

MINUTES OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Clyde Castiberry Co., Covington, Ga., 30209

Hancock

Developer: City of Athens
Contractor: Hancock Construction Company
Administrative fees: n/a
Status: Water extension was completed and accepted by the City of Athens for ownership, operation and maintenance on December 26, 1990.

Rules of Council

A motion was made by Council Member Coile, seconded by Council Member Sims, to suspend Rules of Council. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Princeton Corp

A motion was made by Council Member Coile, seconded by Council Member Kilpatrick, to approve a request from The Princeton Corporation for a quit claim deed for a portion of State Route 15 which was abandoned August 13, 1951. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

State of City Message

Mayor Chambers presented the following State of the City Message.

It is with a sense of nostalgia that we move from the City of Athens' government, as we have known it, into a new decade with a new form of government.

The City of Athens has endured for 184 years, through two centuries. We pass on a legacy of financial stability, quality facilities, and a well-qualified, professional workforce to the new, unified government of Athens-Clarke County.

Many years from now, we will look back on this new form of government, approved in 1990 by the citizens of Athens and Clarke County, with the same sense of tradition and history. I am proud to be a part of history in the making as Athens-Clarke County, on January 14th, becomes the second consolidated government in the State of Georgia and the twenty-eighth in the nation.

I would like to thank the many elected officials who have served the City of Athens wisely and prudently. The service of our many county commissioners has been of equal value to our community. Without the cooperation the City of Athens has received through the years from the Clarke County Commission, we could not have achieved all we have for our community.

A successful government could not have been achieved without the excellent public employees we have had through the years. Even with the excellent policy making and planning, nothing takes the place of the effective delivery of services by employees. We owe our appreciation to our loyal and efficient city employees.

Our new form of government will call for many adjustments, and the immediate future of our employees may be stressful as changes can sometimes be. I would ask for their patience in looking at our new government as a challenge and opportunity to meet their career objectives.

Accomplishments of the past year have been numerous. We are well on our way to completion of the new, downtown parking garage, which includes office space on the ground level.

The Middle Oconee Water Pollution Control Plant expansion, which will increase plant capacity from four to six million gallons per day, is under construction, with the first phase already in operation.

We are continuing to work toward a regional water reservoir. A report which projects future water needs and evaluates reservoir sites should be complete within three months.

Athens was recognized as the number one recycling city in Georgia by the Georgia Department of Human Resources. Our recycling program continues to be more effective. With the addition of a tub grinder, we are able to recycle Christmas trees and general yard waste.

Fleet Management initiated a preventive maintenance program, which has cut emergency road calls by 85%.

The Historic Preservation Commission continues to look at protecting our architectural resources to maintain our quality of life. The City has continued to be committed to preserving city-owned historic properties. A great deal of restoration work was completed in the Council Chamber of City Hall and in other areas of the building.

The City has continued to work with the Athens-Clarke County Clean and Beautiful Commission as well as the Athens Tree Commission in protecting and enhancing the environmental balance and appearance of our community.

Grand Slam 1990 was a very successful summer recreation program, which provided our youth with a place to spend their weekend evenings in well-directed, beneficial activities. As a result, the youth violence was reduced this summer by 65%.

CITY OF ATHENS, GA.

Clyde Castleberry Co., Covington, Ga. 30009

The University of Georgia has been a great resource for the City of Athens. I appreciate all they have done to cooperate with the City of Athens for the betterment of our city. I hope this relationship will continue with our new government.

In closing, I express my appreciation to the new elected officials who have offered their leadership to the future government of Athens-Clarke County. I hope they will accept and nurture the legacy of openness, honesty, and determination for a better quality of life.

The accomplishments of our organization in 1990 are presented in the Annual Report in the following categories of physical, social, administration, and political, followed by a brief listing of projections for 1991.

A copy of the 1990 Annual Report is on file in the office of the city clerk.

Council Members expressed appreciation to Mayor Chambers, each other, and staff.

Mayor Chambers presented each Council Member with a key to the city and a red rose as he thanked them for their years of service.

At 10:30 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bridges, and seconded by Council Member Reynolds.

Green Jean Spaulth
Clerk of Council

Mayor and Council Meeting
Monday, January 14, 1991
10:00 a.m.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Athens met this date in a called session. Present: Mayor Chambers, Council Members Sims, Moore, Williams, Kilpatrick, Hoard, Colle, Reynolds, O'Looney, and Bridges. No one was absent.

The invocation was given by Council Member Bridges.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, January 8, 1991.

Mayor Chambers announced a letter has been received from James C. Warnes tendering his resignation as Judge of the Municipal Court due to the restructuring of the court system required by the charter for the unification of the governments of Athens and Clarke County.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridges, seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, January 8, as mailed. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

At 10:10 a.m. a motion was made by Council Member Bridges to adjourn the meeting sine die.

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Clerk of Council