

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dale Tuck called the meeting to order. Reverend Henry L. Cothran, Jr. of Christ Temple Apostolic Faith 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 Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the current agenda, the City Commission meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes of February 9, 2015, and the Work Session minutes of March 2, 2015.

COMMENDATION – POLICE SERGEANT BRADLEY COPPOCK

Police Chief Newsome commended Sergeant Bradley Coppock for his actions on February 17, 2015 while he was shopping off duty with his family at Walmart. Sergeant Coppock observed three individuals acting suspiciously with a flat screen television and other items in a shopping cart. Coppock checked out and proceeded to the parking lot and observed that the subjects had exited the store and reasoned that they had not had sufficient time to have checked out. He observed them so as to be able to identify them later and also memorized the tag number of the vehicle they were using. Sergeant Coppock contacted Walmart and gave them all the information so that they could review sales records and surveillance equipment to determine if a theft had occurred. It had. Sergeant Coppock then opened a criminal investigation that resulted in a search warrant for a residence in Cedartown where all the stolen property, as well as other potentially stolen property, was located. All three of the persons involved the previous night were located and arrested. Chief Newsome stated that this type of dedication to duty is what defines a professional, contentious, and selfless police officer. He commended him for his actions above the call of duty and beyond any expectation placed upon him in his official capacity at the Cedartown Police Department.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Based on a drawing from the Trail of Tears Association Artist Jeremy Smith carved the likeness of three Cherokee Indians from a large stump at Big Spring Park.
- Murphy Harpst Home is building a 32 room expansion to their housing.
- Family Dollar will be building a new store on South Main Street at the old car wash with the netting around it.
- The City will host the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting here on April 21st at 11 a.m. The LEPC is a committee of local public and private organizations that provide coordination of efforts, manpower and assets in case of serious emergency incidents such as natural disasters.
- Opening day for baseball season will be Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m. at the Bert Wood Youth & Athletic Complex. The opening day for softball will be on Saturday, March 28th at 10:30 a.m. at the Prior Street Ball Park.
- The City will provide the planning webinar for the Cave Spring to Cedartown Trail expansion this Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 10 a.m. in the Commission Chambers for the Commissioners convenience.
- The City employees Relay for Life team will host a gospel singing benefit on Saturday, April 11th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Auditorium. All proceeds will go the Relay for Life project. Local artists Pamela Atcheson with Enlisted Ministries as well as Nikki Shaw and the Children of Promise will be singing.
- The City employees Relay for Life Team will also host a public yard sale on Saturday, April 18th beginning at 8 a.m. in the parking lots surrounding the One Door Polk facility at 424 North Main Street.
- Budget Review – January 2015

Revenue

Utilities	16.74%	\$522,862.23
General Fund	11.94%	\$909,211.70
Total	13.34%	\$1,432,073.93

Expenditures

Utilities	6.80%	\$185,651.26
General	6.28%	\$464,663.53
Total	6.42%	\$650,314.79

Variance 6.92% \$781,759.14

Revenue/Expenses

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CEDARTOWN YOUTH BASEBALL

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the Lease Agreement with Cedartown Youth Baseball to use the bathroom, fields and parking areas as noted in the agreement dated March 9, 2015.

BEER LICENSE APPLICATION FOR YUNUS KALAVANT FOR THE ONE STOP SHOP LOCATED AT 1325 SOUTH MAIN STREET

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that Police Chief Newsome recommends that the beer license application for Yunus Kalvant for the One Stop Shop located at 1325 South Main Street be denied based on his criminal history. A motion was made by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission denied the beer license application for Yunus Kalvant for the One Stop Shop located at 1325 South Main Street based on his criminal history.

JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE REQUEST TO USE PEEKS PARK FOR THE CEDAR VALLEY ARTS FESTIVAL

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the Junior Service League request to use Peeks Park for the Cedar Valley Arts Festival on Friday, April 24th, Saturday, April 25th and Sunday, April 26th.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Odom would like to discuss Auditorium ideas at the next Work Session.
- Commissioner Hubbard stated that the Community Housing Initiatives training was good.

ADJOURN

At 6:30 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Odom moved to adjourn. Commissioner Foster seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission adjourned.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY,
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

