

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 9, 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. Fire Chief Sammy Stephens 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 executive session meeting minutes of May 12, 2014 and the Work Session meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes of June 2, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster. Commissioner Martin abstained from voting as he was absent from the June 2, 2014 Work Session. The Commission approved the current agenda and minutes as submitted by the secretary.

DELEGATION – POLK HOSPITAL REUSE COMMITTEE – UPDATE ON PROJECT STATUS

Rhonda Heuer, Executive Director with the Polk Family Connection appeared before the Commission to discuss the “One Door Polk Network”. Ms. Heuer explained that the network would be a community economic development resource and health center. The resource center will provide a variety of social services and career solutions under one roof. The City of Cedartown, along with Floyd Medical Center, Primary Health Care Center, Polk Family Connection and Highland Rivers Health make up the members of the One Door Polk Network. The Network was created with its focus being the re-adaptive use of the Polk Medical Center. The two anchor services Highland Rivers Health and Primary Health Care will occupy the facility. The following services will also be offered: the Georgia Northwestern College partnering with the Tallatoona Community Action Program, the Northwest Georgia Sexual Assault Center, Polk County Connection, a Community Resource Library, Thrift Store, Business Incubator and a bilingual program. Ms. Heuer is talking to a Child Advocacy Center and the Battered Women’s Shelter about joining the social services hub. Keep Polk Beautiful is interested in joining. Rhonda Heuer stated that she appreciated the City of Cedartown and the leadership from the Cedartown City Commission for their vision and willingness to step up and allow this project to serve as a model in Georgia and across the nation.

Jason Bearden, Chief Executive Officer of Highland Rivers stated that it all started with Floyd Medical moving and having a vacant building in the heart of the city and the Cedartown City officials having a heart for the community that this facility would not be left vacant or be torn down leaving a hole in the city. Highland Rivers Health will provide treatment, recovery, and supportive mental health, addiction, and development disability services. The Trippe Foundation committed to match \$500,000 for building renovations, the Hospital Authority committed \$420,000 to be used for ongoing operations, Primary Healthcare Center opened in January as one of the anchor partners through a HRSA new access point grant program of \$400,000, awarded Health Resource & Services Administration grant to provide funding for developing network coordination \$84,000, Hon Furniture has committed to providing office furniture for the entire building and the space reuse plans have been developed and have been revised to meet the basic needs of potential tenants \$20,000. Mr. Bearden stated that the outcome of the One Door Polk Network is to reduce visits to the ER, increase health and wellness to the community, new business development for the city, increase collaboration, reduce duplication of services and improve service provision.

DELEGATE – PASTOR KENNETH BROWN – YOUTH SUMMERFEST

Pastor Kenneth Brown was not in attendance at the June 9th Commission meeting.

Bishop Joseph Sewell appeared before the Commission requesting the use of Bert Wood Park, the gym and the Log Cabin for the Youth Summerfest to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014. City Manager Fann explained that he needed to have a meeting with the entity to discuss items concerning the event.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- **New Scoreboards for Recreation Department** - As part of the Trippe Foundation support of the Northwest Park renovations the Trippe Foundation has agreed to fund new scoreboards for the baseball, softball and football fields with a total donation of over \$60,000.
- **GMA Recertification as Georgia Certified City of Ethics** – Official recognition will be during the GMA annual convention on Monday, June 23rd.
- **Commendation for Officer Scott Greene** – A letter was sent to Assistant Chief Cooper applauding Officer Scott Greene for going beyond the call of duty by caring for a dog until the owner arrived.
- **Polk County Extension Service Vegetable Market** – will begin on Friday, June 27th at Peeks Park from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and will continue each Tuesday and Friday through the summer months. The Extension

Service is also working with Rena Roper to set up an alternate date on June 30th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. downtown as part of the Downtown Renaissance Program.

- **Fourth Friday Event – Friday, June 27th** – The organizing committee of the Downtown Renaissance project co-chaired by Jennifer Hulsey has planned the event to be held in the downtown park featuring a classic car cruise-in beginning at 5 p.m. with live entertainment by the local band, Chaotic beginning at 8 p.m.
- **Castile Character Camp** – Saturday, June 28th from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Cedartown High School football facilities.
- **International Wheelchair Race Block Party** – Monday, June 30th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. downtown. Dave Grove is the event planner.
- **5k International Wheelchair Race** – Monday, July 1st from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Peeks Park.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Martin is thankful that the contractors were smoothing out East Avenue.
- Commissioner Foster appreciates the support of the wheelchair race. The wheelchair committee is ready. Everyone come out to the races. There will be a film in the park following the races.
- Commissioner Hubbard asked for a report on the progress of Turner Street Park. City Manager Fann reported that the city is waiting on a CDBG reimbursement for previous projects and that he is hopeful that the city will have that reimbursement by June 15th. There are a lot of events going on in the City of Cedartown; pick an event and come out.
- Chairman Pro-Tem Odom stated that there is a lot going on in the City of Cedartown. Come out and support the events that are going on and pass the word on to your friends. We have two new Commissioners that have been on board for six months and doing a great job.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

ROME PLOW CONVEYANCE

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the conveyance to Rome Plow of part of the right of way alongside their building.

ADJOURN

At 6:55 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Foster 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**

