City of Winder
City Council Meeting
Winder Community Center
113 East Athens Street
January 4, 2011
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City of Winder Mayor and Council was held this date with the following present:

Present:	Mayor Chip Thompson
Councilmember's:	Bob Dixon Frank Dunagan Charlie Eberhart David Maynard Sonny Morris JR Parrish
Administrative Staff:	City Administrator Donald Toms City Clerk Sabrina Wall Assistant City Clerk Gloria Andrews Finance Director Leslie Henderson

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Councilman Morris delivered the opening prayer. Following the prayer, Mayor Thompson led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

At this time, Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to add #9 Sick Time for Scott Brooks to the agenda. Councilman Eberhart made a motion to approve the addition. Councilman Parrish seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes Approved

The minutes for the City of Winder regular meeting held on December 7, 2010 and the called meeting on December 22, 2010 was approved as presented. Councilman Parrish made a motion to approve. Councilman Maynard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Finance Director Leslie Ginn reviewed the Financial Status Report. At December 2010, the sixth month of fiscal year 2011 represents 50.00% of the fiscal year. Ideal revenues for the period should be equal to or greater than 50.00% of the annual budgeted revenues while ideal expenditures should be equal to or less than 50.00% of the annual budgeted expenditures.

General fund revenues collected were 51.39% of the total budgeted revenues while operating expenditures were 46.45% of total budgeted expenditures. Enterprise fund revenues collected were 42.34% of the total budgeted revenues while operating expenditures were 39.26% of total budgeted expenses.

Municipal Court Fund Revenues collected were 44.84% of the total budgeted revenues while operating expenditures were 56.41% of total budgeted expenditures.

Citizen Input

None available

Discussion/Recognition Items

Hasco Craver with Northeast Georgia Regional Commission presented the Mayor and Council with a completed 2010 Housing Inventory & Assessment Report. The report included purpose, methodology, background, summary of findings, community meeting, strategies & recommendations, demographics, housing information, parcel survey, hud income limits, family income, cost burdened households, target area housing conditions and code enforcement violations.

Mayor Thompson announced that the Council Committees would not change for the New Year 2011.

Police Chief Stanley Rodgers updated the Council by starting with 2010 had been a good year. Crime rate had fallen 12%, fewer fatalities, 3rd place in Governors Challenge in traffic program, 100 programs with 3000 in attendance, programs for all schools in the Barrow County area along with daycares and preschools, 10th year with Christmas Shopping with an officer that served 20 children, 9th year with Boys & Girls Christmas party, awarded 60,000.00 in grants for equipment, COPS Grant.

Gas Manager Mike Jewell updated the Council on December Gas consumptions increase from 2008. Reviewing Industrial customers for 2008 consumption was 25,000, 2009 consumption was 36,000 and 2010 consumption was 52,000. New requirements with EPA on yearly reporting, installation of gas lines on Hwy 53 for a subdivision, serving a new green house in Monroe called Baskin Nursery and the new Carmike Cinemas at the intersection of Hwy 316 and Hwy 81. Advised the Council this would be a great time to lay new lines for future revenue. Aware we are financially strained but we need to review the areas we can serve but are not at this time. Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia is looking at purchasing the Methane Gas Line located at the land field.

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Voting Items

1. Historic Preservation Appointee Freta Crawford. Councilman Maynard made a motion to approve. Councilman Dunagan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Qualifying Fees – Approval of $180.00 for Council and $630.00 for Mayor Qualifying Fees. The election will be held on November 8, 2011 for the seats of Mayor, Ward 2, Ward 4 and At-Large. Qualifying will be August 29, 2011 through September 2, 2011 from the times of 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Councilman Dunagan made a motion to approve. Councilman Eberhart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution to expand the Downtown Development Area. Councilman Maynard made a motion to postpone this item so the request may go to the Downtown Development Authority first. Councilman Parrish seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. FOG Ordinance was amended to reflect prorations for first year discharge permits based on the number of months remaining in the year, payments of fees and schedule of fees. Councilman Maynard made a motion to approve. Councilman Dixon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Chamber of Commerce Lease was renewed for the year 2011 with the changes of dates to reflect 2011, quarterly rent due Landlord shall be the lesser of $2500.00 from $4500.00 and tenant shall be responsible for all utilities. Councilman Maynard made a motion to approve the lease with changes. Councilman Dunagan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Chamber of Commerce Hotel Motel Tax Contract for Services was renewed for the year 2011. Councilman Maynard made a motion to approve with updating the dates on the lease to reflect 2011. Councilman Eberhart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. The Light Homeless Shelter Agreement for Services was reviewed. City Administrator Don Toms stated at this time due to budgetary shortfalls, demand for this service, and money needed for State mandated storm water projects, the termination of the agreement is highly recommended. Upon terminating the agreement (effective January 30, 2011), the City will agree to pay only for the nights that the Winder Police Department houses an individual at the Shelter. This will dissolve the $6,000 per month minimum payment. The City will assist the Light Homeless Shelter by reducing their monthly Water/Sewer, Gas, and Garbage by 50% until June 30, 2011. All money realized through the termination of this agreement will be directed towards storm water management. Councilman Dixon made a motion to follow the City Administrators recommendations. Councilman Parrish seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Amend Article I, Section 3-13 Alcoholic Beverages shall not apply as to consumption of alcohol by the drink on premises within the Downtown Development Area as established by the City Council from time to time; so that within the said Downtown Development Area there shall be no distance requirements as to consumption of alcohol by the drink on the premises as set forth in this section. Councilman Maynard made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilman Eberhart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

9. City Clerk Sabrina Wall presented sick time for Scott Brooks. Employees have contributed some of their own sick time in order to give to Mr. Brooks. Councilman Eberhart made a motion to approve. Councilman Parrish seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment at 6:50 pm

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Mayor

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City Clerk SEAL