

**CITY OF ACWORTH, GEORGIA
BRIEFING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
6:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM ONE
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
7:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012**

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allegood called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: Vilas Patel has applied for an Alcohol Privilege License for sales of beer and wine for Acworth City Center, LLC, d/b/a Stop N Shop, 4739 S. Main Street, Acworth, GA 30101.

Mayor Allegood opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. and called on the applicant for discussion. Vilas Patel advised that he was applying for a beer and wine license for the business located at 4739 South Main Street, Acworth, GA. Mr. Patel advised for the change of ownership of the former Citgo gas station. Mayor Allegood called on City Attorney Doug Haynie for comments. Mr. Haynie advised that the application was in order. Mayor Allegood opened discussion for public comment. There was none. Mayor Allegood asked if there were any comments from the Board. There were none. Mayor Allegood advised that with the consensus of the Board, the item would be placed on tonight's consent agenda for approval. Mayor Allegood closed the Public Hearing and thanked the applicant for his investment in the City.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Allegood adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allegood called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Weatherford gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation in Recognition of Radon Action Month

Mayor Allegood acknowledged Emily Harper from the UGA/Cobb County Cooperative Extension and presented the proclamation in recognition of Radon Action Month, January.

Ms. Harper advised that she was appreciative of the proclamation and further advised on the purpose of Radon Action Month. Ms. Harper advised that radon was a natural occurring breakdown of gas from uranium, soil and rocks and is the second leading cause of cancer after smoking. Ms. Harper advised that more information was available in the vestibule. Ms. Harper distributed radon test kits to members of council. Mayor Allegood invited Ms. Harper to return annually for recognition of Radon Action Month.

B. Recognition for the Downtown Development Authority's *Dickens of a Christmas Y'all Festivities* and for their contributions and support of the local community

Mayor Allegood recognized Assistant City Manager Brandon Douglas who presented a slide presentation of the recent *Dickens of a Christmas Y'all Festivities* held in downtown Acworth. Mr. Douglas acknowledged DDA members Suzi Riedling and Kim Wigington for the efforts of the Authority. Ms. Carter from Impact Dance was also recognized for the flash mob dance participation, along with participants from North Cobb and Mount Paran Christian Schools. Participants dressed in costumes as they went from home-to-home and merchant-to-merchant singing Christmas carols and role playing Christmas past, present and future. Participants advised that they were already discussing plans for 2012. Further discussion held. North Cobb Christian School was recognized for their accomplishment in winning state and Georgia high school championship for theatre.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of January 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- B. Approval of an Alcohol Privilege License for sales of beer and wine for Acworth City Center, LLC, d/b/a Stop N Shop, 4739 S. Main Street, Acworth, GA 30101.**
- C. Approval of the contract with East Coast Pyrotechnics, Inc. to perform the July 4, 2012 fireworks at Cauble Park in the amount of \$10,000.00 and authorize Mayor to sign.**
- D. Approval for the Kennehoochee Amateur Radio Club to use the pavilion at Dallas Landing Park June 23, 2012 through June 24, 2012 for a demonstration of emergency communications.**
- E. Approval for ArborMaster to come and teach three classes over a week period at Logan Farm Park, Dallas Landing Park or Proctor Landing Park. Classes will be a Level 1 Precision Felling, Chainsaw Handling, Safety & Ergonomics class on December 4 - 5, 2012, a Level 1 Tree Climbing Methods, Work Positioning and Best Practices class on December 6 - 8, 2012, and a Level 1 Arborist Rigging Applications class on December 10 - 11, 2012.**
- F. Approval for Acworth Intermediate School to use the Acworth Beach House on Thursday, May 3, 2012 for School Strategic Plan with McCall.**
- G. Approval of the contract with the Georgia State Games Commission to use Lake Acworth at Cauble Park on July 14, 2012 for their 1k, 3k and 5k Open Water Swimming Championships event. Approval is contingent upon**

obtaining all necessary permits through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

H. Approval for the North Cobb Rotary Club to hold the Second Annual Smoke on the Lake Backyard BBQ Festival at Cauble Park Friday, May 11 through Saturday, May 12.

I. Approval of Resolution No. RS2012-01, designating the 2012 Smoke on the Lake Backyard BBQ Event to be held Friday, May 11, 2012 and Saturday, May 12 a Community Festival.

Mayor Allegood presented Consent Agenda Items “A-I.” Alderman Weatherford moved for approval of Consent Agenda Items “A-I.” Alderman Pugliese seconded. Mayor Allegood asked if there was any discussion from the Board. There was none. The motion for approval of Consent Agenda Items “A-I” approved unanimously (4:0).

6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were none.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Weatherford advised for the upcoming February 11 Parks and Recreation events for the Daddy Daughter Dance for ages 10-12 years and the Cupid 5K Chase.

8. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Allegood advised for the upcoming State of the City Address to be held on January 26 at 11:30 a.m. at North Star Church. Mayor Allegood advised the public to contact the ABA for reservations.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Allegood acknowledged KSU students who were in attendance to receive extra credit for Judge Taylor’s political science class.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Mayor Allegood called for Executive Session. Alderman Weatherford moved for Executive Session. Alderman Pugliese seconded. The motion approved unanimously (4:0). Mayor Allegood, Aldermen Pugliese, Weatherford, Price and Houston and City Attorney Haynie went into executive session at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Allegood, Aldermen Pugliese, Weatherford, Price and Houston and City Attorney Haynie returned from Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. Alderman Pugliese moved to come out of Executive Session. Alderman Weatherford seconded. The motion approved unanimously (4:0).

11. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Weatherford moved for adjournment. Alderman Houston seconded. The motion approved unanimously (4:0). Mayor Allegood adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Thomas W. Allegood, Mayor

Regina R. Russell, City Clerk