** Councilmember Rich Dippolito seconded.

Mayor Wood asked if there were any questions from the audience.

A member of the audience asked if the \$140,000 was per year or for three years because it is not very clear on here.

Keith Lee stated that it was for a year. The speaker stated that that would make sense. She asked if this company was based in Roswell since they have the whole "Find It All In Roswell" program and they should be hiring companies within the City whenever possible since they are spending a lot of money on "Find It All in Roswell." Where are they based?

Mayor Wood asked if this company was based in Roswell and was told they are not. Mayor Wood asked Keith Lee to describe the Roswell preference that they do have for Roswell businesses and how that works.

Keith Lee stated that the City does have a local vendor preference if a company has a brick and mortar in the City as well as an Occupational Tax. They can have a bid that is two percent higher than the low bid and the City would recommend that vendor. Mayor Wood asked Keith Lee if they received any bids in that range. Keith Lee stated that he did not.

The speaker stated that just because that is not very clear and it would be nice to know since the City is paying for it, where they are based. Are they in Alpharetta or Buford or just curiosity killed the cat. She is curious about that. Mayor Wood asked if anyone knows where this organization is based. Keith Lee stated that he believes they are based in Stone Mountain but he will provide that information to the Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Approval of a Resolution adjusting Water Rates effective January 1, 2015 (FY 2015) and adjusting annually each January through 2019 (FY 2019).**

Councilmember Kent Igleheart asked Keith Lee to go through this and that this obviously does have a lot of serious implications and a lot of numbers are with that.

Finance Director Keith Lee stated that he would first like to start by saying that Roswell's current revenues and current expenses cover...their current revenues cover their current expenses. Additionally their revenues with the projected savings from the new plant will cover the debt service as the new plant becomes operational. As the new plant becomes operational, they will reduce costs associated from purchasing water from Fulton County, repairs and maintenance costs as well as some general costs in other areas within the plant. As a result they have a 105 coverage ratio for that plant for the debt service.

Mayor Wood asked Keith Lee what does 105 coverage ration mean. Keith Lee stated that it means Roswell's revenues will exceed expenses by five percent, 105 percent of expenses. That is required by GMA when they applied for the loan.

This particular set of requests for increases in fee and their user fees is related to and inflationary costs for fuel, for energy, for employees as they provide raises over the future. They also have a Capital Improvement Plan that they will need to fund as they move forward.

This proposed increase is \$1.84 on an average user. An average user in the City of Roswell is about 5000 gallons a month. 86.5 percent of their users use less than 7000 gallons a month. So in that particular area, Roswell will still be below the average for water providers that surround them. He said as one looks at this chart one will see the green is Roswell. That is the proposed increase. Under 5000 gallons he will see that they will be at 2484. The median for 5000 gallons within their surrounding area is \$30.90. So, Roswell is in the bottom half of the charges that they would charge for water consumption. This information comes from the University of North Carolina Environmental Financial Center. As one can see, this is Atlanta, Canton, Cumming, Dekalb County, East Point, Woodstock and Smyrna. So based on that information Roswell be \$6.06 below the median.

It is recommended that they adjust their water rates in the first year by eight percent. That is \$1.84 per month. It is about \$240,000 a year. And then 1.5 percent each year for the following four years. The increase will allow again for Roswell to have a sustainable water fund which will provide for the capital improvements they need to make and the distribution system, inflationary costs related to power, fuel as well as employee raises and costs for health care.

Just to provide a larger chart, Keith Lee presented Roswell currently, \$23.00, this is Roswell at an eight percent increase, \$24.84. The high for 5000 gallons a month is \$51.80. The median is \$30.90, the average charge is \$29.98 and the low cost is \$14.77.

This chart provides Council with an overall Performa or performance of the fund for the next five years. That would incorporate the eight percent, 1 ½ percent increase. One can see the revenue and operating expenses and debt services for FY-15. These three, the fund balance as well as their fund balance by policy. As one can see this particular model will slightly increase Roswell's find

balance year over year which allows them to pay for their debt service as well as any capital or inflationary increases that they have programmed into their Performa.

At the bottom, one will see the inflationary increases by year. This is the same inflationary increases that they have used for their General Fund Performa.

Mayor Wood asked if there were any questions from the Council.

Councilmember Igleheart asked Keith Lee to show one more chart. It is the memo dated today that has the water rates. It is the actual dollar figures of what the rates would be based on the number of gallons used. He thinks that is important. If percentage always sound not the fees...not that these numbers are trivial but the actual dollar figures.

Keith Lee stated that he will use the 5000 gallons. They will see that in FY-2015 they will be \$24.84 per month. They are currently \$23. In 2016 they will be \$25.21, in 2017 they will be \$25.59, in 2018 they will be \$25.97 and in 2019 they will be \$26.36.

Councilmember Igleheart made one final point to clarify that this increase has nothing to do with the money for the water plant. This is the operations moving forward and will cover primarily the maintenance capital that they feel like they need to replace things within their system as well as salary/benefit increases, as well as operational increases.

Keith Lee stated that was correct. They have a distribution system that they also need to maintain that is about \$500,000 a year in water line and valve replacements. They add in again the inflationary increases that are just like one has at home when they have to pay higher electric bills or they have a to paint, or they have to buy more groceries, as well as salary increases that they have programmed across all funds for the City.

Councilmember Dippolito asked Keith Lee to go back to the Performa chart. In looking at the fund balance they appear to have a fairly significant fund balanced by policy but the fund balance itself. Are they not using that fund balance to pay some of these costs? Why do they have some such a high fund balance?

Keith Lee stated that Councilmember Dippolito is correct. They do have \$1.7 million that has not come out of this fund balance. He is just did not reduce that based on the engineering that is related to the plant. So, yes, Councilmember Dippolito is correct, it will come out in future years. Ultimately in these funds, it's a net position. So, engineering for capital projects gets capitalized so it is not a true cash basis. It is more of an accrual basis. So, even though they are showing this as fund balance, those are funds that will be used for capital expenditures on an annual basis. So the money that will be remaining in the fund balance would be the fund balance by policy essentially? Keith Lee stated that was correct.

Councilmember Price stated that on the first page of the backup material, actually it is not the first page, it is the memo of today's date. Is it showing that the average user is 5000 gallons? Is that what they are saying? Keith Lee stated that was correct.

Councilmember Price asked if somebody, and maybe Keith Lee does not know the answer, but could somebody remind her of the incremental increase. For instance, 15,000 gallons the amount

is not three times 5000 gallons. Keith Lee stated that was correct. Councilmember Price asked how that goes up.

Keith Lee stated that because they have a rate that is tiered for high consumption to reduce the overall usage of water. The more one uses, the more he pays because Roswell is trying to encourage conservation.

Mayor Wood stated that he thinks Councilmember Price was asking if they have the schedule of how that changes. Keith Lee stated that it is a conservation ratio. If one will look on schedule B of the resolution it shows one.

Councilmember Price stated that her question is, she knows they can try to modify behavior but some of those high usages may be in their commercial areas or restaurants. She wondered if at some point they should look at that and see if they are putting an undue burden on them with the guise of trying to have them use less water. When really in fact they can't because that is what they need to do.

Mayor Wood stated that in past councils this was the decision to have a conservation rate. It is certainly open for this Council to change that rate in the future but unless they have an amendment tonight, that is not the only agenda on the table.

Councilmember Price stated that she understands it is not the item at hand, but it is sort of glaring. And in Roswell's historic district which is the bulk of where this effects, she expects that a number of them are commercial. It looks like Stu Moring has the answer.

Stu Moring stated that they do not categorize their connections by whether they are residential or business. Their only classification is by meter size. Most commonly, larger meters, a typical household meter is three-quarter inch or five-eighths inch. There are some commercial property meters that are also those sizes but typically a larger meter, one-inch, two-inch, three-inch, six-inch, those are for commercial properties. And so the consequence of that is that for larger meter sizes they have a higher set of tiers so that there is variation. They have much greater latitude for consumption within the minimum rate. Beyond that, whenever they get a concern raised by a business about their consumption, they evaluate what their trends are and now with Roswell's automated metering system they have very good records of what their consumption is through the course of the day, through the course of the month. So, they can determine what is a typical usage is. The point of the conversation rates, which Roswell is required to have by Georgia EPD and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water District, the point of that is to reduce non-essential consumption for things like irrigation, car washing, things of that nature. And so, for businesses they will make an adjustment to the higher set of tiers that is typical let's say for a one-inch meter or something like that.

It is possible that there are currently some businesses that are paying those higher rates, but whenever they brought to Roswell's attention, they have reviewed it and when appropriate made an adjustment so that they are not paying a high rate like a Laundromat. Obviously, as a routine part of their business they have a lot of water consumption. So, they have adjusted them to be a higher set of tiers.

Councilmember Price asked if it was the same for restaurants, or not necessarily. Keith Lee stated that it depends on their actual consumption. Restaurants are also likely to have higher consumption but not like a Laundromat.

Mayor Wood asked if there were any other questions of Council. Hearing none he called for a motion.

Councilmember Kent Igleheart stated that this was a tough one, he will be honest. But the proposed rate as shown provides for an eight percent increase in water rates effective January 1, 2015 and annual adjustments of 1.5 percent each January through FY 2019. He thinks that is the most fiscally responsible way for Roswell to do this. No one likes to increase costs but he thinks that for a responsible operation it is prudent.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kent Igleheart made a motion for **Approval of a Resolution adjusting Water Rates effective January 1, 2015 (FY 2015) and adjusting annually each January through 2019 (FY 2019)**. Councilmember Rich Dippolito seconded.

Mayor Wood asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments.

**Janet Russell**  
**260 Willow Springs Drive**

Janet Russell stated that she gets her residential water from the City of Roswell. For the record, only one member of the City Council gets their residential water from the City of Roswell so they have no skin in the game when it goes to not adjusting the rates...let's make sure they change it to increasing the rates. Semantics are very important. Russell remembers when this project started with the water treatment plant, and as the Council well knows, she has been opposed to the construction of it since day 1. She did all of the surveying of the different surrounding communities and out of like 400,000 people that live in North Fulton County, 22,000 get their water from Roswell. The rest get it from Fulton County or City of Atlanta as is the case with Sandy Springs. Fulton County charges less per 1000 gallons of water than the City of Roswell does. This will represent another increase because Fulton County reduced their rates a year ago in 2013.

For all the years that Roswell talked about this plant, the citizens were assured more than once by Stu Moring, in the newspaper and in this Council chamber that their rates would never go more than \$1 a month ever and they questioned that and said, "how can that possibly be? \$12 a year per consumer address which is 5000 of them approximately." That won't even service the debt.

Janet Russell stated that she still wants to go on record as saying that Roswell does not need to be in the water business anymore. This is a matter of civic ego not civic pride. They don't need to be doing this. The water quality is fine. The guys that work there are great. She has written letters to Stu, that is not the issue. Roswell does not need to be in the business anymore. And she thinks Roswell was deceptive when they told them for five years that they were going to their rates increased by only \$1 a month, in spite of the fact that they all questioned it.

Janet Russell stated that she wants to know and she will get the answer at the end because she has several questions and comments. She wants to know what the City of Roswell charges itself for water. Since most of the facilities they have lie within the City of Roswell's own water district.

Do they charge themselves the highest tier? Do they adjust them to the lowest tier? Because the taxpayers are paying that water bill too. She knows that they buy water from Fulton County. They buy it at a lower rate and charge it back to the customer, the citizens of Roswell at a higher rate when they run out.

Because of these deceptions, and Russell does call them that, they have been deceptions. Intentional or unintentional they have deceived the citizens. They were never allowed to vote. This was never on the ballot. The \$16 million water plant went from \$8 million to \$16 million in five years. When Russell questioned Mrs. Love about that at one point she said, "Well, we added a few things." Russell stated that they did, they added eight million \$1 bills.

Because Roswell has been deceptive about that, Janet Russell brings up a second question. She referenced the City Green that Roswell wants to create with this large expanse of lawn which will drink water by the thousands of gallons. She would like to call it the City Brown rather than the City Green because they want to cut down the trees. She was out there today and she noticed that there has probably been 100 trees cut down on this property in the last month. And Russell wants to know who has authorized that. They have asked for arborist reports, they get no reply from anyone. And as one walks around, the stumps have been ground to the absolute surface so that one hopefully does not see them and even covered with pine straw.

Janet Russell stated that she was at the Farmer's Market on Saturday. There is a stack of huge, long trees that look perfectly healthy to her except for one, stacked out by the driveway that faces the library and the Cultural Arts Center. When somebody asked Russell what are they doing with all these trees because suddenly one can see more in here. She said that she thinks cutting the trees is as deceptive as these water rates. It is called pruning or removing trees like on a dimmer switch. They keep taking them out a little at a time. When one finally comes to make the decision about the City Green they will have so few trees there that he will say that it is not really that big of a deal. One will not notice. Because they will have lost the remembrance of what it is what like when it was fully wooded.

Janet Russell wants Roswell to stop cutting the trees down. There is no reason to be cutting those trees down and everyone knows the trucks have been there, everyone has seen them. It is just plain sneaky. And it is kind of like these water rates. Russell stated that it doesn't matter the race, the religion, the age, the education or the economics, people are tired of deception from the City Councilmembers.

Mayor Wood stated that there were two questions. What tier does Roswell pay?

Keith Lee stated that Roswell pays based on first the meter size that they have installed so he will walk through that first. If they have a five-eighths meter on just this first lawn. They pay on a monthly base as their base rate, \$4.86. Then based on their water consumption they pay a tiered rate. So for their first 10,000 gallons, they pay \$4 per thousand. For 10,000 to 20,000 gallons they pay \$7.99 per thousand. For above 20,000 gallons they pay \$11.99 a gallon. They treat themselves like they treat their customers.

Mayor Wood clarified that for some of the water they are using they are paying \$11.99 for the water rate. Keith Lee stated if they have consumption at the level, yes. Mayor Wood asked if Roswell has consumption at that level some months. Keith Lee stated that they might on some of their irrigation in their parks. That would be high when there is a draught in the summer months.

Mayor Wood asked Kay Love who authorized the recent trees that were cut. Kay Love stated that ultimately that would be her. It is a joint project between Transportation and Recreation and Parks. One of the complaints that they have gotten related to being connected and people accessing city parking which is free to the public and being able to walk over to Canton Street to restaurants is that it is too dark and in looking with the city's arborist and city staff landscape architects is the canopy of the trees in general is too low. They are too closely clustered together. They had installed new lighting, however it didn't make very much difference because of the tree canopy. Some of the trees that were taken down were diseased, some of the trees that were taken down were not diseased but were strategic to the point that they were blocking the light coming through and to open up a wider path or area where citizens or visitors would feel safe walking along the recently installed walkway out there and the new lighting.

Mayor Wood thanked Kay Love. He asked if anyone else had any questions or comments.

**Lee Fleck**  
**Martin's Landing**

Lee Fleck stated that he is here to gloat. Told them so, but then they had all of those facts back then. He is sorry that Janet Russell upstaged him because that was one of the questions that he wanted because here is the consumption just in Parks and Recreation. Just the Parks and Recreation is 160,060 and it is Fleck's understanding that with this rate increase which over the five years will be 15.5 percent one is probably looking at another \$100,000 which he is going to be paying for or portion of it.

At any rate, the main reason Mr. Fleck is here is to go back on record once again. The consultants were brought in here to tell them what it was going to cost back in July 2010. Does the Council remember that? Do they remember that they said not only was the plant going to cost a certain amount but all of that capital investment that they are talking about now, they add those figures in. This is nothing new. They had all of that information. They even told them back then what their rate increase needed to be. There is what their costs were going to be. It is that two percent. The council had all of that information.

Was the Council deceiving them? Or was the scope of this project so expansive that they could not understand it? Mr. Fleck thinks it is a combination of both. Last year they came out during their capital projects and they talked about needed half a million dollars a year to maintain the infrastructure. And Mr. Fleck assumes that is what Keith Lee is talking about with the capital improvement. He is not talking about what was in the schedule C where they were going to redevelop the East Cobb water wells, he hopes, which was projected at \$4 million. In that Appendix C, it was laid out for them. Every year for the next 25 years, what their cost and revenue and capital expenditures to maintain their facilities were. They had that information before them and Fleck beat them over the head constantly for two-and-a-half years. They totally ignored it and they deceived their customers. And now they are sticking them with a 15.5 rate increase over five years. They should all be ashamed of themselves.

Mr. Fleck stated that he does not have comments from many that say, "Boy if I knew now what I knew then I wouldn't have done what I did." Fleck projected those cost cuts for Council if they remember. He gave them six percent, seven-and-a-half, eight percent over that life. He showed them at those rates they are still going to be short \$19 million. This was given to Council in 2010.

So, what can Mr. Fleck say? All he can do is say he told them so. It is going to cost him some money to provide water so the Council can sip from the water fountains here, flush the toilets. And he knows all about the rates based on the size of the meters and stuff like that. But he tells the Council that they have really done their customers a gross disservice. And just so they know just how gross it is, Fleck showed the Council what his water bill is. Look at his water rate.

One is talking about \$25 per month. Look at his water rate, \$2.63/1000 gallons Fulton County. What is Roswell going to charge their people per thousand? Keith Lee stated \$4. Fleck stated that he hopes that is all that it is going to be. But he doubts it. He is so upset with the Council for how they have deceived there people. It is inexcusable. But then like the old saying goes, there are consequences to one's actions and for those who fail to question it there are consequences for their inaction. So they got what they gave them.

Mayor Wood asked if there were any other comments or further discussion by Council.

Councilmember Kent Igleheart clarified that when they were talking about maintenance capital is was for the distribution system. It still has nothing to do with the plant in and of itself. It is all pipes and other things that Council has agreed for a long time need to be maintained.

Keith Lee stated that was correct. This \$500,000 primarily supports the distribution system. The rest of the capital is built into the plan itself. As a general rule, they have used CDBG funds to replace a lot of their lines within the area. They will continue to seek CDBG funding to help offset their costs directly in the water fund for water line replacement. He would like to say that the Performa that they have shown for the water fund have shown these increases over the past, so he doesn't believe that this Council has been deceptive.

Councilmember Kent Igleheart stated that he said the other day that whether the like it or not Stu Moring has said this for a while. He guessed it had to be coming at some point. He supports it reluctantly but that is what they had to do.

Mayor Wood asked if there was any further discussion by Council. Hearing none, he called the question.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Recreation and Parks Department – Councilmember Betty Price**

##### **10. Approval to hold the July 4, 2015 Fireworks at Sweet Apple Elementary School.**

Councilmember Betty Price stated that Joe Glover cannot be with them this evening so Morgan Rodgers will be giving the Council the report.

Morgan Rodgers stated that as the City Council knows they moved their annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration this year from Roswell High School to Sweet Apple Elementary School because of renovations at Roswell High School. With outstanding cooperation between the Recreation Department, the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Transportation Department this year's celebration was truly a community affair. What they heard from their citizens was that the Sweet Apple location felt more like a small town celebration that allowed great opportunities for family and friends to picnic, socialize and celebrate our nation's independence. Looking forward to the summer of 2015. There are more renovations planned at Roswell High School. So with that in mind and with the overwhelming public support for the Sweet Apple location the Recreation

Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the 2015 location for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Extravaganza be Sweet Apple Elementary School.

If chosen, their plans would be to basically use the same setup as they did this year. They would add a stage, entertainment and kid's activities directly on Etris Road in front of the school. They also planned to meet with the homeowner's association for Wexford to develop a plan to address parking in their neighborhood.

Councilmember Betty Price thanked Morgan Rodgers. She thinks it was a great, great fireworks this year and kind of a surprise that it went so well given the challenges that the department faced to pull it off.

**Motion:** Councilmember Betty Price made a motion to **Approve holding the July 4, 2015 Fireworks at Sweet Apple Elementary School.** Councilmember Jerry Orlans seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**City Attorney's Report**

**11. Recommendation for Closure to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate.**

**Motion:** Councilmember Becky Wynn made a **motion for closure to discuss personnel and acquisition of real estate.** Councilmember Nancy Diamond seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

After no further business, the Mayor and Council meeting of Monday, August 25, 2014 adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Marlee Press, City Clerk

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Jere Wood, Mayor

