

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2014**

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

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Commission Chairman Tuck called the meeting to order. Corey Smith gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

**OATH OF OFFICE BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RICHARD SUTTON**

The Honorable Superior Court Judge Richard Sutton called upon Matt Foster, Jordan Hubbard and Larry Odom to stand and repeat the following Oath of Office for the City of Cedartown Commission:

“I, Matt Foster, Jordan Hubbard and Larry Odom, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Commissioner of the City of Cedartown during my service in office, and I will discharge the duties of this office to which I have been elected to the best of my ability. I do further swear that I have not, in order to influence my election to the office of Commissioner, directly or indirectly expressed or implied, any promise of support to any person for any office in the government of the City of Cedartown. I do further swear that I am not currently the holder of any unaccounted public money due to this state. I do further swear that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state, which I am by the laws of the State of Georgia prohibited from holding, and I am otherwise qualified to hold the office of Commissioner according to the constitution and the laws of Georgia. I do further swear that I will not knowingly permit my duties as Commissioner to be influenced by fear, favor or affection, or reward of hope thereof, but in all things pertaining to my office, I will be governed by my convictions as to the public good. Finally, I will support and defend the charter and ordinances of the City of Cedartown, as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America.”

**COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM APPOINTMENTS**

Attorney Carey Pilgrim opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the City Commission. Commissioner Odom nominated Commissioner Tuck to the position of Chairman of the City Commission. Commissioner Martin seconded the nomination, all voting “Aye” and none voting “No” the Commission approved the appointment of Commissioner Tuck as Chairman of the City Commission.

Attorney Pilgrim opened the floor for nominations for Commission Chairman Pro-Tem. Commissioner Martin nominated Commissioner Odom to the position of Commission Chairman Pro-Tem. Commissioner Hubbard seconded the nomination, all voting “Aye” and none voting “No” the Commission approved the appointment of Commissioner Odom as Commission Chairman Pro-Tem.

**AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster to approve the current agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the current agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Odom to approve the City Commission meeting and executive session meeting minutes of December 9, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” and none voting “No” the Commission approved the minutes as submitted by the secretary.

**INTRODUCTION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE ANDREW ROPER AND MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY STEFANIE DRAKE BURFORD**

City Manager Fann introduced the newly appointed Municipal Court Judge Andrew Roper and Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney Stefanie Drake Burford.

**PROCLAMATION – REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Pamela Baker King and the “Youth Working Together for a Speedy Awareness, Inc.” appeared before the Commission. Kelsey Jackson spoke for the youth group about the MLK Youth Infusion 2014, the Annual MLK Youth Community Service Rally and the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Youth Parade of Talent. Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation declaring Monday, January 20, 2014 as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and encouraged the citizens of Cedartown to work together to unite in their efforts by serving others and join the celebration honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s. birthday.

**DELEGATE – MIKE ISBELL – TRAIL OF TEARS HISTORIC MARKER**

Mike Isbell appeared before the Commission and stated that the Woodmen of the World in cooperation with the Trail of Tears and the Department of Transportation to will purchase an historic marker to go alongside the trail. Mr. Isbell advised that the placement and verbiage for the sign was needed from the City of Cedartown. The Commission discussed and agreed that the Big Springs Park area would be the best area for the marker. A motion was made by

Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom all voting “Aye” none voting “No” to proceed and the City of Cedartown would definitely provide the verbiage for the sign.

**DELEGATE – MICHAEL ROBBINS**

No Show.

**DELEGATE – DONNIE MCKIBBEN**

Donnie McKibben and the Throttle Jockeys appeared before the Commission requesting the use of Goodyear Park for a swap meet on August 9, 2014 from 8:00 am. to 3:00 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the use of Goodyear Park on August 9, 2014 for a swap meet from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**DELEGATE – MARK BRADY**

Mark Brady, Joe Wilson with Biker Toyz and Ronnie Stansberry with Full Throttle Magazine appeared before the Commission requesting the use of the Goodyear Park for a Bike Rally to be held sometime in August 2014. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the use of Goodyear Park for a Bike Rally to be held sometime in August 2014. Mark Brady will come back before the Commission with the specifics for the Rally.

**PRESENTATION – HAROLD GIPSON**

Harold Gipson appeared before the Commission and presented a picture of the Atlanta Sharks football to the City. Mr. Gipson thanked the Commission for allowing the Atlanta Sharks to use the Bert Wood Youth and Athletic Complex on December 21<sup>st</sup> for an open trial for the Atlanta Sharks Indoor Pro Football Team. Corey Gardhigh, Cedartown athlete spoke to the Commission about the event.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- **Welcome and Congratulations** to our newly elected City Commissioners Foster and Hubbard and congratulations to Commissioner Odom for your continuance in office.
- **Community Relations Committee** is in charge of the MLK Celebration ceremony to be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2014 at the Auditorium.
- **Leak Detection Survey** began on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We are hopeful that this survey will help us determine where our water losses are occurring. The company doing the survey is Matchpoint and they were highly recommended by the Georgia Rural Water Association.
- **Hazardous Weather Shelter – Acknowledgements** to Fire Department, Police Department & Parks/Recreation employees as well as Randy Lacey and the 911 staff and local Red Cross agency for their assistance with the Goodyear Civic Center shelter.
- **Assistance to Polk County Water Authority** – was under a boil water advisory due to low pressures. Donna and staff assisted Jack and his staff in getting water samples tested to clear the advisory.
- **Customer Service Training Workshop** – facilitated by instructors from Carl Vinson Institute. Workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Commission chambers. Class size is up to 20 attendees. Several of our employees will attend and we will offer space for County, Rockmart, PCWA, and Aragon employees as well.
- **Safety Grant** – The Fire Department received a safety grant from GMA last month in the amount of \$6,000 for the purchase of new turnout gear.
- **2013 Strategic Vision & Plan** – Copies to Commissioners to share information on the Downtown Renaissance Program.
- **Social Media** – City of Cedartown facebook.

**TRANSIT ALLIANCE GROUP CONTRACT**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved a contract with the Transit Alliance Group for aging trips to the Nutrition Center.

**BEER & WINE PACKAGE LICENSE – RAVI SURESHSINH RAJPUT DBA SHANIDEV, LLC**

A motion was made by Commissioner Odom to approve the beer and wine package license application for Ravi Sureshsinh Rajput dba Shanidev, LLC, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard and Commissioner Foster voting “Aye”, Commissioner Martin voting “No”, the Commission approved the beer and wine package license application for Ravi Sureshsinh Rajput dba Shanidev, LLC located at 1325 South Main Street.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Odom stated that he was excited to have two new Commissioners; that it was a fair race and he was also excited to have young blood.

Commissioner Odom made a motion to appoint Kevin McAuliff to the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the appointment of Kevin McAuliff to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Commissioner Foster stated that the past hour was terrific being a Commissioner and that the past several months he has enjoyed serving on the Cedartown Development Authority. That it is exciting and he is looking forward to many great years.

Commissioner Hubbard stated that he is excited to be a Commissioner and glad to be a part of the City of Cedartown.

Commissioner Tuck stated that she was glad to have Aimee Madden. She has enjoyed working with Aimee with the Downtown Renaissance Program and the Auditorium. We are thrilled to have Aimee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

**ADJOURN**

At 7:55 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Hubbard 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**

