

City of Sugar Hill Called Council Meeting

January 29, 2001

7:00 PM Community Center

The City of Sugar Hill held a called council meeting on Monday January 29, 2001 at 7:00 PM in the Community Center.

Notice of the meeting was placed on the doors of city hall and the community center. Notice was placed on the board at Alton Tucker Blvd and Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Notice was sent to the local news media.

Those present included Mayor Roberta Crabb, Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Abbey, Council Members Meg Avery, Kim Hall, Michael Mosley and Gary Pirkle. Also present were City Manager Frank Ginn, City Attorney Lee Thompson, representatives of the Municipal Gas Authority and City Clerk Shirley Gibbs.

Mayor Crabb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council Member Pirkle gave the Invocation.

Because there was an overflow crowd, Mayor Crabb asked that the audience please listen to the presentation before any questions were asked.

City Manager Ginn and the representatives from the gas authority presented charts and graphs showing the recent rise in gas prices from the producers all the way down to the consumer. Sugar Hill was one of the first municipalities to use the higher rate just when consumption was at its highest. The council was presented with a new rate structure, payment options for the customers and doing away with the different rates for inside and outside the city limits. Numerous questions from the audience was asked regarding the new rate, why there were no options on choosing another gas provider, would it not be in the best interest of the city to sell the gas system. After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Pirkle made a motion to approve the Ordinance changing the rate structure the city uses to figure utility bills, changing the base rate, and eliminating the difference between the inside and outside rates. Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Council Member Pirkle made the motion to approve the Ordinance that will allow customers to pay one half of their current bill, add no late fees until June 1 when all bills should be paid, do no cut-offs on accounts that are paying at least one half of the amount due, giving a credit to the customers who were billed at the higher gas rate and billing the next cycle at the new rate structure. Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Council Member Mosley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Possible Litigation. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Council Member Mosley made a motion to return to regular session. Council Member Pirkle made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Action taken out of Executive Session: Council Member Pirkle made a motion to accept City Manager Frank Ginn's resignation as written, to appoint Jim Osborn as the Acting

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City Manager with a pay increase of \$500.00 per month effective immediately. Council Member Mosley made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Council Member Mosley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Abbey made the second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 PM.

Date Approved_____

Mayor Roberta Crabb

Attest:

City Clerk