

City of Griffin Watershed Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes for December 21, 2006 5:30 pm
Public Works and Utility Conference Room
134 N Hill St.

Those present were Watershed Advisory Chairman and Public Works & Utilities Director Brant Keller, Secretary & Stormwater Deputy Director Milton McCarthney, Members: Consulting Group Representative Brian Keller, Heads Creek Watershed Representative Harold Williams, Environmental Representative Wade Hutcheson, and Robert Paige, Manufacturing Representative.

Those absent were Education Representative Wayne Gardner, Potato Creek Watershed Representative Frankie Wood, Commercial Representative Ricky Sasser, Rental Housing Representative John Baird, Industrial Representative Brent Nozaki, Developers Representative Brian Cagle, and Keep Griffin Spalding Beautiful Representative Kevin Barkley.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from September 25,2006 meeting were approved.

2. WaterWise: Keller reported a requisition for \$30,000 this school year had been processed for the WaterWise program, which will distribute Waterwise kits and track performance in the Griffin Spalding School System. Approximately 700 Fifth graders and 25 teachers will participate at 10 Elementary schools in Griffin Spalding System.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt-a-Stream: An Adopt-a-Stream project was scheduled for March 17 with rainout day March 31 at 10:00, on a Shoal Creek tributary in western Griffin. The Rotary Club of Griffin, in cooperation with the City of Griffin and Spalding County will clean approximately 1 mile of stream in 2 sections from Melrose to Pleasant Ave to Hillwood Ave, and from North Expressway to Pinehill Rd. Discussion of the event planning followed with the following highlights: A t-shirt design contest will be held by 5th grade classes with “keep it clean” theme. Winning design will get pizza party for their class. Hot dogs will be grilled and served for volunteers after cleanup. Billboards may be used for advertisements. Participation by Keep Griffin-Spalding Beautiful will be solicited.

3. Clean Water Week /Water Fair: Discussion and planning for a water fair during national “clean water week” in May. Keller and Hutcheson will coordinated with the Griffin-Spalding School System for calendar dates and location. Possible demonstrations include: ISCO auto stream samplers, Quanta water quality instrument, Portable water test kit, visual water samples, Jet Vac truck, sewer camera, fire trucks. Paige will help coordinate Erosion and sediment control examples of silt fence, coir logs, silt fence,

polymers or chitosan, pictures, amended soil practices, and descriptions of how to comply with Federal clean water regulations. Participation by Keep Griffin-Spalding Beautiful will be solicited.

4. Watershed Scholarships:

The Watershed scholarships offered by the City of Griffin will be available again during 2006-2007 school year. Inquiries have been received from Griffin High and Spalding High Schools. Applications will be accepted for award and presentation during the honors program at the end of the school year.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

1. BMP Video Production:

The City will be producing a 15-20 minute video about Erosion and Sediment Control BMP's from the Georgia Manual for Erosion and Sedimentation Control for distribution throughout the state and nation. Video production companies used in the past, with others will be asked to bid on the project to develop the final product. Expected cost is \$500 per minute. Participation by Mid-Ga Homebuilders Association and erosion product vendors will be solicited to make this a high quality production.

There being no further discussion or comment, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Milton McCarthney, Acting Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Brant Keller, Chairman