

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER  
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present, except Councilor Emery; Mayor Stokes presided.

Oath of Office - Mayor, City Council Members and Board of Education Members  
Amanda Eve Bartlett – Board of Education, At-Large  
Laura C. Hamilton – Board of Education, At-Large  
Nicole Desjardins – Board of Education, Ward 3  
David M. Rollins – Councilor, At-Large  
Darek M. Grant – Councilor, Ward 2  
William R. Stokes - Mayor

Proclamation - Mayor & Council to Honor Michael Duguay, former Director of Development Services

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED AS AN EMERGENCY

**12-195**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Fuel Wood Production, otherwise known as firewood processing, is a use already regulated by the Augusta Land Use Ordinance, but lacks a clear definition; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a clear definition creates a problem regarding enforcement of the ordinance, as the code enforcement officers are unable to easily distinguish a commercial operation from a private residential operation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed the issue, held a public hearing, and made a unanimous recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following text be added to Section 2.2 of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance, in proper alphabetical order:

Fuel Wood Production: is the mechanized processing of wood into any length less than tree length, not accessory to a timber harvest, when not burned or consumed on site.

**Whereas the City Council determines that an emergency exists requiring the ordinance to be effective as of the date of passage; the emergency is that the Council has heard convincing evidence that a landowner has taken action to avoid the effect of this new ordinance, which actions are affecting a citizen's use and enjoyment of property.**

Motion to amend to be passed as an emergency, by: Byron                      Second by: Munson  
Yeas: 7;            Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson

Nays: 0

Motion for passage, as amended, by: Byron    Second by: Munson  
Yeas: 7;            Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED

**13-001**

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held December 20, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien            Second by: Paradis  
Yeas: 7;            Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk  
January 4, 2013