

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

Commissioners Present: Dale Tuck, Chairman
John Barrett, Chairman Pro-Tem
Gary Martin
Larry Odom
Scotty Tillery

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – CHARTER AMENDMENT – CHANGE IN VOTING
REQUIREMENTS**

Attorney Carey Pilgrim explained that the charter amendment is to change the voting requirements in the wording of the charter regarding Commission action by majority vote. There were no public comments “for” or “against” this charter amendment to change the voting requirements in the wording of the charter regarding Commission action by majority vote.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman 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 Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the current agenda, the City Commission Meeting minutes of October 14, 2013 and the Work Session Minutes of November 4, 2013.

PROCLAMATION – DAVE GROVE

Commissioner Odom applauded Dave Grove and read a proclamation recognizing his commitment to the community and his church.

PROCLAMATION – COACH ESCUE RODGERS

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation recognizing Coach Escue Rodgers for his lifetime of athletic accomplishments and his guidance and support of young athletes.

DELEGATE – JENNIFER HULSEY – PARKINSON’S FOUNDATION

Jennifer Hulsey and Mr. Trussell with the Parkinson’s Foundation appeared before the Commission requesting to have the “Parkinson’s Walk for Hope” in Cedartown on April 19, 2014 and to use Peeks Park for the annual event. Mr. Trussell stated that the Parkinson’s Foundation would like to name Cedartown as a presenting sponsor and place a monument marker at Peeks Park as Cedartown is the birthplace for the “Parkinson’s Walk for Hope”. The walk began in Cedartown seven years ago and per capita Cedartown is the largest walk in the

country. On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the request to hold the annual “Parkinson’s Walk for Hope” in Cedartown on April 19, 2014 and to use Peeks Park for the event.

JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE & CEDAR RIDGE CHURCH – EASTER EGG HUNT

On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the request for the Junior Service League and Cedar Ridge Church to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Peeks Park on Sunday, April 13, 2014.

JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE – 50TH ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the request for the use of Peeks Park from the Junior Service League to hold the 50th annual Arts Festival at Peeks Park on Friday, April 15, 2014 through Sunday, April 17, 2014.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Christmas Tree Lighting** – Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Parade** – Thursday, December 5th at 6 p.m.
- **Earley Property Access Road** – Project is complete, thanks to Ronnie Wood the project came in \$60,000 under budget.
- **2013 LMIG Paving Projects** – All are completed – Burkhalter Road, Robert L. Parks Blvd., West Gibson Street and School Lane.
- **Northwest Park Renovations** – Project has begun. We are committed to in-kind work and field lighting.
- **Hawkes Library Roof** – Repairs have been completed.
- **Sewer Project Construction** – has begun.
- **Southcrest Credit Card for Auditorium** – for online and other purchases like equipment and concession items for Director and Treasurer use only. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Southcrest Credit Card for the Auditorium.
- **G.R.I.T.S Letter** – Silver Comet Trail maintenance in county sections.

ALRED TIMBER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Alred Timber Maintenance Contract as presented.

FIELD LIGHTING BID

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Field Lighting bid for the Bert Wood Youth & Athletic Complex from Musco for new lighting for all fields in the amount of \$369,000.

ORDINANCE – CHARTER AMENDMENT – VOTING REQUIREMENTS

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 9, 2013** amending the charter as to the affirmative vote of a majority of the commissioners present and voting.

ORDINANCE – BOND FINANCING

Bond Attorney Andrew Tritt explained to the Commission that the current interest rate for the 1997B and 2009 industrial park bonds is 5.25%. The new interest rate has been lowered to a fixed rate of 3.33% and will never change. It will save the city \$115,000. On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved as presented **ORDINANCE 10, 2013** authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of an installment sale agreement with the Cedartown Development Authority pertaining to the refinancing of the 1997B and 2009 industrial park bonds at a fixed rate of 3.33%.

CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - GILDAN PLANT EXPANSION

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved as presented the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Gildan Plant Expansion.

BUDGET DRAFT REVIEW

City Manager Bill Fann reviewed several points with the Commission regarding the Budget draft. The 2014 Budget will be considered at the December 9th Commission meeting.

POLK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REAPPOINTMENT

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the reappointment of Jamie Morris to the Polk County Development Authority.

2014 POLK COUNTY CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Odom to appoint Jordan Hubbard to the 2014 Polk County Chamber Board of Directors, seconded by Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Barrett voting “Aye” and Commissioner Tillery abstained from voting as Mr. Hubbard is a relative. The Commission approved the appointment of Jordan Hubbard to the 2014 Polk County Chamber Board of Directors.

2014 HOLIDAYS

On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the 2014 Holidays were approved as presented.

HEALTHCARE AND PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE

The insurance committee recommended employee health care insurance with Garner & Glover for Blue Cross Blue Shield with a 0% increase, an increase in employee deductible and an increase in the employee reimbursement.

The insurance committee had two property and casualty insurance company presentations. The current premium is \$295,000. The proposal from the current carrier was \$275,338. The proposal from GIRMA was \$250,982, a savings of \$42,000, greater coverage and additional coverage that the city did not have.

On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved as presented the recommendations from the insurance committee for the employee health care insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the property and casualty insurance with GIRMA.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Martin commended the Department Heads for their monthly reports.
- Commissioner Odom commended those that worked on the budget. He was glad to see the employee bonuses and longevity pay.
- Commissioner Barrett commended those that worked on the budget and stated that we have come a long way.
- Commissioner Tillery stated that from the insurance, employees, police, fire, street and water he appreciates the city team and being a part of it. He is excited about where the city is going.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

ADJOURN

At 7:55 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Tillery moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barrett seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN,
CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

