

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011
7:30 PM CITY HALL ANNEX
4988 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pirkle at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Gary Pirkle, Mayor Pro Tem Marc Cohen, Council Members Steve Edwards, Susie Gajewski, Curtis Northrup and Mike Sullivan. Also present were City Manager Bob Hail, City Clerk Jane Whittington and City Attorney Frank Hartley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION – given by Sugar Hill Church Pastor Chuck Allen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Sullivan motioned to amend the agenda to add Election Report and the Siren Costume. Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 10, 2011 – Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the minutes with one amendment; under Pledge of Allegiance strike Boy Scout Mellow Maddox and change to Boy Scout Maddox. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT
COUNCIL REPORTS
MAYOR’S REPORT
CITY CLERK’S REPORT
CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

The Mayor and Council recognized Evan Biers for his creative costume for Halloween. Evan was fascinated by the new Emergency Weather Sirens and wanted to be a siren for Halloween.

North Gwinnett DECA Club officers spoke regarding their sponsorship of the Toys for Tots program. They are in great need of volunteers this year. New unwrapped toys for ages 0-13 will be accepted at North Gwinnett High School until December 9th. There is a warehouse on Horizon Drive in Suwanee that will accept toys after that. The ages 9-12 are left out a lot and are the greatest need. There will also be a collection box in City Hall.

Jeanne Ferguson gave the update on the 2011 General and Special Election. Council Member Sullivan motioned to certify the Election Update. Council Member Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING, 2012 Proposed Budget – The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order and asked the City Manager to cover the budget report and highlights. This is a \$27,000,000 budget with \$14,000,000 in Capital Improvements. There were no comments from the public so the hearing was closed. Council Member Edwards stated that this budget is a result of good leadership and staff. The next Public Hearing will be at the December Work Session with adoption at the December Council Meeting.

2011 Year End Salary Adjustment – City Manager explained that this is a one-time pay out for the City employees in lieu of a raise for 2012. Council Member Cohen motioned to approve the 2011 salary adjustment. Council Member Gajewski seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Ordinance Amendment Open Burning – There was some discussion regarding the permit process. The City is to develop a permit and notify the fire department when permits are issued. The number of permits within an area should be limited to preserve air quality. The City should also keep advisory and no burn day updates on the website. Council Member Sullivan motioned to approve the Open Burning Ordinance as discussed. Council Member Northrup seconded the motion. Approved 4-1 with Council Member Edwards voting nay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR PERSONNEL
There was no Executive Session held.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Cohen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Gary Pirkle, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk