

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014 by Mayor Vernon Twitty, Jr.

Roll call indicated the following present: Councilwoman Willingham, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Palmer, and Councilman Lawrence.

Councilman Campbell was not present.

Councilman Hadley arrived at 6:33 p.m.

City Manager Bennett Adams and Kelly Raulerson, representing City Attorney Tommy Coleman, were also present.

**OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

After the call to order, Mayor Twitty gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Councilman Palmer, seconded by Councilwoman Willingham, the minutes of the August 11, 2014 regular meeting, the minutes of the August 20, 2014 called meeting, the minutes of the August 19, 2014 public hearing meeting, and the minutes of the September 2, 2014 public hearing meeting were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Carl Stokes and Jewell Howard.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE-CHARTER AMENDMENT - INCREASE COURT COST FINES**

Mayor Twitty opened the Public Hearing for comment on an Ordinance that will increase the fine amount for contempt of court from \$50.00 to \$100.00. City Manager Adams stated a request was received from Municipal Court requesting consideration by the Mayor and Council to amend the fine amount associated with contempt of court due to the number of persons not appearing at their scheduled court date and time. City Manager Adams asked if anyone had any questions about the ordinance. Jewell Howard of Baconton asked two questions regarding the ordinance. He first wanted to know if the increase had anything to do with revenue. City Manager Adams stated the City was not raising the fee due to revenue. He stated municipal court has had approximately 40 individuals not appear at their scheduled date and time and at the State level the fine is \$100.00 for no show. Mr. Howard then wanted to know about bench warrants. City Manager Adams stated the City Judge has not issued them in the past. There being no one else present to speak in favor or opposition of the Ordinance, Mayor Twitty closed the public hearing.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09-08-01 – CHARTER AMENDMENT – INCREASE COURT COST FINES**

The Council discussed Ordinance #2014-09-08-01 that will allow the City to make a Charter Amendment to increase the fine amount for contempt of court from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The Ordinance requires two readings and this meeting represents the second reading. The first reading was held at the Council Meeting on Monday, August 11, 2014. The Administrative Committee recommends approval of the Ordinance after the second reading and authorizes the Mayor to sign. The Ordinance will go into effect after adoption. City Manager Adams read the Ordinance.

On motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Lawrence, the motion to adopt the Ordinance passed by a unanimous vote.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **DATE/TIME FOR HALLOWEEN TRICK-or-TREAT**

The Council discussed dates and times for the residents of Camilla to participate in Trick-or-Treat. Due to the various ballgames being held on Friday night, October 31<sup>st</sup>, it was recommended that Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. will be the safest and best date for Halloween. The Public Works Committee recommends Trick-or-Treat be observed on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Hadley, seconded by Councilman Palmer, the motion to have Trick-or-Treat on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. passed by a unanimous vote.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Adams reported on the following items:

- A Called Meeting for the third and final Public Hearing of the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget will be held on September 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- The sewer line installation project in the Morningside Drive Subdivision is progressing. Due to the rain, they are going to go ahead and pave some of the roads.
- This past Friday the City received two Community Development Block Grants: The first grant is for \$500,000 and is a Block Grant for sewer rehabilitation in north central Camilla; and the second grant is for \$306,000 and is a Chip Grant for home repairs for the elderly.
- The bid advertisement for renovations for the Georgia State Patrol (GSP) helicopter project at the Airport will be published in the newspaper on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. It will be late April 2015 before they are ready to be located at the airport. Life Flight is scheduled to be located at the Airport before GSP.
- Light poles for the football stadium will be here on Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

- Advanced Disposal Service will start delivering the 90 gallon roll-out containers on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. City Manager Adams thanked all citizens for their patience and the Public Works Department for picking up trash during this time frame. He stated if you see your neighbors getting their cans delivered to please wait 24 hours before contacting Customer Service. Commercial business and residential customers should call by Friday if they have not received a trash container.
- Police Department personnel are currently testing the lapel cameras and hopefully by October 1, 2014 all police officers will be wearing the cameras.

#### MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Twitty wanted to again thank the citizens of Camilla for their patience with the solid waste collection changes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Hadley, seconded by Councilman Palmer and passed by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

BY:

  
VERNON TWITTY, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RENEE BRAZBALE, ACTING CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09-08-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE ACT OF 1945, O.C.G.A. SEC. 36-35-1 *et seq.*, AMENDING SECTION 6-3 OF ARTICLE VI OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE WHICH THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE IS AUTHORIZED IMPOSE FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT FROM \$50.00 TO \$100.00; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND CHARTER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Camilla, Georgia, pursuant to authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1945, as amended, O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-35-1 *et seq.* and it is hereby ordained by authority of same:

**SECTION 1.** Section 6.2 of the Article VI of the charter of the City of Camilla, Georgia, is hereby amended by increasing the amount of the fine which the Municipal Court Judge is authorized to impose as punishment for contempt of court from \$50.00 to \$100.00, so that after final adoption of this ordinance the Municipal Court Judge shall have the authority to impose fines for contempt of Court in an amount not to exceed \$100.00 per contempt.

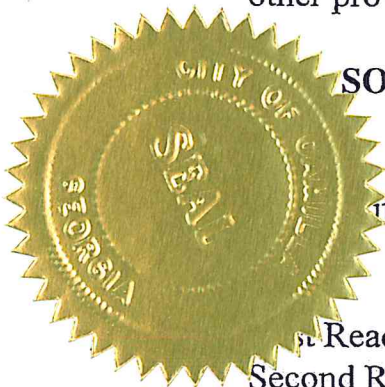
**SECTION 2.** All conflicting ordinances and charter provisions and other provisions in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO ORDAINED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2014,

CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA

By Vernon Twitty Jr  
Mayor

Attest: Y. Brzozka  
Acting City Clerk



First Reading: 8-11-2014  
Second Reading 9-8-2014

**MINUTES – CALLED MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

The Called Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 by Mayor Vernon Twitty, Jr.

Present: Councilman Campbell, Councilwoman Willingham, Councilman Hadley, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Palmer.

Absent: Councilman Lawrence.

City Manager Bennett Adams and Finance Director Jimmy Douglas were also present.

**OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

After the call to order, Mayor Twitty gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Twitty opened the third and final Public Hearing for citizen input on the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget. There being no public comment, Mayor Twitty closed the Public Hearing.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09-16-1 – 2014/2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

The Mayor and Council discussed Resolution No. 2014-09-16-1 to adopt the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$52,859,190.00. The City conducted three Public Hearings and Budget Work Sessions to receive citizen input. The first Public Hearing and Budget Work Session was held on August 19, 2014; the second Public Hearing and Budget Work Session was held on September 2, 2014; and September 16, 2014 is the third and final Public Hearing. The Administrative Committee recommends adoption of the Resolution to set the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget at Departmental Levels and authorization for the Mayor to sign. City Manager Bennett Adams read the Resolution.

On motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Palmer, the motion to adopt the Resolution and authorization for the Mayor to sign passed by a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilman Hadley, seconded by Councilman Campbell, and passed by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

BY: *Vernon Twitty Jr*  
VERNON TWITTY, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST: *Cheryl Ford*  
CHERYL FORD, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09-16-1

RESOLUTION SETTING THE BUDGET  
FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the City of Camilla, by and through its Mayor and Council, has duly advertised Notice of Public Hearings; and

WHEREAS, the City has further held such hearings as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received public input on the Budget for 2014-2015 fiscal year, and upon due consideration and deliberation, the City hereby resolves to set its Budget for said 2014-2015 fiscal year in the amount of \$52,859,190.00.

SO RESOLVED, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

CITY OF CAMILLA

By: Vernon Twitty Jr  
Vernon Twitty, Jr., Mayor

Attest: Cheryl Ford  
Cheryl Ford, City Clerk

