

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 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  
Rob Monroe, City Attorney

**PUBLIC HEARING – SIGN ORDINANCE REVISIONS**

Attorney Rob Monroe opened the public hearing. There were no public comments “for” or “against” the sign ordinance revisions.

**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 Martin, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the current agenda, the City Commission Meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes of November 18, 2013 and the Work Session Minutes of December 2, 2013.

**PRESENTATION OF THE EMILY SHAW ADMINISTRATIVE AWARD**

Commission Chairman Tuck applauded Emily Shaw for 35 years of service to the City of Cedartown. Emily Shaw stated that she was honored to have an award named after her. She presented the 2013 Emily Shaw Administrative Award to Edward Guzman and read the remarks that were made honoring him.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AWARD**

Water Maintenance Superintendent Kelvin Garmon presented the 2013 Bobby Alexander Public Works Award to Ray Rosser and read the remarks that were made honoring him.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD**

Fire Chief Sammy Stephens presented the 2013 Ray Merritt Public Safety Award to Josh Fenley and read the remarks that were made honoring him.

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES**

Chairman Tuck read a plaque expressing appreciation to Commissioner Barrett for his distinguished service to the City of Cedartown.

Chairman Tuck read a plaque honoring Commissioner Tillery for his distinguished service to the City of Cedartown.

**DELEGATE – HAROLD GIPSON**

Harold Gipson appeared before the Commission requesting the use of the football field at the Bert Wood Youth & Athletic Complex for an “Open Try Out” for the Atlanta Sharks Indoor Football League on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the request for the use of the football field at the Bert Wood Youth & Athletic Complex for an Open Try Out for the Atlanta Sharks Indoor Football League on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**DELEGATE – JOHN BENEFIELD**

John Benefield appeared before the Commission regarding the advertisement for bid and award of contract with the Little League field and concessions at Bert Wood Park.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- **Christmas Parade** – Rescheduled to Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.
- **Budget Review** – through October 2013 – 83.33%.

Revenue	87.39%	\$8,301,817.18
Expenditures	74.56%	\$7,082,262.99
Variance – Rev/Exp	12.84%	\$1,219,554.19
- **Appreciation to Commissioners Tillery and Barrett**
- **Year End Thanks to Employees, Management Team and Commissioners**

Finance Officer Amy Orebaugh stated that the TAN has been paid off.

**2014 BUDGET**

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 5, 2013** adopting the 2014 Budget.

#### **UTILITY POLICY AMENDMENTS**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the amendments to the utility policy as recommended by the City Manager.

#### **CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT POLK MEDICAL CENTER REUSE PLAN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Odom to approve the Conditional Agreement Polk Medical Center Reuse Plan and seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioners Martin and Tillery voting "No" and Chairman Tuck voting "Aye" to break the tie. The Commission approved the Conditional Agreement Polk Medical Center Reuse Plan.

#### **2014 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the 2014 Committee appointments.

#### **REVISED SIGN ORDINANCE**

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 11, 2013** adopting the revisions to the sign ordinance.

#### **512 SOUTH MAIN STREET INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the conveyance of 512 South Main Street to the Downtown Development Authority.

#### **2000 INTERNATIONAL SEWER VACON SEWER TRUCK BID**

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission voted to not accept the low bid for the 2000 International Vacon Sewer Truck.

#### **CAPITAL CONTRACT – FTA 5311 PROGRAM**

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the capital contract with the Georgia DOT to receive FTA 5311 funding for a computer for the transit program.

#### **FIRE TRUCK BID**

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that there was only one bid submitted for the Fire truck from Ten-8 Fire and Safety Equipment and recommended the approval of the bid.

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the bid from Ten-8 Fire and Safety Equipment for \$356,462.

#### **BEER PACKAGE LICENSE APPLICATION – JAGRUITBEN PATEL FOR SHELL FOOD MART**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Odom, Commissioner Tillery voting "Aye" and Commissioner Martin voting "No" the Commission approved the beer package license application for Jagruitben Patel for Shell Food Mart located at 731 North Main Street.

#### **JUDGE AND SOLICITOR POSITIONS**

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that the appointed committee for the judge and solicitor positions recommends the appointment of Andrew Roper as Municipal Judge and Stefanie Drake Burford as Solicitor for 2014. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the appointment of Andrew Roper as Municipal Judge and Stefanie Drake Burford as Solicitor.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Commissioner Martin stated that he appreciated the Department Head monthly reports.
- Commissioner Odom remarked that we cannot keep Emily Shaw forever, but we can replace her with someone like Carol Crawford. The City of Cedartown has been fortunate to have two great City Clerks for the past 30 years.
- Commission Chairman Tuck stated that Commissioners Barrett and Tillery will be missed. There will be a reception hosted by the Downtown Cedartown Association on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. followed by a presentation of the Downtown Renaissance Strategic Plan.
- Commissioner Barrett stated that he had been a City Commissioner for 12 years, worked with 7 City Managers, 3 City Clerks and 8 different Commissioners. They each had different personalities and different ideas, but they all had one goal to serve and make Cedartown a better place to live. Commissioner Barrett wished success to the Commission and stated that it had been an honor to serve as a Commissioner for the City of Cedartown.
- Commissioner Tillery stated that there are good things going on in Cedartown; that he is excited about the future and where the City is going. The economic downturn ran and the City struggled. Commissioner Tillery expressed that he appreciated all the Commissioners, the City Manager, Department Heads and employees.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

**ADJOURN**

At 7:40 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:**

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**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN  
CITY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

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**SECRETARY  
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**