

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2014**

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

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Commission Chairman Dale Tuck called the meeting to order. Reverend Barry Snapp of Victory Baptist Church gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

**AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED**

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the current agenda, the City Commission meeting minutes of July 14, 2014, and the Work Session minutes and executive session minutes of August 4, 2014.

**PROCLAMATION – CEDARTOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT 14 & UNDER GIRLS SOFTBALL DIZZY DEAN TEAM**

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation recognizing the team players and coaches of the 2014 Cedartown Recreation Department 14 & Under Girls Softball Dizzy Dean Team for their athletic talent, sportsmanship, hard work and dedication in winning the Dizzy Dean World Series.

**DELEGATE – JOE COLQUITT – CEDARTOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND FIRST METHODIST CHURCH FUN RUN**

Joe Colquitt appeared before the Commission to request permission to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fun run with the Cedartown Recreation Department and the First Methodist Church on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the request from Joe Colquitt to hold the fun run with the Cedartown Recreation Department and First Methodist Church on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. using the same route as last year.

**DELEGATE – REVEREND HENRY COTHRAN – TURNER STREET PARK**

Reverend Henry Cothran appeared before the Commission and presented a drawing of Turner Street Park and requests for improvements to the park. The Commission discussed the items presented with Reverend Cothran and advised him to form a group; to get dollar figures and pictures; and then come back before the Commission with their plan.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- **Kimoto Event** – The event was a huge success beginning with the practice game on Friday evening which ended in a 3-3 tie. The Inabe City team won the first game and our Cedartown Bulldogs won the second game. A lot of work went on behind the scenes and prior to the event our city employees made us proud again. Special thanks to the following for their part in making this day so special.
  - Japanese Consulate General Sunaga
  - Representative Trey Kelley
  - Scott McMurray, Director of the International Investment Division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development
  - Lee Hayes and the Parks and Recreation Department employees
  - Kelvin Garmon and the Public Works Department employees
  - Fire Chief Sammy Stephens, Assistant Fire Chief Darrell Stephens and the Fire Department employees
  - Assistant Police Chief Greg Cooper, Police Captain Henry Runyan, Police Captain Craig Payton and the officers of the Cedartown Police Department
  - Administrative staff members Edward Guzman and Aimee Madden
  - Event Committee members Dale Tuck, Kimoto Tech President Miguel Leal, Kimoto HR Director Tania Drain, and Cedartown Youth Baseball representatives Rick Baxter and Steven Nickolopolus
  
- **Note – September 1 ((Labor Day holiday))** need to schedule another day if needed for September Work Session.
  
- **Budget Report – June 2014 – 50%**
  - Revenue at 48.08% \$4,756,352.26
  - Expenditures at 45.74% \$4,371,321.13
  - Variance – Rev./Exp. 2.33% \$ 385,031.13
  - TAN has not been drawn on

**BLIGHTED PROPERTIES ORDINANCE**

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 3, 2014** to combat the negative effect of blighted nuisance properties.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB LEASE AGREEMENT & ADDENDUM**

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the Boys and Girls Club Lease Agreement & Addendum as presented and to allow the attorneys to combine the lease and addendum for signature.

**FIRE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT BID**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the recommendation from the Bid Committee for the local low bid for equipment for the new fire truck.

**POLICE CAR EQUIPMENT PACKAGE**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the recommendation from the Bid Committee for Coosa Valley Communications for two police car equipment packages and the installation of the equipment packages.

**PANHANDLING ORDINANCE**

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 4, 2014** prohibiting aggressive panhandling upon legal review of the ordinance.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Commissioner Martin appreciates the Department Heads and Recreation Department coming together to make the Kimoto event a great success.
- Commissioner Odom commended Police Chief Newsome for the handling of the incidents last week. The Police Department was able to recover most of the property and to find the kids that were involved.
- Commissioner Hubbard stated that having the presence of Rachel Rowell at the Commission meeting meant a lot. Commissioner Hubbard wants to have Rachel Rowell involved on the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Committee.
- Commissioner Foster stated that school starts back on Thursday and thanked Police Chief Newsome in advance for assisting with getting all of the children to school safely. Commissioner Foster has a respect for law enforcement and is proud of our local enforcement.
- Chairman Tuck stated that the Downtown Renaissance project is a year old now. Cedartown will be featured as a pilot city in an article in the UGA magazine regarding the Cedartown Downtown Renaissance Project.
  - September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. there will be a meeting at the welcome center to look back at what has been accomplished and what is coming to downtown Cedartown.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Foster moved to call an executive session to discuss real estate matters. Commissioner Martin 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 Foster moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hubbard seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

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**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN  
CITY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

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**SECRETARY,  
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

