

Town of Tyrone Council Minutes

March 4, 2010

Present:

Mayor Don Rehwaldt
Councilman Tracy Young
Councilman Eric Dial
Councilman Ken Matthews
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Furr
Town Manager Richard Newbern
Town Attorney Dennis Davenport
Town Clerk Pamela Megill
Finance Manager Penny Hunter

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rehwaldt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The invocation was given by Pastor Scott Smith, Living Proof Southern Baptist Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Furr made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Approval of minutes: February 18, 2010.

Council Member Young made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Furr seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION:

1. Fayette County Fire Department/EMC will present an annual activity report for the Town of Tyrone.

Fayette County Public Safety Director/Fire Chief, Allen McCullough and Deputy Chief, Tom Bartlett presented a power point presentation to the Town Council. Deputy Chief, Tom Bartlett reported that the Fayette County Fire and EMS had responded to 580 incidents in Tyrone during the year of 2009, and the average response time was 4:27 minutes. It was reported that the Fire Damage Loss totaled \$135,000 and 138 Fire Prevention Inspections had been made. Deputy Chief also stated that the Fire Mill Rate is 1.991 which relates to a cost of \$79.64 per year on a \$100,000 property value. The EMS Mill Rate is 0.548 which relates to a cost of \$21.92 per year on a \$100,000 property value.

911 Communications Director, Cheryl Rogers briefed the Town Council on the responsibilities of the Fayette County 911 Communications Department. Ms. Rogers stated that the department

served as the County-wide public safety answering point, using an integrated public safety radio system. The department is also responsible for the ‘Severe Weather Alerting System’; monitoring the radars and sirens. Ms. Rogers stated that the 911 Communications Department had a total 61,125 dispatched calls for service for the whole County in 2009, there were 110,618 officer initiated calls and 38,324 pullovers, and there were 54,541 Emergency 911 calls received. Ms. Rogers also stated one of the newest products that the department manages is the Emergency Medical Dispatch, which provides immediate medical attention, which is an extension of fire and emergency services. Ms. Rogers stated in conclusion the Fayette County 911 Communications Department strives to meet the Public Safety agencies needs and meet the needs of the citizens with quality personnel service and compassionate customer service.

Fayette County Animal Control Director, Fred Sisson stated that the Animal Control Department stands as a functional department of the Fayette County Public Safety Division. The department is charged by the State of Georgia and Fayette County Commissioners to uphold and enforce laws pertaining to animals, including, but not limited to: Animal cruelty, leash laws, and the handling of bite cases. The services are dedicated to promote healthy relationships between the citizens of Fayette County, companion animals and wildlife. Mr. Sisson reported that the Department had received 81 incoming animals from the Town of Tyrone in 2009.

Fayette County Marshal’s Office Investigator, Lem Miller briefed the Town Council on the duties and responsibilities of the Marshal’s Office. Investigator Miller stated that the Marshal’s Office enforces County ordinances, zoning ordinances, sign regulations, building codes, dumping/littering regulations, beer and wine ordinances and business license regulations. In addition, the Marshal’s Office provides the service of citations or papers for the various County departments in addition to assisting with various investigations with the Tax Commissioner’s Office, Water Systems, Finance Department and the Commissioner’s Office. The Marshal’s Office also participates in many Community Programs.

Safety Director, Allen McCullough thanked the Town Council for their time to allow the presentation, and thanked County Commissioner Board Chairman, Jack Smith for his leadership and attendance at the Town Council meeting.

Mayor Rehwaldt thanked everyone from the Fayette County Public Safety Division for their presentation and gave support for the continued good relations between the County and the Town.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no public hearings.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. The 2010 U.S. Census-support a complete count for the 2010 decennial census.**
Richard Newbern, Town Manager

Town Manager, Richard Newbern stated that the Town of Tyrone is a member of the Fayette County Complete Count Committee and is participating in local efforts to encourage a complete count of Fayette County residents, and requested the Town Council consider and approve adopting Resolution No. 2010-03; a Resolution affirming support of the 2010 census.

Council Member Young made a motion to approve a Resolution supporting a complete count of Town residents of the 2010 decennial census, and that the Resolution is forwarded to the Fayette County Complete Count Committee and to the U.S. Census Bureau. Council Member Dial seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- 3. Transfer of \$219.00 from the General Fund to Court line item 20-52-1207 “Court Appointed Attorney Fees”. *Kathy Bright, Court Clerk***
- 4. Transfer of \$1,068.63 from the General Fund to the Public Safety overtime line item 30-51-1300. These funds represent reimbursements from the Department of Justice for overtime worked by our narcotics investigator on Federal cases. *Brandon Perkins, Police Chief***
- 5. Transfer of \$3,941.80 from the General Fund to the Public Safety vehicle repair line item 30-52-2201. These funds represent reimbursements from our insurance company and from court ordered restitution for repairs to police vehicles. *Brandon Perkins, Police Chief***

Council Member Matthews made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Dial seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Staff Comments

Police Chief, Brandon Perkins stated that all Fayette County government agencies and municipalities have been contacted by Matt Robinson, Peachtree City’s Systems Administrator, in reference to a proposal by technology giant, Google that could make us one of the first communities in the world to offer ultra high speed internet access. Google is in search of a community with a population between 50,000 and 500,000 that will serve as its test bed where they will install a fiber optic network capable of delivering internet speeds up to 100 times faster than what the average user is currently experiencing. Chief Perkins stated that he was providing this information to begin the process of getting the word out into our community. Chief Perkins provided the Town Council with a memorandum that detailed the project and the web site message that will be posted on the Town web site.

County Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Jack Smith stated the application/bid to Google will be highly competitive, and he viewed this project as a great benefit to the citizens of

Fayette County with tremendous potential for economic growth; should the application be selected.

Council Member Dial made a motion to join with the County and all other municipalities in the application process. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Mayor Rehwaldt

There were no additional comments from Mayor Rehwaldt.

Council Comments

There were no additional comments from the Council Members.

Executive Session

Town Attorney, Dennis Davenport stated there would be no Executive Session this meeting.

Adjournment

Council Member Furr made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Dial seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Town Council Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

By: _____
Don Rehwaldt, Mayor

Attest: _____
Pamela J. Megill, Town Clerk

