

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Commissioners Present: Dale Tuck, Chairman
Gary Martin, Chairman Pro-Tem
Matt Foster
Jordan Hubbard
Larry Odom

Also Present: Bill Fann, City Manager
Carey Pilgrim, City Attorney
Carol Crawford, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING REQUEST – BYRON SLAUGHTER/CEDARTOWN NORTH PARTNERSHIP, LLC – 910 SOUTH MAIN STREET – C2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

City Attorney Carey Pilgrim advised those in attendance that the public hearing was to hear comments “for” or “against” the rezoning request from Byron Slaughter/Cedartown North Partnership, LLC. for the property located at 910 South Main Street that is currently in C2 General Commercial zoning and requested to be changed to I-1 Light Industrial zoning.

There were no comments “for” or “against” the rezoning request from Byron Slaughter/Cedartown North Partnership, LLC.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dale Tuck called the meeting to order. Reverend Dave Grove of the 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 Foster, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the current agenda and the City Commission Minutes of January 12, 2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, Commissioner Foster seconded and Commissioner Martin voting “Aye” approved the Work Session Minutes of February 2, 2015. Commissioner Odom abstained from voting as he was absent from the meeting.

DELEGATE – RACHEL ROWELL, PRESIDENT – POLK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Rachel Rowell appeared before the Commission and shared that the Polk County Development Authority has been working on a strategic plan for economic development in Polk County to become a reality in 2015. Ms. Rowell discussed promoting automotive strength in Polk County to industries and requested the use of the park in front of Courthouse 2. A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” for the Development Authority to use the park in front of Courthouse 2. Goals and accomplishments of the Development Authority were discussed.

DELEGATE – TOMMY POPE – No show.

DELEGATE – DAVE GROVE – CEDARTOWN WHEELCHAIR RACE

Dave Grove appeared before the Commission requesting the use of Peeks Park and the City workers for the 15th Annual Cedartown Wheelchair Race on Tuesday, June 30th.

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY

Chairman Dale Tuck read the Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming Friday, February 20, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Cedartown, and urged all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city’s urban forestry program, and urged all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Cedartown Water Accountability Report for 2014 shows that our unaccounted for or “non-revenue” water is down from 28% in 2013 to 18% in 2014 (it was 34% in 2012). That is a difference of 45 million gallons that we did not lose due primarily to the Commission’s wise investment last year in the full system leak detection survey and to Kelvin’s crew who found and repaired those leaks that were detected. The report also indicates a 20% increase in billed water which shows continued growth in the city. These numbers are a clear indication that the city is continually reducing expenses while increasing revenue...and that is always a good thing.
- Our own Aimee Madden has continued to make substantial improvements to the city website including additional content such as expanded financial information like budgets, audits and tax digest information; an employee resource center with access to online purchase orders and absentee reports; City codes and ordinances available through Municode; New resident information including forms, frequently asked questions and resource links; our downtown renaissance strategic plan and 2014 year in review report can now be viewed on the website and coming soon will be online work orders for

public works. Aimee is also assisting other departments and agencies with website improvements and handles all of our media release information.

- From the time we updated our website last March until the end of 2014 we have had a total of over 55,000 viewers averaging 273 per day. This is our “face” to the world and is a huge asset to economic and tourism development.
- We have received a request from GMA for nominations for the District 1 officers for 2015-2016. Commissioner Hubbard has graciously offered to be our nominee. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” to recommend Commissioner Hubbard as a GMA District 1 officer.
- We have received our disbursements from GDOT including our annual LMIG allotment of just under \$95,000 plus the requested additional funds for the East Avenue project of \$130,000. I want to thank Terry Gable and DeWayne Comer at GDOT as well as County Commissioner Billy Croker for being so helpful in getting us those extra funds.
- Reminder of GMA convention registration date, March 3rd at 9 a.m.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the job description for the Building Maintenance Technician for the Public Works Department as presented.

LIST OF ROADS ORDINANCE FROM GDOT FOR AN UPDATED SPEED DETECTION DEVICE PERMIT

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission adopted **ORDINANCE 1, 2015** of a list of roads from GDOT noting changes to speed limits for an updated speed detection device permit.

REZONING REQUEST FROM BYRON SLAUGHTER/CEDARTOWN NORTH PARTNERSHIP, LLC FOR 910 SOUTH MAIN STREET FROM C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 2, 2015** for the rezoning of 910 South Main Street from C-2 General Commercial to I-1 Light Industrial as requested by Byron Slaughter/Cedartown North Partnership, LLC.

STREET SWEEPER BIDS

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that the Bid Committee had met and reviewed the Street Sweeper bids on January 26th. The Bid Committee recommends the street sweeper bid from Consolidated. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard to approve the lease agreement with Consolidated upon the attorney reviewing the lease purchase agreement and authorizing the Chairman to sign the lease agreement, all voting “Aye” and none voting “No”.

JOINT RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB-170 – TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 2, 2015** opposing the State of Georgia’s Transportation Funding Act of 2015.

COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PRIMARY HEALTHCARE OF DADE, INC.

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved a 12 month commercial lease agreement with Primary Healthcare of Dade, Inc.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Martin commented about the artist carvings of the stump at the Water Plant in the Big Springs Park.
- Commissioner Odom advised that Northwest Regional Development has stated that a contract for a consultant was let for looking at expanding the trail from Cedartown to Cave Spring.
- Commissioner Hubbard thanked Byron Slaughter for recruiting new business to Cedartown and stated that he was a proud Commissioner to have them there.
- Chairman Tuck advised that on March 5th there will be a Downtown Renaissance meeting. The community event center, updates of the Walk of Fame, promotion of the Silver Comet Trail, 4th Friday events, 2015 class and the Welcome Center will be discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Martin made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters.

Commissioner Hubbard seconded, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission went into executive session.

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

ADJOURN

At 7:20 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Odom moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hubbard seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission adjourned.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY,
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**