

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 14, 2016**

Commissioners Present: Larry Odom, Chairman
Dale Tuck, Chair Pro-Tem
Andrew Carter
Matt Foster
Jordan Hubbard

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

PUBLIC HEARING – MISSOURI MACHINE & PLOW, LLC

A public hearing was held for a request from Missouri Machine & Plow, LLC to close portions of unopened or unused City rights-of-ways known as North Eighth Street and Ladue Avenue and to convey said rights-of-ways and certain surrounding property to the Company. There were no public comments “for” or “against” the request and the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST – CEDARTOWN HUMANE SOCIETY – 1136 EAST AVENUE – TAX MAP & PARCEL C34-239, C-2 COMMERCIAL ZONING

A public hearing was held for a request from the Cedartown Humane Society for a conditional use permit regarding property located at 1136 East Avenue to operate a pet adoption center, self-service dog wash, pet food pantry, retail sales and a spay-neuter transport drop off location. There were no public comments “for” or “against” the request and the public hearing was closed.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Larry Odom called the meeting to order. Reverend Barry Snapp of Victory Baptist Church gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the current agenda, the City Commission Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2016 and the Work Session minutes of March 7, 2016.

PRESENTATION – MARK BRADY, CITY RETIREE

Commission Chairman Larry Odom presented City Retiree Mark Brady a watch recognizing his 21 years of service to the City of Cedartown.

POLK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY UPDATES – RACHEL ROWELL, PRESIDENT

- Community marketing presentation to Project Managers on January 25th to update statewide partners on Polk’s offerings.

- Recent community trip to the Secretary of State's office. Followed by the GEDA Legislative Luncheon.
- Attended first class of a State Certification to be recognized as a Certified Economic Developer.
- March DAPC Board meeting – Strategic Plan Update was completed.
- State's Go Global reception was on March 8th at the Atlanta History Center. All of the GDECD international offices gather.
- Plant Managers meeting on Thursday, March 24th. David Apple with Georgia Tech – Lean Manufacturing – what we have learned over 20 years.
- Greater West Georgia JDA is a Gold Sponsor at the upcoming SEDC meet the consultants event at the end of March. The event is being held in Atlanta. For \$815 we receive the benefit of what \$5,000 would have cost us alone.
- MAW is coming in April. Plans are underway for this week – proclamations, articles, teacher mini tours and discussion. Manufacturing Golf Tournament will be in May this year.

Items ongoing:

- Existing Industry visits continue – quarterly newsletter went out last month.
- Quarterly & Civic Club Presentations
- Education/Workforce Development Committee participation

Activity:

- The department has seen a drastic drop in activity since November. This, however, is not unusual within the region. There were 40 projects from July 2014 to November 2015.
- Continuing to work on Blue Print Polk

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH REQUEST USE OF PEEKS PARK FOR CHRISTMAS IN JULY – SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016

Victory Baptist Church requested the use of Peeks Park for Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Stockings of Love Ministries – Christmas in July. A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the request from Victory Baptist Church to use Peeks Park for Christmas in July on Saturday, July, 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Stockings of Love Ministries – Christmas in July all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved Victory Baptist Church request.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- The Black Mountain movie preview will be Thursday, March 17th at 7 p.m. at the West Theatre.
- The James Gregory performance at the Auditorium was a huge success enjoyed by a crowd of near 500. Hopefully this will set the tone for future successes. Congratulations to all involved.
- Mickey Gilley concert in support of the Walk of Fame project will be Saturday, April 2nd at the Auditorium.

- I will be attending the Georgia City-County Managers conference in Athens March 23rd to March 25th.
- J.L. Wright dedication ceremony at the Wastewater plant will be Monday, March 28th at 4:30 p.m.
- Chief Newsome, Sheriff Moats and Keep Polk Beautiful are working on a combined efforts project for graffiti removal in May. We will keep you updated as we get closer with the date, time and locations.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CDA FOR PURCHASE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuck, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” to approve the Intergovernmental agreement with the Cedartown Development Authority for the purchase of industrial property.

LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CEDARTOWN AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

On motion by Commissioner Tuck, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the lease agreement between the City of Cedartown and the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice for office space at One Door Polk.

MISSOURI MACHINE & PLOW, LLC REQUEST TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF UNOPENED OR UNUSED CITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND CERTAIN SURROUNDING PROPERTY TO THE COMPANY

On motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the request from Missouri Machine & Plow to close portions of unopened or unused city right-of-ways and certain surrounding property to Missouri Machine & Plow, LLC.

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST – CEDARTOWN HUMANE SOCIETY – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1136 EAST AVENUE – ZONED C-2 COMMERCIAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Tuck, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Planning Commission approved the conditional use request from the Cedartown Humane Society for 1136 East Avenue to be used as a pet adoption center, self-service dog wash, food pantry, detail sales, and a spay/neuter transport drop off location.

PUBLIC LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CEDARTOWN AND CEDARTOWN YOUTH BASEBALL

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Tuck, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Public Lease Agreement between the City of Cedartown and Cedartown Youth Baseball, Inc. for one year commencing March 14, 2016 until March 14, 2017.

BEER & WINE PACKAGE LICENSE APPLICATION FROM IMRAN MANSURI FOR INAYA USA, LLC LOCATED AT 724 SOUTH MAIN STREET

On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the beer and wine package license application from Imran Mansuri for Inaya USA, LLC located at 724 South Main Street.

BEER PACKAGE LICENSE APPLICATION FROM MUHAMMAD ADEEL FOR STOP N SHOP LOCATED AT 1327 SOUTH MAIN STREET

On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the beer package license application for Muhammad Adeel for Stop N Shop located at 1327 South Main Street.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Carter commented that he recently completed the Newly Elected Commission Training in Athens and that it was very informative. Commissioner Carter commended the City Police Department on the arrest of the two men that had robbed and vandalized Pirkle’s Deli.
- Commissioner Tuck commended the Recreation Department starting the new soccer program. Recreation Director Lee Hayes advised that there were currently 72 signed up for the program. Commissioner Tuck advised that the CHS Variety Show put on by the drama department will be held at the City Auditorium on Friday, March 18th and Saturday, March 19th at 7 p.m.
- Commissioner Foster stated that the James Gregory show filled the auditorium up two-thirds to three-quarters. Board members assisted. Commissioner Foster bragged on Oscar Guzman for his positivity. The Auditorium Commission is putting together a five year plan. Come out to see Mickey Gilley on April 2nd at the Auditorium. Commissioner Foster bragged on Chief Newsome for the great job that he does with kids and allowing the kids to feel safe. Thank you to our Police Department and Sheriff’s Department.
- Commissioner Hubbard commented that the Georgia Initiative Community Housing retreat was great in Dublin, Georgia. Commissioner Hubbard bragged on the Code Enforcement office. Commissioner Hubbard advised that Jamie Morris will be opening the Coke Museum on June 25, 2016. Commissioner Hubbard shared his appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments for taking it on themselves to fix the graffiti problem. Commissioner Hubbard shared that Community Share Ministries on North Main Street takes recycled items.

ADJOURN

At 6:40 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Hubbard moved to adjourn, Commissioner Foster seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commissioner adjourned.

APPROVED:

**LARRY ODOM, CHAIRMAN
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

CAROL CRAWFORD, CITY CLERK