

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Commission Chairman Tuck 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**

On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the current agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Odom and Commissioner Barrett voting "Aye". Commissioner Tillery abstained from voting as he was absent from the July 8, 2013 meeting. The Commission approved the City Commission meeting minutes of July 8, 2013 as submitted by the secretary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin to approve the Special Call Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and Commissioner Tillery voting "Aye". Commissioner Odom abstained from voting as he was absent from the July 30, 2013 meeting. The Commission approved the Special Call Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2013 as submitted by the secretary.

**DELEGATE – RICK BAXTER – RECREATION PROPOSAL**

Commission Chairman Tuck recognized the Little League Board and thanked them for their work on the Recreation Proposal. Rick Baxter recognized two of his volunteers, Mac Fletcher and Martin Arguello for their assistance with the All Star program.

Rick Baxter told the Commission that he spoke to a private donor regarding renovations for field lighting, a ball field, concession stand, restrooms and batting cages at the Bert Wood Youth and Athletic Complex. City Manager Bill Fann stated that Rick Baxter received a letter of commitment from a private donor. The Little League Board established a plan, concept, budget and looked for the funding for the renovations and got it. The plan consists of a half million dollar contingency and the City providing in-kind services and taking care of lighting needs. On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the recreation proposal as submitted by Rick Baxter with the Cedartown Little League.

**PROCLAMATIONS – LITTLE LEAGUE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS**

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation in recognition of their athletic accomplishments to the 2013 Cedartown Little League Nine and Ten Year old Baseball A-Team for finishing second place in Little League District 1, winning the District Championship in GRPA, and finishing second in the State GRPA.

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation in recognition of their athletic accomplishments to the 2013 Cedartown Little League Eleven and Twelve Year Old Baseball A-Team for finishing second place in the Little League District 2 and for their hard work and dedication to their team.

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation in recognition of their athletic accomplishments to the 2013 Cedartown Little League Thirteen and Fourteen Year Old Junior League Baseball Team for finishing first place in the Little League District 1, finishing first place in Little League State and finishing just two games away from the Little League World Series in Taylor Michigan; and winning the District title in GRPA.

**DELEGATE – ROGER MCCASLIN – NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING PLACE**

Roger McCaslin appeared before the Commission requesting the use of the Goodyear Civic Center for Narcotics Anonymous Meetings. The Commission asked that Mr. McCaslin meet with the City Manager regarding a building for Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

**DELEGATE – ROBIN CHANDLER – JOINT CHA AND POLK COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTIONS –  
POLK TEEN MAZE**

Robin Chandler and Linda Wells with the Cedartown Housing Authority and Rhonda Heur with Polk County Family Connections appeared before the Commission requesting the use of the Nathan Dean Center gym and the Log Cabin for November 12<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> for the Polk Teen Maze. On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the request for the use of the Log Cabin and Gym on November 12<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> for the Polk Teen Maze.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- **Water Plant Roof** - is almost complete.
- **Henry King** - has submitted a retirement letter. Henry will be retiring October 1, 2013 and his last day will be September 27, 2013. Henry has served the City of Cedartown for 38 years. City Manager Fann stated that he appreciates his long time commitment, his effort and diligence to persevere that long time. Chairman Tuck stated that she could not say enough good about Chief King.
- **Financials 2013** – June – 50%  
Water and Sewer – 54.18% Expenses - 32.98%  
General Fund – 37.42% Expenses 43.98%  
Total Revenue 41.89% Total Expenses 41.04%  
Revenue over Expenses 0.85%  
\$250,000 TAN draw
- **Election Qualifying** - The qualifying period for the 2013 Municipal Election will begin on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and conclude on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- **ISO Inspection** – is scheduled at the Fire Department on August 20, 2013.
- **CHS use of Auditorium** –May 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for Honors Night.
- **Work Session** – Scheduled for September 3, 2013 to discuss the Hospital Reuse.

## **ROGER MURRAY – MURRAY, BARNES & FINISTER, LLP – BOND FINANCING**

Roger Murray with Murray, Barnes & Finister, LLP appeared before the Commission regarding bond financing at the rate of 3.78%. The City did receive an A+ rating for the water/sewer bonds. Refinancing of existing loans at 4% to 4.56% saved the city over \$100,000. On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting No” the Commission adopted **ORDINANCE 6, 2013** approving the sale of the bonds as presented.

## **MILLAGE RATE**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved having the millage rate remain at 11.34%.

## **GIBSON STREET – FY11 CDBG WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

The FY11 CDBG Water System Improvements project for Gibson Street low bid was \$652,945 from C & S Construction. A change order from C & S Construction lowered the bid to \$598,000. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the low bid from C & S Construction contingent upon DCA approving the change order lowering the bid to \$598,000 from C & S Construction for the Gibson Street FY11 CDBG Water System Improvement grant.

## **MOTORCYCLE BID**

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the bid for a BMW Ducati Husqvarna Motorcycles in the amount of \$24,522.58.

## **DRUG TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH POLK COUNTY**

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Drug Task Force Intergovernmental Agreement with Polk County.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Commissioner Martin stated that grass on Main Street was being cut where it blows into the street, looks bad and runs into the storm drains.
- Commissioner Martin asked that the City review ordinances regarding saggy pants.
- Commissioner Martin stated that he had just celebrated 50 years in business with Martin’s Barber Shop.
- Commissioner Odom praised City Manager Bill Fann and Finance Officer Amy Orebaugh for their work on the bond rating and stated that he appreciated their work on the budget.
- Chairman Tuck stated that there were a total of 1,500 that showed up for the Downtown Renaissance project town hall meetings and focus groups. She advised that on August 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be two people with UGA going into some of the downtown buildings.
- Chairman Tuck said that she was proud for Gary Martin being in business for fifty years.
- Chairman Tuck remarked that Police Chief Henry King will be retiring after 38 years and that she appreciates his service to the City of Cedartown.
- Commissioner Barrett commented that Gary Martin has done an outstanding job and congratulated him for staying in business for fifty years.
- Commissioner Barrett stated that the Commission and staff have made great progress the last four years.
- Commissioner Tillery stated that there were new businesses opening in Cedartown last month and this month; there is Ellenburg Fishing Rods, a new restaurant and other new businesses.
- Commissioner Tillery spoke about the trucks on Main Street and the College Street Bridge and asked that the City Manager get back to the Commission regarding additional signage.
- Commissioner Tillery stated that he wanted the Commission to plan to discuss ideas of direction for the Water Plant.

- Commissioner Tillery stated that it was not his intent to run for re-election and that he had served for six years in office. Commissioner Tillery stated that he plans to spend time with his family. He said that this was a great commission and he appreciates the time he has had to serve.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Tillery moved to call an executive session to discuss personnel and 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 Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission came out of executive session.

**CONVEYANCE OF LAND - CEDARTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, Commissioner Martin seconded, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the City Manager meeting with the Cedartown Development Authority and the City Attorney regarding the conveyance of land from the Cedartown Development Authority to Rome Plow.

**SEWER EASEMENTS**

On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the City Manager obtaining property and sewer easements from Chet Cleland and Gary Melton.

**MUNDY’S LAKE**

Commissioner Tillery spoke to the Commission about the Springdale Lake Board (Mundy’s Lake) meeting and issues with the lake.

**ADJOURN**

At 8:25 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Odom moved to adjourn. Commissioner Martin seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**APPROVED:**

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**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN  
CITY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

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**SECRETARY  
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

