

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 10, 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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Tuck called the meeting to order. Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Martin 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 Martin to approve the current agenda, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the current agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Odom to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2013, the Special Call City Commission Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2013 and the Work Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and Commissioner Tillery voting "Aye". Commissioner Martin abstained from voting as he was absent from the June 3, 2013 meeting. The Commission approved the City Commission Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2013, the Special Call Meeting and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2013 and the Work Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2013 as submitted by the secretary.

DELEGATE - BISHOP JOSEPH SEWELL – TURNER STREET PARK

Bishop Joseph Sewell appeared before the Commission discussing projects that had not been done at Turner Street Park. Mr. Sewell asked about ball field lights, grant monies for renovations, a scoreboard, bathroom, an expansion to the building, basketball goals and a roof over the basketball goals.

DELEGATION – HAROLD GIPSON AND JOANNE CROWDER – YOUTH SUMMERFEST

Harold Gipson and Joanne Crowder appeared before the Commission regarding the Youth Summerfest to be held on Saturday, July 27th at Bert Wood Youth & Athletic Complex. Ms. Crowder requested the use of the gym on Thursday, July 25th, Friday, July 26th and Saturday, July 27th, the park for Friday, July 26th and Saturday, July 27th, the stage for Saturday, July 27th and paper and pencils for the children. On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the request for the use of the gym, park, stage, paper and pencils for the Youth Summerfest.

DELEGATE – JERRY STROUP – POW WOW

Jerry Stroup appeared before the Commission requesting the use of Bert Wood Park for the Pow Wow on Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th. Mr. Stroup stated that this will be the 175th anniversary of the Trail of Tears. On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the request for the use of Bert Wood Park for the Pow Wow on Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th.

DELEGATE – DANITA FRAZIER – 9 TURNER COURT

Danita Frazier appeared before the Commission regarding property that belongs to the railroad beside her house that needs to be cut and cleaned up. City Manager Bill Fann advised that the City would contact the railroad to cut and clean up the property.

DELEGATE – TONY DAVIS – TURNER STREET PARK

Tony Davis appeared before the Commission to speak about an event called "Youth Explosion" that will take place on Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Turner Street Park. The event will have games for children of all ages. There will be hot dogs and free food.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Janet Johnson with St. Bernadette's Catholic Church** has requested the use of Peeks Park and the pavilion for a parish picnic on Sunday, July 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the request for St. Bernadette's to use the pavilion at Peeks Park for a parish picnic on Sunday, July 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **The next DCA meeting** will be Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. Home Depot Manager Tim Ramirez will be attending to discuss a project for downtown.
- **Burkhalter Road** – The paving has been completed by the County under the current LMIG grant.
- **Senior Officials Workshop** – The City will be hosting this program this Thursday, June 13, 2013 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and the roster of attendees includes command level staff from nearly every public safety agency in

Polk County as well as some industry leaders. The workshop is provided free of charge by the Department of Homeland Security and is presented by Texas A&M University.

- **Next Hospital Re-Use Meeting** –will be Tuesday, June 25th at 10:30 a.m. in the basement meeting room of the hospital. This process is going very well and is getting a lot of attention from potential tenants. I encourage participation by any Commissioner who wishes to attend.
- **New Hospital Groundbreaking Ceremony** – is scheduled for July 23rd at 10:00 a.m. on the new construction site.
- **International Wheelchair Race** – Monday, July 1st – Kids Fun Race at 6:30 p.m. and 5K Race at 7:00 p.m. at Peeks Park.
- **Duplex Grinder Pump @ Northwest Park** – We installed this system last year at the baseball field restrooms and we have not had one sewer stoppage call in two full seasons now.
- **GEO** – The crosswalk has been repainted and new signs installed. We are waiting for the speed humps to be delivered and they will be installed in the agreed upon locations.
- **Mosquito Spraying** – will begin this week.
- **Financials at 33%** - One third of the way through the year and ahead of the game.
General Fund – Revenue at 26.23%. Actual year to date revenues - \$1,826,663.13.
Actual April revenue - \$262,781.51. Expenses at 29.17%. Actual year to date expenses – \$2,030,887.71. Actual April Expenses - \$533,063.42.
Water & Sewer – Revenue at 32.36%. Actual year to date revenues - \$820,643.40. Actual April revenue - \$212,646.42. Expenses at 21.91%. Actual year to date expenses - \$555,543.37. Actual April Expenses - \$142,450.09.
The City has not had to use any of the TAN.

POLK COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE – LOCAL VEGETABLE GROWERS MARKET

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved a request from Ricky Ensley, Polk County Extension Coordinator to hold the local vegetable growers market at Peek’s Park on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. during the summer months beginning Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

PURCHASE OF OLIVER PROPERTY

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the purchase of the Oliver property.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE ORDINANCE

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 4, 2013** setting the qualifications and term limits for the Municipal Court Judge effective January 1, 2014.

MUNICIPAL COURT ATTORNEY RESOLUTION

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 4, 2013** setting the qualifications and term limits for the Municipal Court Attorney effective January 1, 2014.

HOSPITAL SEWER BID

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that only one bid was received for the hospital sewer from Unity Construction in the amount of \$4,056,249 and recommended that the Commission accept the option 3 bid for the 12” sewer force main and lift station contingent upon the receipt of the funding agreement from Floyd Hospital and the Cedartown-Polk County Hospital Authority. A motion was made by Commissioner Odom to approve the option 3 bid for the 12” sewer force main and lift station from Unity Construction as recommended by City Manager Fann in the amount of \$4,056,249 contingent upon the receipt of the funding agreement from Floyd Hospital and the Cedartown-Polk County Hospital Authority. Commissioner Tillery asked that the motion be amended to include that all piping, valves and fittings be American made. Commissioner Odom amended his motion to include that all piping, valves and fittings be American made, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the bid for the hospital sewer from Unity Construction in the amount of \$4,056, 249 for the 12” sewer force main and lift station to include all piping, valves and fittings to be American made contingent upon the receipt of the funding agreement from Floyd Hospital and the Cedartown-Polk County Hospital Authority.

HOSPITAL SEWER FUNDING AGREEMENT

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that a letter was received from Floyd Medical Center regarding Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc. and Polk Medical Center, Inc. expressing their intentions to enter into a Utility Services Agreement with the City of Cedartown to provide \$4.5 million dollars to fund the construction of the 12” sewer line to the hospital. Manager Fann told the Commission that the agreement ensures that no taxpayer dollars will be used in the building and construction of this sewer line. On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Utility Services Agreement with Floyd Healthcare Management and the Cedartown-Polk County Hospital Authority contingent upon legal review and based upon Floyd Medical Center letter of intent.

PERMIT AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the construction permit agreement with Norfolk Southern to construct the new sewer line pending the City Manager researching into the actual fee.

UPDDATE – DOWNTOWN RENAISSANCE STRATEGIC PLAN & VISION

Commission Chairman Tuck presented the following names for the Steering Committee for the Downtown Renaissance Strategic Plan & Vision; Dale Tuck - Community Liaison and Chairman, Charles Ellis – Planning Commission member and Business Owner, Edward Guzman – City Hall employee, Rena Roper – President, Cedartown Junior Service League and Little League Board, Laura Bates – Polk County Chamber, Jordan Hubbard – Downtown Cedartown Association, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Owner, Ramona Ruark – Main Street Director, Downtown Cedartown Association and Downtown Development Authority, and Hal Floyd – Downtown Cedartown Association, Auditorium Commission and Downtown Business owner. A motion was made by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Steering Committee as presented by Chairman Tuck. Chairman Tuck advised that the downtown survey for the Downtown Renaissance Strategic Visioning Program is available on line or by hard copy. Carl Vinson Institute, Georgia DCA and GMA representatives will be in Cedartown on July 23, 24 and 25 for a site visit. A town hall meeting will be held on the evening of the 24th at Cedartown High School.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Odom stated that the Floyd Medical Center is a win-win for the City and that this was the biggest financial investment in the history of Cedartown.
- Commissioner Barrett asked that City Manager Fann contact Tom Isabel with Georgia Power regarding the north end street light. Manager Fann advised that the Georgia Department of Transportation representative asked for specifics as to what Georgia Power proposed to do and that he would ask Tom to submit a proposal to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Barrett asked that College Drive be added to the July agenda for striping.

- Commissioner Tillery stated that he is looking forward to an exterior plan for the water plant.

Commissioner Tillery stated that the Gibson Street Community Development Block Grant project has gone out to bid.

Commissioner Tillery requested a Code Enforcement portfolio from Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Martin on dilapidated houses, roofs falling in, court orders, funding and a folder of pictures.

Commissioner Tillery advised that there will be an annual Fish Fry on Saturday, July 13th at the Senior Center to help supplement cost cuts to the center and to help fund maintenance expenses on the senior bus.

Commissioner Tillery requested adding to the July agenda the striping of West Avenue and putting the crosswalk back in front of the high rise.

Commissioner Tillery asked that the Recreation Capital outlay be started back.

Commissioner Tillery discussed the railroad property next to Turner Street Park.

Commissioner Tillery discussed baseball and soccer being a part of the recreation plan.

Commissioner Tillery stated that the crosswalk marker had been taken down three times downtown and requested that it be put back up to slow down truck traffic.

- Chairman Tuck told the Commission that she had visited a small business incubator at work in Carrollton with members from the Chamber, Downtown Development Authority and business owners. Karen Nissan agreed to take over the small business incubator. The Chamber is working on one stop and hop which is imaging and marketing for Polk County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Martin moved to call an executive session to discuss real estate matters. Commissioner Barrett 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 7:55 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Odom moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barrett seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**