

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 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. Bishop Joseph Sewell of Lake Creek Anointed Ministries gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

**AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED**

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the current agenda, the City Commission Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2013 and the Work Session Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of October 7, 2013.

**DELEGATE – JEFF BISHOP, PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA CHAPTER TRAIL OF TEARS ASSOCIATION**

Jeff Bishop, President of the Georgia Chapter Trail of Tears Association appeared before the Commission and discussed placing three (3) additional signs at the park along a trail that would need to be wheelchair accessible. One of the signs would be about the early Cherokee settlers and how they used the creek. Home Depot has stated that they have funding to use towards this project. Mr. Bishop would like to develop a plan as to where the trail and signs would go with the city and members from the Cherokee nation. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission committed that the trail will be ADA accessible.

**PROCLAMATION – OCTOBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation regarding domestic violence and proclaimed the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Cedartown.

**DELEGATE – TOMMY ENGRAM – ENTERPRISE AND OPPORTUNITY ZONES**

Tommy Engram appeared before the Commission regarding changes to the State requirements for enterprise and opportunity zones. Mr. Engram suggested modifying the Cedartown Redevelopment Plan and including the whole city in the plan. On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved Mr. Engram moving forward to include the entire City in the Redevelopment Plan with a public hearing and final approval to be scheduled for the November 18, 2013 Commission meeting.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- **Painting At Police Department** – Assistance from Sheriff's Department trustees.
- **CDBG Water Project** – Construction is underway and Kelvin is assisting the contractors.
- **Christmas Parade** – Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The theme is a "Christmas Wonderland".
- **Christmas Tree Lighting** – Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- **Halloween Trick or Treating Downtown** – Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Departmental Budget Meetings** – have been ongoing very smoothly and a draft budget will be given to the Commission for review at the November meeting.
- **Pre-Construction Meeting for Sewer Project** – will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

**ALRED TIMBER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The Alred Timber Maintenance contract will be considered at a Special Call Meeting in November.

**BILLBOARD MORATORIUM ORDINANCE**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission adopted **ORDINANCE 8, 2013** for the purpose of enacting a moratorium for a period of 60 days to preserve uniformity of billboard signage regulation through the City, pending the adoption of the revised sign ordinance pertaining to billboards.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB LEASE AGREEMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the Boys and Girls Club Lease Agreement.

**AMENDED DRUG TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the amended Drug Task Force Memorandum of Understanding.

**CHARTER CHANGE – VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

The first reading of the ordinance to change the Commission voting requirements in the charter was read by Commission Chairman Dale Tuck.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Chairman Tuck advised that anyone that would like to be involved in Downtown Renaissance; a meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with Danny Bevins, Downtown Development Specialist with the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government.
- Commissioner Tillery commended Ramona, her team and the city workers for a great Fall Festival.

Commissioner Tillery spoke about the following new businesses in Cedartown.

- Russell’s Diner – East Avenue
- Moore’s Pharmacy – Now “Poppy’s Big Dawg Diner” on Main Street
- Red, White & Brew on Main Street
- Home Star Financial Corporation is now located in the Hometown Realty office on Main Street
- Tax Service America (formerly Jackson-Hewitt Tax Service) in Walmart
- A-1 Motor Lodge – new owner
- Our House – Main Street – new face lift
- Gildan Yarns expansion

The City is still doing phosphorus testing and putting together a comprehensive report.

**ADJOURN**

At 7:00 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Martin moved to adjourn. Commissioner Odom 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**

