

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 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
Carey Pilgrim, City Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Tuck called the meeting to order. Reverend Dave Grove of First Presbyterian Church 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the City Commission meeting minutes of August 12, 2013 as submitted by the secretary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett to approve the Work Session Minutes of September 3, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Odom voting "Aye". Commissioner Tillery abstained from voting as he was absent from the September 3, 2013 Work Session. The Commission approved the Work Session meeting minutes of September 3, 2013 submitted by the secretary.

PROCLAMATIONS – LITTLE LEAGUE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation in recognition of their athletic accomplishments to the 2013 Cedartown Little League Seven and Eight Year Old Baseball A-Team for finishing first place in Little League District 1, and for going to the state sectionals in Smyrna for the live arm kid pitch games.

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation in recognition of their athletic accomplishments to the 2013 Cedartown Little League Seven and Eight Year Old Baseball B-Team for finishing as Little League District 1 runners up, 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 Nine Year Old Baseball Team that finished second in the Little League District 1, and showed hard work and dedication to their team.

DELEGATE – FIRE CHIEF SAMMY STEPHENS – 9-11 CEREMONY

Fire Chief Sammy Stephens appeared before the Commission advising that the 9-11 Ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, 9/11/2013 in front of the Cedartown Fire Department. The ceremony will be honoring the heroes and recognizing the victims of September 11, 2001. The times of the 9-11 ceremonies will correlate with the events during which the terrorist attacks that the nation endured September 11, 2001 will be remembered. Chief Stephens read what he had written in 2009 regarding that 9/11/2001 event.

DELEGATE – JOE COLQUITT – KEEP GLOWING – 5K FUN RUN RACE

Joe Colquitt appeared before the Commission stating that he was asking as the Assistant Recreation Director and the Youth and Children Director at First Methodist Church to hold a 5K Glow Fun Run to begin at First Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. on October 19th and finish at Peeks Park. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the 5K Glow Fun Run on October 19th. The proceeds from the 5K Fun Run Race will benefit the children and youth of First United Methodist Church and the Cedartown Recreation Department.

DELEGATE – COREY SMITH – DOWNTOWN REVIVAL

Corey Smith appeared before the Commission requesting the use of the Main Street Staging Area for a two week revival beginning Monday, September 30th through Sunday, October 13th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the request made by Corey Smith to use the Main Street Staging Area for a two week revival beginning Monday, September 30th through Sunday, October 13th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

DELEGATE – TOM WHITEAKER - PICKLEBALL

Tom Whiteaker appeared before the Commission requesting that some of the tennis courts be striped for pickleball. A motion was made by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” to stripe some of the tennis courts contingent upon Recreation Director Lee Hayes and the City Manager Bill Fann’s review.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- **2014 LMIG PAVING REQUEST** – We have received the 2014 LMIG paving request application forms. Any city streets to be considered for LMIG that the City selects require a 30% match.
- **WATER PLANT ROOF** – The water plant roof project is complete.
- **POLICE CHIEF HENRY KING RETIREMENT** - Reception will be Thursday, September 26th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the City Council Room. Please come by and help us recognize Chief King’s contribution to the safety and welfare of our citizens for thirty-eight years.
- **FINANCIALS** – 2013 Budget Summary - July – 58%

	Revenue	
Utilities Revenue	62.56 %	\$1,586,558.00
General Fund	42.43%	\$2,954,711.00
Total	47.80%	\$4,541,269.00

	Expenditures	
Utilities	45.39%	\$1,150,963.00
General Fund	53.30%	\$3,711,355.00
Total	51.18%	\$4,862,318.00

Variance-Rev/Exp -3.30% -\$321,049.00**

**Workers Comp Insurance is paid ahead

- **CEDARTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE** will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The Theme is “Christmas Wonderland”.
- **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** – Downtown Cedartown, Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** – early requests for appointments will be made at the normal time.
- **HISTORIC DISTRIC DESIGNATIONS** – not properly done in 2000, 2008 and 2011. City Attorney to review.

RUSHTON AND COMPANY – The City Manager recommended the approval of the audit engagement letter with Rushton and Company for the 2013 year end audit. A motion was made by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the engagement of Rushton and Company for the 2013 year end audit.

MILLAGE RATE

City Manager Bill Fann recommended that the Commission not raise the millage rate and keep the millage rate the same as it has been for the past six years. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved not raising the millage rate and keeping the rate at 11.34%.

EXTENSION OF THE G.R.I.T.S. LEASE AGREEMENT

City Manager Fann recommended the renewal of the lease agreement with G.R.I.T.S. for the building on South Main Street. On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the renewal of the lease agreement with G.R.I.T.S. for the building on South Main Street.

ALCOHOL LICENSE FEE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 7, 2013** amending the downtown alcohol license fees.

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.

APPOINTMENT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

City Manager Bill Fann recommended to the Commission that Assistant Police Chief Jamie Newsome be appointed as the Police Chief effective Saturday, September 28, 2013. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the appointment of Jamie Newsome as Police Chief effective September 28, 2013.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Odom stated that there a couple of exciting things going on in downtown businesses. Support the downtown businesses.
- Commissioner Barrett stated that he agreed with Commissioner Odom in supporting the businesses downtown. Commissioner Barrett congratulated Jamie Newsome in his appointment as the new Police Chief.
- Commissioner Tillery commended everyone on the block party. It was a huge success. Ramona Ruark and Donnie McKibben did a great job.
 - There were six new businesses that opened last month.
 - Moore’s on Main Street will be reopening as a family oriented restaurant; sock hop type restaurant; like it was at one time.
 - Pink Sugar will be opening a good business that everyone will enjoy.
 - Permits have increased from last year.
 - A restaurant is in the design stages with a professional chef.
 - Commissioner Tillery commended the City Manager for his efforts with the Water Plant.
- Chairman Tuck stated that the Carl Vinson Institute had two representatives that were in Cedartown last week. They looked at design ideas for the use and extending of the Silver Comet Trail and beyond, ideas for the Oliver building and downtown buildings potential. There will be a meeting on October 10th. They will have a presentation to be announced.
 - Thank you Donnie McKibben, Ramona Ruark and the Police Department for their work on the block party.
- Commissioner Odom stated that the “Jayne Mansfield’s Car” movie would be showing at the West Theater on Friday, September 13th. Commissioner Odom commented that the renovations at the Theater went back to the original colors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Odom moved to call an executive session to discuss real estate and legal matters. Commissioner Martin seconded, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission went into executive session.

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

ADJOURN

At 8:00 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Martin moved to adjourn. Commissioner Tillery seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

