

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 12, 2014**

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

Also Present: Bill Fann, City Manager
Rob Monroe, City Attorney
Carol Crawford, City Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST – HYROUANCE ADRAS – 404 CENTRAL STREET
– PERSONAL CARE HOME**

Hyrouance Adras spoke for the conditional use request for a personal care home to be located at 404 Central Street. There were no public comments “against” the conditional use request from Hyrouance Adras for a personal care to be located at 404 Central Street in the C-N zoning district.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Tuck called the meeting to order. Building Inspector Joseph Martin 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 Hubbard to approve the current agenda, the Commission meeting minutes and the executive session meeting minutes of April 14, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” and none voting “No” the Commission approved the minutes as submitted by the secretary.

DELEGATE – MARTHA VON ROHR – NO SHOW

DELEGATE – NICKIE GILHAM

Nickie Gilham appeared before the Commission requesting the use of the parking lot by the Log Cabin at Bert Wood Park for Devin’s Bike Ride on Saturday, June 14th. On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the request as presented for Devin’s Bike Ride on Saturday, June 14th.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Cedartown Post Office Centennial Celebration** – Nancy Ross, Manager with the U.S. Post Office from the Atlanta District announced a Centennial Celebration for the Cedartown Post Office on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 9:45 a.m. Participants taking part in the event are allowed to tour the facility, check out historical items and documents in the building’s lobby, and have a chance to purchase a pictorial postmark stamp and commemorative envelope for one dollar.
- **LGRMS Safety Grant** – Chief Stephens has received approval for a grant in the amount of \$4,056.00 for new turnout gear for the Fire Department. We have a second request pending for safety equipment for the water/wastewater plants.
- **Biz Builder Program** – The application and selection process for the Entrepreneur training has been completed and 15 local business hopefuls will begin class tomorrow evening with their GNTC instructors. They will have two classes per month plus one networking session culminating with their graduation and business plan proposal presentations next November.
- **The Cedar Valley Arts Festival** – was a huge success this year thanks to the efforts of our own Amy Orebaugh and her fellow Junior Service League members.
- **Northwest Georgia Regional Commission** – representatives David Howerin and Barney Chitwood will be here Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. to meet with us about the Comprehensive Plan and give us updates on the Regional Plan.
- **Memorial Day Holiday** – will be observed on Monday, May 26th and the City Offices will be closed on that date.
- **Auditors** – will be here the week of May 19th to finish their field work. They are still on track to have the audit completed by June.
- **Big Spring Project** – plans for a phased in project including landscaping and picnic/event area at the park, renovations to the historic water plant, cleaning of the streambed and a nature trail from the park to Cedar Creek – assistance from Home Depot, local service organizations, the Trail of Tears organization and EPD/DNR.
- **Budget Report April 2014** – at 33.33%. Revenue is at 30.71% and Expenditures at 29.10% variance revenue over expenditures is at 1.61% - \$257,470.82. One half of the retirement contribution has been paid and the workers compensation 75% has been paid to date for 2014. The TAN has not been drawn on.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION – LETTER OF CONDITIONS FOR ARC GRANT

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that Tammy Decker with USDA Rural Development has stated the letter of conditions for the ARC grant will be ready next month.

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST – HYROUANCE ADRAS – PERSONAL CARE HOME – 404 CENTRAL STREET – CN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the conditional use request for Hyrouance Adras for a personal care home to be located at 404 Central Street in the CN Neighborhood Commercial District.

FY2013 GENERAL FUND AND CONFISCATED FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved as presented the FY2013 General Fund and Confiscated Fund budget amendments.

VOTING DELEGATE – ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – 2014 GMA CONVENTION

On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved Commissioner Hubbard as the voting delegate for the Annual Membership Business Meeting at the 2014 GMA Annual Convention.

TRAIL OF TEARS MARKER CEREMONY

Commission Chairman Tuck advised the Commission that there will be an unveiling ceremony on Friday, May 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Big Spring Park of an historic marker provided by the Woodmen of the World. The marker is the “Cherokee Indian: Walk in Their Footsteps” historic marker.

CHANGE ORDER ASBERRY LIFT STATION

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved a change order for the rehabilitation and renovations of the Asberry Lift Station.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Odom stated that he lives across the street from Peek Park and on Saturdays the park is full of people. Commissioner Odom is excited about the Big Springs project and the pressure that it will take off of Peek Park.
- Commissioner Hubbard is excited about the great things happening in the City of Cedartown; the Depot, Downtown and Big Springs.
- Commissioner Foster explained that you cannot be everywhere that you want to be at the same time, but he was able to attend the Turner Street Easter Egg Hunt. Commissioner Foster stated that the organizer of the event was fantastic and that he was able to meet families that he had never met before.
- Chairman Tuck told the Commission that Bill Lundy with the Lundy Christian Academy had bragged on Cemetery Superintendent Lee Hayes. Mr. Lundy stated that Lee Hayes took the children of the Lundy Christian Academy to Civil War graves at Greenwood Cemetery. He commended Lee Hayes for his knowledge and ability to tell the Civil War stories.

Commissioner Tuck spoke about the Jeremiah Castille Character Camp. They are working diligently to have kids sign up for the event and to get sponsorships. The Character Camp will be held on Friday, June 27th and Saturday, June 28th at Bert Wood Park.

Commissioner Tuck commented that she is proud of the plan of work that the volunteers are doing for downtown Cedartown.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

ADJOURN

At 7:00 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Odom moved to adjourn. Commissioner Martin seconded, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission adjourned.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY,
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

