

**CALLED MEETING**

**JANUARY 17, 2012**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held a called meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall to consider a beer and wine application received from Linda Anderson with a personnel hearing to follow. Mayor Ames M. Barnett presided.

Present were: Mayor Barnett, council members Armour, Cullars, Harris, Rainey and Scarborough. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner, City Attorney Fleming, Police Chief Glenn, Teddis Daniels and Public Work Superintendent Bobby Mills.

City Clerk Danner advised of the receipt of a Beer and Wine by the Drink application from Linda Anderson for a business known as Linda's Lounge located at 202 Whitehall Street. Danner further advised that Ms. Anderson listed on her application that she would employ no one. Chief Glenn advised that the Police Department would communicate with Ms. Anderson in writing about large numbers of people loitering at night in the parking lot and street.

On motion by Cullars, second by Rainey, council approved request 5 to 0.

Mayor and Council then considered a personnel appeal received from Teddis Daniels asking that Mayor and Council overturn his employment termination.

City Attorney Fleming outlined the procedures for an appeal hearing for benefit of the newly elected members of council.

City Attorney Fleming then swore in City Administrator to give testimony in his termination of Mr. Daniels.

City Administrator Eskew advised that Mr. Daniels had been in a motor vehicle wreck on the morning of December 2, 2011, on his way to the recycling center in Athens. Mr. Daniels advised that he swerved to avoid a deer. As is standard procedure GSP worked the wreck and Mr. Daniels was taken by his Supervisor Mr. Mills to Wills Memorial Hospital for a post-accident drug screen as directed in the city's drug policy. Mr. Eskew was advised by the City Clerk on the afternoon of December 19, 2011, that the post-accident drug screen results for Mr. Daniels was positive for marijuana. Mr. Daniels was then placed on a three day paid administrative leave and a conference was scheduled for December 23, 2011, by telephone with the City Administrator, Clerk Clerk, Mr. Mills and Mr. Daniels. After the telephone conference, City Administrator Eskew advised Mr. Daniels of his termination and his right to appeal the termination.

City Attorney Fleming then swore in Mr. Daniels. Mr. Daniels advised that he knew of the city drug policy and that he knew he had a drug problem but did not ask his department supervisor for help prior to his termination. He asked council to reconsider the termination. Mr. Daniels has been unable to find other employment and has three children.

On motion by Harris, second by Scarborough, council approved entering into executive session to consider the personnel matter 5 to 0.

On motion by Harris, second by Armour, council approved 5 to 0 to re-convene in open session. City Attorney Fleming advised that one personnel matter was discussed in executive session with no final action taken.

On motion by Cullars, second by Harris, council voted 5 to 0 to have Mayor Barnett sign an executive session affidavit.

On motion by Harris, second by Scarborough, council voted 5 to 0 to uphold the termination of Mr. Daniels.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion by Armour, second by Harris, council approved 5 to 0 adjournment at 9:37 AM.

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CLERK