

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 11, 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 – ANNEXATION REQUEST – CEDARTOWN-POLK COUNTY HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY – 0 ROCKMART HIGHWAY – TAX MAP & PARCEL NO. 036 087 CONSISTING OF 18.11
ACRES AND TAX MAP & PARCEL NO. 036 107 CONSISTING OF 46.76 ACRES; CONTIGUOUS TO THE
EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; AND REZONING REQUEST TO A PD-4 MIXED USE
DEVELOPMENT**

There were no public comments “for” or “against” the annexation and rezoning request for the Cedartown-Polk County Hospital Authority’s request to be located at 0 Rockmart Highway; said properties designated as tax map and parcel no. 036 087 consisting of 18.11 acres and 036 107 consisting of 46.76 acres, and are contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the city. The rezoning request is to have the property rezoned to a PD-4 Mixed Use Development Classification.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Tuck called the meeting to order. Corey Smith gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag lead by Boy Scout Troop 21.

AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin to approve the current agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the current agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Odom to approve the January 14, 2013 executive session meeting minutes, the February 11, 2013 City Commission meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes, and the March 4, 2013 Work session meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Tillery voting “Aye” Commissioner Barrett abstained from voting as he was absent from the March 4, 2013 Work Session, the Commission approved the minutes as submitted by the secretary.

PROCLAMATION – HAROLD BENEFIELD

Commission Chairman Dale Tuck read a proclamation recognizing the late Harold Benefield for his lifetime of accomplishments, and his outstanding dedication and contributions to Cedartown. Linda Liles, constituent services representative for Congressman Gingrey and currently to Congressman Graves made a special presentation to honor Harold Benefield stating that she had never had a veteran that had served in three consecutive wars that she had presented military medals to. The medals were presented to Harold Benefield’s wife, Thelma Benefield.

**PROCLAMATION - RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUT MICHAEL HELMES PROJECT AT BERT WOOD
ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

Commission Chairman Dale Tuck read a proclamation recognizing Boy Scout Michael Helmes for his contribution to the City of Cedartown in planting fourteen Leyland Cypress trees along the fence line at the Bert Wood Youth & Athletic Complex to help conceal the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the future and assist in noise reduction from the plant.

**DELEGATE – DAVE GROVE – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WHEELCHAIR ATHLETE RACES –
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013**

Dave Grove appeared before the Commission to announce that Cedartown has been designated as a World Class City for the International Wheelchair Races. The races will be held on Monday, July 1, 2013 with the first race beginning at 7:00 p.m., and the second race will be at 7:25 p.m. at Peeks Park. Mr. Grove requested that the city take care of the insurance policy for the race and schedule. On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the international wheelchair athletes race at Peeks Park on July 1, 2013, provide the insurance policy for the race and schedule.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Employee Health Fair will be held on March 14th in the gym at Bert Wood Park from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Attendance is mandatory for all employees that have city health insurance.
- Met with Julie Meadows from the Northwest Regional Commission at the Water Plant regarding necessary renovations and improvements of the facility. Ms. Meadows is seeking to find funding sources for these renovations and improvements. On February 26, 2013, the Finance Committee met and discussed funding and prioritization for future capital projects. The Committee agreed that available funding in the near term be for necessary renovations to the Water Plant beginning with the roof and exterior walls.
- Kelvin Garmon and Bill Fann met with Josh Becker with Rindt McDuff, Engineer for a water system improvement project for the City of Cedartown. Bids for the project will be advertised beginning March 20,

2013 for four consecutive weeks. Bids will be awarded on April 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and the construction will begin on May 6, 2013.

- On March 18, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. there will be a meeting with representatives of the following commission and authorities; Historic Preservation Commission, Downtown Cedartown Association, Downtown Development Authority and the Cedartown Development Authority. The meeting will be to discuss similar unsafe, dilapidated structures in the downtown business district and how to approach problems and not to step on each other's toes. Community Development Director Bill Ferrell and Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Martin will be present for this meeting.
- Auditorium Commission member Regina Welchel is unable to serve on the Commission. The Auditorium Commission recommends the appointment of Chris Reaves to fill the position left vacant by Regina Welchel to the Auditorium Commission. On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the appointment of Chris Reaves to the Auditorium Commission to fill the position left vacant by Regina Welchel.

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE OF ANNEXATION AND REZONING FOR CEDARTOWN-POLK COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 0 ROCKMART HIGHWAY TO BE REZONED TO PD-4 MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

City Manager Bill Fann told the Commission that the ordinance for annexation and rezoning for the Cedartown-Polk County Hospital Authority property located at 0 Rockmart Highway to be rezoned to PD-4 Mixed Use Development is for the purpose of building on the property a hospital and medical office complex. The Cedartown Planning Commission recommends approval of the request for the annexation and rezoning of this property. Consideration of an ordinance for annexation and rezoning for the Cedartown-Polk County Hospital Authority property will be at the April 8, 2013 City Commission meeting.

RETIRED EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that the retiree health insurance policy was revised last year and taken away entirely from retirees. The retiree health insurance was being paid at 100%. The rates for participation in the City of Cedartown Retired Employees Health Insurance Program will be based on the rates as established in the current contract for health care benefits as adopted by the City Commission; payments of premiums shall be at the same rate and share as in effect for current employees. The retiree employee health insurance will terminate upon the retiree reaching the age of sixty-five, or becoming Medicare eligible, whichever shall first occur. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved as presented the Retired Employees Health Insurance Program.

DELEGATE – RANDELL BRAZIER – 4H CLUB SHOOTING TEAM

Randell Brazier appeared before the Commission regarding the creation of a 4H Shooting Program in Polk County. Mr. Brazier advised that he went to school and is a certified coach. Children 5th to 8th grade are eligible to participate in the program with five to seven children making up a team. He stated that they will be teaching the children how to shoot and firearms safety. The teams will compete with other teams around the state. Mr. Brazier advised that he does have a secure place for the children to shoot at the DNR Wildlife Management site on Antioch Road.

LETTER OF TAX ENGAGEMENT WITH RUSHTON & COMPANY AUDITORS

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved letters of engagement with Rushton & Company Auditors for the City of Cedartown and the Cedartown Civic Arts Commission for the year ended December 31, 2012.

RESOLUTION 2013 TAN

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved **Resolution 3, 2013** for a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of one million dollars.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGNATED CITY DEPOSITORIES

On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved **Ordinance 2, 2013** amending the designated city depositories.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Barrett stated that Cherokee Road is in bad shape, lots of pot holes that need to be filled, and the road needs to be paved.

Commissioner Barrett advised that there are no thru truck signs on Cherokee Road, or on 27 and 278 coming in to Cedartown. DOT conducted a traffic count last year and there were 2,800 cars that used Cherokee Road within a 24 hour period.

- Commissioner Tillery reported the following unemployment percentages from the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission: State 8.6%, Regional 9.2% and Polk 8%.

Commissioner Tillery advised that the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission has scheduled a Planning and Zoning Board Meeting in Calhoun on April 4th. Commissioner Tillery would like for new members of the Planning Commission to attend this Planning Commission board training.

Commissioner Tillery told the Commission that Brad Jones will be coming next week and meeting with Vance Voinche and George Mundy regarding combining the Goodyear property plan and the Big Spring property plan.

Commissioner Tillery commended Fire Chief Stephens for the good information he provided on tornado conditions.

Commissioner Tillery good information from Bill Fann in searching for funding for the Water Plant.

Commissioner Tillery getting with Brad Jones to extend Streetscape south from the railroad to the intersection with utility poles only on one side. To look at sidewalks, curbing and grassy area as project for next year.

Commissioner Tillery wants to have a striping budget for West Avenue, East Avenue and Cherokee Road.

Commissioner Tillery spoke about foreclosed houses being a safety issue and the city being unable to do anything with them. Commissioner Tillery would like to have Code Enforcement to gather together a portfolio of the foreclosed houses. Some of the houses may be hardships. Commissioner Tillery will be glad to head up this project. There will need to be cost estimates gathered to remove residential and commercial properties to include Zartic, Arrow and the Wissahickon property.

- Commission Chairman Tuck stated that there are recreation priorities for SPLOST that need to be discussed along with adding Turner Street Park for Bishop Sewell .

Chairman Tuck commended Lindsay Swafford Camp for the tremendous job that she is doing working with Lee Hayes. There were 400 children that signed up for baseball and 90 for softball.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Martin moved to call an executive session to discuss legal and real estate matters. Commissioner Tillery 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.

LITTLE LEAGUE LEASE AGREEMENT

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the Little League Lease Agreement as presented.

ADJOURN

At 7:50 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Barrett moved to adjourn. Commissioner Martin seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

