

Council Meeting
February 4, 2014

On Tuesday, February 4, 2014 the Mayor and Council of the City of Warrenton held their regular meeting in the Council Room at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were Mayor George Ivey, Mayor Pro-tem Chris McCorkle, Councilmembers Steve Giddens, Craig Hunter, Brenda B. Johnson, and Donnie Roland, City Administrator Mary Ann Moseley, Street and Sanitation Director Danny Williams, Water and Sewer Superintendent Pat Rogers, Police Chief Ron Sellers, Recreation Director Milledge Samuels, Sergeant Mike Greeson, Assistant Police Chief Madera Holmes, Officers Hillary Ivey, Chad Steward and Charles Schofield, and guests John Martin, Jr., Carolyn Martin, Johnny E. Johnson, William Haymon, Willie C. Ivey, Jr., Mrs. E.B. Massey, Georgette Woods, Michelle Bacon, Donna Stillinger from WTHO, Brian Bowden from the McDuffie Progress Janet Phelps, C.E. Phelps, Calvin Jones, Ann Burnett, Karl N. Haywood from the Warrenton Clipper, Clara B. Roberts, Yvonne Dean, and Jessica Hayes from the Congressional office of Paul Broun.

Mayor Ivey called the meeting to order and led those present in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Ivey asked for a motion on the approval of the January Minutes. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle made a motion that the January Minutes be approved as submitted. Councilmember Hunter seconded the motion. Mayor Ivey asked if there were any questions about the minutes as submitted and hearing none, Mayor Ivey stated the minutes passed.

Mr. C. E. Phelps was the first guest that indicated he wished to address Council. Mr. Phelps stated that he received a call from a friend stating that he had been taken to McDuffie County Jail for no insurance and his tag being revoked. Mr. Phelps stated he was first told he could use his property to sign a property bond but was later told that since there was a lien on the property he would have to hire a bondsman. Mr. Phelps stated in order to get this man out of jail he had to pay a bondsman \$195.00 and the car was impounded and that was \$135.00. Mr. Phelps asked for reimbursement because he felt he should have been able to use his property and not had to pay the bondsman. Chief Sellers stated that this is highly unusual however Officer Stewart followed proper procedures in that he had to accept the information provided by the State when he made the traffic stop and the City will not accept a property bond on property with a lien against it. After discussion Councilmember Hunter suggested that he, Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle and Mayor Ivey discuss this and come to a resolution.

Administrator Moseley stated that the next guest wishing to address Council was Mr. Karl Haywood, however the issue he wished to discuss was on the agenda and Mr. Haywood would like to wait until that agenda item is addressed.

Ms. Jessica Hayes from Congressman Paul Broun's office came to introduce herself to the Mayor, Council and citizens and to let those present know that the Congressman and his staff are more than willing to assist in any way possible.

Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle moved that the Approval of the December Minutes be removed from the table. Councilmember Giddens seconded the motion. Mayor Ivey called for the vote, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Ivey recognized Mr. Karl Haywood who stated that he was back to request that the City rename the part of North Legion Drive inside the City Limits to Bobby W. Johnson Highway. Mayor Ivey asked the Council to take Mr. Haywoods request under consideration. Councilmember Hunter asked if the Council was going to entertain all citizen request to rename street for a family member or dear friend. Mayor Ivey continued by saying that a lot had been done recently for dear friends, Mr. Johnson had left a legacy. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle requested a Point of Order and reminded Mayor Ivey that as Chair he would like to remind the Mayor that he was not entitled to express his opinion. Mayor Ivey stated he would address this and Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked for a Point of Order. Mayor Ivey asked if they had not been in Order since the meeting began, Mayor Pro-tem asked for a Point of Order. Mayor Ivey asked who was the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated that he appealed the decision of the Chair. Councilmember Hunter seconded the appeal. Mayor Ivey stated that this item would be tabled to another day.

Mayor Ivey asked who is the Mayor in this meeting and stated he still had not gotten an answer to which several citizens stated George Ivey.

Mayor Ivey asked the Clerk if there was a Code that Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked for Point of Order and Councilmember Hunter stated that there was an agenda that needed to be followed.

Mayor Ivey stated that the next item on the agenda was a Resolution that he knew nothing about and he would like to table the Resolution at this time. Councilmember Hunter asked Mayor Ivey what Resolution he was referring to. Councilmember Hunter stated that if the Mayor was following the agenda then the next item would be the Appointment of a Board of Health Member.

Mayor Ivey stated that the appointment of a member to the Board of Health needed to be tabled until he could talk to someone and it has been pointed out that the person appointed needed to be a member of the Council and he needed to talk to someone. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked Mayor Ivey if he would be willing to serve on the Board and Mayor Ivey stated that he would not because being Mayor was a full time job. Mayor Ivey asked Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle if he would be willing to serve and Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated he would, Mayor Ivey then stated he would still like to table this until they could find someone willing and fit to serve. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated that in order to table an item there needs to be a motion from the floor and someone second, the Mayor can not table anything. Mayor Ivey stated that he was glad that Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle had pointed out that he was the Chair, Councilmember Giddens stated that the Chair was the moderator of the meeting giving him the authority to conduct the meeting not rule over the meeting. Mayor Ivey asked for a motion to table the appointment of a member to the Board of Health. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle made a motion that the appointment of a member to the Board of Health be postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Ivey called for the vote, which passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Ivey reported that the February 10, 2014 Municipal Court would be held at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall with Judge Robert Knox presiding. Councilmember Hunter made a motion that February 10, 2014 Municipal Court be held at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle seconded the motion. Mayor Ivey called for the vote, which passed by unanimous vote.

A citizen asked what parliamentary procedures were being followed. Councilmember Hunter stated that the City Charter dictates that the Mayor and Council follow Roberts Rules of Order during the

Council Meetings. Mayor Ivey stated that he was in a class taught by the Georgia Municipal Association in Atlanta, Georgia most cities use Roberts Rules of Order but they do not have to abide by them even if the charter address them to you can conduct meeting without Roberts Rules of Order. Mayor Ivey asked Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle if this was right and Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated that the Charter requires the Mayor and Council to follow parliamentary procedures conducting business. Mayor Ivey stated his question was does the State, he was going by what the State had educated him with, is the State wrong?

Donna Branch asked for a point of clarification and stated that there was never a motion to table the re-naming of N. Legion Drive to Bobby W. Johnson Highway. Mayor Ivey asked for a motion, no motion was received.

Mayor Ivey asked that the Resolution FY 2014 be tabled until the next meeting. Mayor Ivey asked for a motion to table. Mayor Pro-tem asked if the Mayor if he was referring to the Resolution for the Community Development Block Grant Application. Mayor Ivey said he was. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated this Resolution needed to be read and voted upon tonight, it is important to be able to proceed with the application process to receive this grant. Mayor Ivey stated that he didn't know anything about this and you cannot bring just anything in front of him to sign, lately Mr. Pro-tem you have been doing some signing and he would like to know why you didn't sign the Resolution, you've been signing checks and everything else. Councilmember Hunter stated that the City Administrator needs to read the Resolution to Council. Mayor Ivey stated there was a place at the bottom for the Mayor to sign. Mayor Ivey stated the Mayor needs to know what is happening in the City. Mayor Ivey further stated that he was not signing anything that he knew nothing about. Councilmember Giddens made a motion that the Council accept the 2014 CDBG Grant Application Resolution as submitted. Hunter seconded the motion. Mayor Ivey stated that's not what he called for he called for it to be tabled. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle Appealed the Decision from the Chair. Councilmember Hunter seconded. Mayor Ivey stated that he was moving on and Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle pointed out there was a Motion on the Floor and a second. Mayor Ivey stated he did not ask anyone to vote on the motion. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated the Mayor was required to. Mayor Ivey stated he asked for Council to table and it was never brought to a motion. Mayor Ivey stated he was not required to sign anything he did not agree with. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked Mayor Ivey if he recognize that by not passing the Resolution the City would likely be forfeiting a grant to pay for City improvements, the City has been the benefactor of several million dollars over the past 15 years and by not having the Resolution read and voted up the City is likely forfeiting that string of successes it has had. Mayor Ivey stated that he has looked over the Resolution sees something he does not agree with and would like to table this until the issues are resolved. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated that once the Resolution is read and a motion made then he would welcome the Mayors questions related to the Resolution. Mayor Ivey then stated that he should have had a copy of the Resolution before the day of the meeting so he could understand what was going on. Councilmember Hunter asked Administrator Moseley to read the Resolution. Mayor Ivey stated Councilmember Hunter was out of order. Mayor Ivey stated he was waiting on the Council, Councilmember Hunter stated the Council was waiting on the Mayor to call for a vote, there is a motion on the floor and a second. Mayor Ivey stated he understood. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked if the Mayor understood what the motion related to Appealing the Decision from the Chair. Mayor Ivey stated he understood what he just read. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated no sir I'm referring to the motion Appealing the Decision of the Chair and what the Mayor is required to do at this point. Mayor Ivey stated no sir I do not. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked if the Mayor would like for him to explain it to him and Mayor Ivey stated not at this time. Mayor Ivey asked that the Resolution be tabled to a later date. Mayor Ivey Called for a motion. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked Mayor Ivey his reason for not

passing the Resolution. Mayor Ivey stated there were some things in the Resolution that were not clear to him there were some errors and it was not to his standards as Mayor. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated that the Mayor has the right to veto any action taken by the body but the Council is entitled to vote on a Resolution and if it passes then the Mayor has the right to veto it but he has not right to deny the Council the right to vote on the Resolution. Mayor Ivey said he read something in the Warrenton Clipper and Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked for a Point of Order the Community Development Block Grant Application Resolution was what was being discussed. Mayor Ivey stated that the paper said. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle again asked for a Point of Order. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle stated there has been a motion and a second to approve the Community Development Block Grant Application Resolution, Councilmember Giddens made the motion and Councilmember Hunter seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle Called for the Question. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle called for the question again and stated that the proper response is to state the motion that has been made and ask those in favor to say eye and those opposed to say nay. Mayor Ivey stated he understood that. Mayor Ivey stated he didn't think a veto was necessary when they could table this and come back to it. Mayor Ivey stated he would like to apologize for his City Council Members for their, Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked for a Point of Order. Mayor Ivey continues that the Council sees thing differently than he does. Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle asked for a Point of Order.

Mayor Ivey asked Officer Brunner (who was not present) to remove Mr. Samuels and John and Carolyn Martin for talking during the meeting. Sergeant Greeson and Officer Schofield escorted Mr. Samuels and John and Carolyn Martin from the Council Room.

Mayor Pro-tem McCorkle made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Councilmember Hunter seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of those present. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.