

**CITY OF ACWORTH, GEORGIA
BRIEFING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
6:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM ONE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
7:00 P.M. – BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

Present: Present: Mayor Tommy Allegood, Aldermen Bob Weatherford, Tim Houston, Tim Richardson, Albert Price, and Gene Pugliese, City Manager Brian Bulthuis, Assistant City Manager Brandon Douglas, City Attorney Doug Haynie, and City Clerk Regina Russell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allegood called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Pugliese led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Alex Mitchel who competed in the Regional Dribble Dish and Swish Competition in Atlanta

Mayor Allegood, along with Alderman Pugliese and Acworth Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jodi Mills recognized Alex Mitchel, who competed with more than 37,000 boys and girls in the Dribble Dish and Swish Competition this year. Dribble, Dish and Swish offers participants the opportunity to showcase their fundamental basketball skills and physical fitness through a time-based, half-court obstacle course. Alex was presented with a certificate for his participation in the competition.

B. Recognition of Vinnie Loccisano who competed in the National Dribble Dish and Swish Competition in Dallas Texas February 12 – 14

Mayor Allegood, along with Alderman Pugliese and Acworth Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jodi Mills recognized Vinnie Loccisano who also competed with more than 37,000 boys and girls in the Dribble Dish and Swish Competition this year. Vinnie was one of two boys who made it to the national competition in the 9 and 10 age group. Vinnie presented his trophy that he had won from the competition and was presented a certificate for his participation. Mayor Allegood also presented Vinnie with a proclamation on behalf of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for his recent victory.

C. Presentation of Proclamation for Georgia Arbor Day, February 19, 2010

Mayor Allegood recognized Cyndi McLaughlin, Chair of the Acworth Tree Commission. Ms. McLaughlin advised that the City of Acworth was recently presented the “1st Growth Award” by Tree City USA. Ms. McLaughlin commended the Acworth Tree Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department for their assistance in receiving the award. Ms. McLaughlin advised that the Tree Commission was planning to provide signs to name existing trees along the trails in Acworth, as well as an information flyer about the Tree

Commission. Ms. McLaughlin presented the “1st Growth Award” to Mayor Allegood on behalf of the City. Mayor Allegood commended Tree Commission members Ms. McLaughlin, John Hatfield and Sylvia Flanagan for their hard work and dedication.

D. Recognition of the 2010 Arbor Day Poster Contest winners from McCall Primary, Acworth Elementary and Frey Elementary

Mayor Allegood along with Alderman Weatherford and Tree Commission Chair Cyndi McLaughlin recognized the 2010 Arbor Day Poster Contest winners from McCall Primary, Acworth Elementary and Frey Elementary. Each of the winners received a certificate for their participation. Representatives from the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department judged approximately 50 posters that were entered in the contest. The posters were divided by grades, which were awarded 1st through 3rd place by the Acworth Tree Commission.

E. Presentation by the Acworth Achiever Mentoring and After School Program Participants, highlighting influential African Americans in the history of Acworth to celebrate Black History Month

Mayor Allegood, along with Alderman Houston, and Acworth Parks and Recreation Coordinator Frank White presented the Acworth Achievers, a group of students from North Cobb High Schools that participate in a mentoring and after school program at Roberts School. Among the presenters were, Josh Gragg, Chelsea Mitchell, Tamara Worthy, and Chris Griggs. Acworth Achievers each recognized and presented a citizen from the Acworth community in recognition of Black History Month. The representatives of the community that were honored and recognized with plaques for their impact on the Acworth African-American community were Amos Durr, Larry Griffin, Beulah Ross, Pastor Gloria Gainor, Doyal Hill, and Alderman Tim Houston. Mr. White welcomed the public to have their children participate in the Acworth Achievers Mentoring and After School Program.

F. Presentation of Proclamation for Black History Month, February 2010

In conjunction with the Black History Month presentation that was presented by the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department and Acworth Achievers, Mayor Allegood presented a proclamation on behalf of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in recognition of Black History Month in the City of Acworth.

Mayor Allegood recognized students from Kennesaw State University (KSU) who were present at the meeting in an effort to receive extra credit for Acworth Judge Philip Taylor’s Political Science class.

Mayor Allegood recognized members of Troop 472 who were present to receive their Merit Badge for communications.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Henry Chandler, owner of Henry’s Louisiana Grill, 4352 Seminole Drive, Acworth, GA, commented on his previous organ transplant and advised for the upcoming “Run Through the Forest” 5K run/walk event to be held by the Georgia Transplant Society on February 27. Mr. Chandler advised that the event will benefit Cobb County residents who were desperately awaiting organ transplants. Further discussion held. Mr. Chandler advised for his restaurant menu. Mr. Chandler advised that his church priest of Saint

Catherine's was very involved with the fire fighter and police association(s), and that he prays for public safety officials, in conjunction with the Georgia officer recently killed. Further discussion held. Mr. Chandler thanked patrons for visiting all the downtown restaurants in Acworth.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of February 1, 2010 Public Hearing/Special Called Meeting Minutes.**
- B. Approval of February 4, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- C. Approval of Resolution 2010-01; which adopts the City's "Electrical Power Rate Schedule 04-2010."**
- D. Approval of reappointments for Elisha Plumley and Sallie Loy, and the appointments of Tom Bretherton and Kevin Wigington to the Acworth Historic Preservation Commission terms expiring January 31, 2013.**
- E. Approval for the Acworth DDA to hold the Farmers' Market every Friday morning from May 28, 2010 through October 29, 2010 from 7:00 am until 11:00 am in the upper parking lot on Main Street.**
- F. Approval of lease for new postage meter from Neopost for the police department, which includes a 36 month agreement, all maintenance and free rate updates, and authorize the Mayor to sign lease.**
- G. Approval of Agreement with Special Needs Development Group, Inc. to turn over all current funds and future funds raise for the development, maintenance and operation of the Horizon Field and authorize Mayor to sign contract. The city currently has \$19,311.53 in funds to be transferred.**
- H. Approval for the Georgia State Games Commission to use Lake Acworth at Cauble Park on July 10, 2010 for their 1k, 3k and 5k Open Water Swimming Championships event.**
- I. Approval for McCall Primary School to use Cauble Park on Friday, May 14, 2010 to celebrate accomplishing their goals for the One Million Words Reading Campaign.**
- J. Approval of TriScapes Inc., as the lowest qualified bidder to provide mowing and maintenance services for Dallas Landing Park, Proctor Landing Park, Liberty Hill Cemetery, and the common areas at the Sports Complex not to exceed the amount of \$30,392.00 and authorize Mayor to sign contract.**
- K. Approval to renew the Fertilization and Weed Control Contract with TruGreen ChemLawn to provide fertilization and weed control services for the six (6) baseball fields at the Sports Complex, the two (2) football fields at the Sports Complex, and one (1) baseball field at Newberry Park in an amount not to exceed \$9,400.00 and authorize Mayor to sign.**
- L. Approval of Parks and Recreation revised volunteer background check criteria.**
- M. Award one (1) year Right-of-Way Mowing Contract to R.G.S. Landscape Management Inc. in the amount of \$ 36,600.00 and authorize Mayor to sign contract.**

Mayor Allegood presented Consent Agenda Items “A–M.” Alderman Pugliese moved for approval of Consent Agenda Items “A–M.” Alderman Richardson seconded. Mayor Allegood asked if there was any discussion from the Board. There were none. The motion for approval of Consent Agenda Items “A–M” approved unanimously (5:0).

6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Brian Bulthuis called on Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jodi Mills for a brief report on the Valentine’s Daddy/Daughter Dance. Ms. Mills advised that there were 141 registered participants at the “At the Hop” diner and soda shop event. Further discussion held. Mr. Bulthuis advised that he was unable to attend the Daddy/Daughter Dance, due to attending the “Dancing with the Georgia Stars” event that featured Mayor Allegood as one of the participants. Mr. Bulthuis displayed photos of Mayor Allegood reference the event. Mayor Allegood advised for the purpose of the event to raise funds to send the band on a special trip. Further discussion held.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Pugliese commended Parks and Recreation for a job well done with the Daddy/Daughter Dance and advised that he had a great time participating with his daughter.

Alderman Weatherford commented on previous photos shown of Mayor Allegood’s participation with the “Dancing with the Georgia Stars” event.

8. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

There were none.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Esther Wheat, 412 Dauter Drive, Kennesaw, GA, advised on the purpose of Troop 472 attending tonight’s meeting to report meeting activity in an effort to earn their Merit Badge for communications. Ms. Wheat commended Parks and Recreation for their previous assistance in repairing a flag pole. Ms. Wheat thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their support of the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Allegood called for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Weatherford moved for adjournment. Alderman Houston seconded. The motion approved unanimously. Mayor Allegood adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Thomas W. Allegood, Mayor

Regina R. Russell, City Clerk