

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 14, 2014**

Commissioners Present: Larry Odom, Chairman Pro-Tem
Matt Foster
Jordan Hubbard
Gary Martin

Commissioners Absent: Dale Tuck, Chairman

Also Present: Bill Fann, City Manager
Carey Pilgrim, City Attorney
Carol Crawford, City Clerk

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Pro-Tem Larry Odom called the meeting to order. Reverend Henry L. Cothran, Jr. of Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin to approve the current agenda, the Commission meeting minutes of March 10, 2014 and the Work Session meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes of April 7, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" and none voting "No" the Commission approved the minutes as submitted by the secretary.

DELEGATE – TINA AYERS – NO SHOW

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE DAY

Commission Chairman Pro-Tem Larry Odom read the "National Letter Carriers Food Drive Day" proclamation and urged the citizens of Cedartown to support the food drive by placing non-perishable food items in or near their mailbox on food drive day.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Turner Street Park** – Saturday, April 19th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Glad Tidings Church and Pastor Tony Davis will sponsor an Easter egg hunt event for community children.
- **Parkinson's Walk Event** – Saturday, April 19th at 9:30 a.m. The walk will begin and end at Peeks Park, a shuttle bus will be provided for the walkers to pick up those who may not be able to complete the walk.
- **Cedar Valley Arts Festival** – sponsored by the Junior Service League will be held on Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th at Peeks Park. This will be the 50th anniversary of the event.
- **Georgia Cities Week Events** – School children video asking the question "What would you do if you were a City Commissioner?" Community event on Thursday, April 17th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Cedartown Kiwanis will assist and co-sponsor the event which will include the display of City Public Safety and Public Works equipment as well as a "bouncy house" and free popcorn and water.
- **CDBG Water Project – Completed** – Final inspection for the project was done in March and Kelvin supervised the completion of the "punch list" by the contractor. We negotiated the final change order request by the contractor and received a 50% reduction in that cost with the final cost of the project being about \$534,000 or approximately \$31,000 under budget. Amy Orebaugh continues to work with DCA representatives to get our reimbursements from the CDBG funds.
- **Online Bill Pay** – for utilities is scheduled to go live tomorrow. Check the City website at www.cedartowngeorgia.gov or the City of Cedartown Facebook page for more information.
- **Sewer Project Progress Meeting** – Wednesday at 2 p.m. at City Hall. Commissioners are welcome to attend if interested.
- **GMA District One Meeting** – in Rome next Wednesday, April 23rd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Commissioners Tuck, Hubbard and City Manager Fann plan to attend.
- **Budget Review – 1st Quarter of 2014** – at 25% of the year Revenues total 25.92% and Expenditures total 18.64% for a total of revenues over expenditures of 7.28% or \$782,749.

VEGETABLE MARKET

The City Commission agreed to support a request made by Ricky Ensley, Polk County Extension Coordinator for the use of Peeks Park for the vegetable market site on Tuesdays and Fridays during the summer months from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. beginning Friday, June 27th.

COKE MUSEUM LETTER OF SUPPORT

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the submission of a support letter for the coke memorabilia museum as requested by Jamie Morris.

POLK MEDICAL CENTER/FLOYD MEDICAL CENTER – BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD BENEFITS

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the submission of a letter to Polk Medical Center/Floyd Medical Center requesting Blue Cross/Blue Shield benefits be made available for the new Polk/Floyd Medical Center; and that the letter be mailed to the Cedartown-Polk Hospital Authority and Floyd Medical. City Manager Fann advised the Commission that the City of Cedartown, Polk County, Hon and the Polk County Board of Education will all be signing this letter.

LOCATION FOR NEW TRAIL OF TEARS SIGN

City Manager Fann reported to the Commission that a new Trail of Tears Sign will be located at Big Springs at the corner of the drive at the far end closest to the Woman's Building.

RESOLUTION – GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 5, 2014** recognizing April 13th through April 19th as Georgia Cities Week in the City of Cedartown and encourage all citizens, City governmental officials and employees to do everything possible to ensure that this week is recognized and celebrated accordingly.

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF 316/318 MAIN STREET

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 6, 2014** supporting the efforts for the downtown project of Touching Lives at 316/318 Main Street.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Foster reminded the Commission that the wheelchair race will be coming soon and the wheelchair committee will be ready. In the recent London Marathon the men’s wheelchair division the winner was Marcel Hug from Switzerland, who is a Cedartown Alumni Wheelchair Camp attendee; and in the Boston and London Marathons the women’s wheelchair division the winner was Tatyana McFadden, another Cedartown Alumni Wheelchair Camp attendee.

Commissioner Hubbard requested an update on the Truck Route Signs. City Manager Fann reported that the truck route signs came in this week. DOT has approved most of the locations.

Commissioner Hubbard requested an update on Turner Street. City Manager Fann stated that there are no issues, and that he is working on getting preliminary drawings and estimates for outside restrooms. In the interim, Park Superintendent Lee Hayes is to have porta toilets there for ball practice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Martin moved to call an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Foster seconded, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission went into executive session.

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission came out of executive session.

ADJOURN

At 6:45 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Martin moved to adjourn. Commissioner Foster seconded, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission adjourned.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY,
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

