

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Dale Tuck called the meeting to order. Cedartown Police Chief Jamie Newsome 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 Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the current agenda, the City Commission meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes of August 11, 2014.

DELEGATE – MARVIN GARNER, COMMANDER, MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Commander Marvin Garner of the Military Order of the Purple Heart appeared before the Commission advising that Governor Nathan Deal, an army veteran proclaimed the state of Georgia a Purple Heart State and created the Military Order of the Purple Heart on April 26, 2014.

PROCLAMATION – PURPLE HEART CITY

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation proclaiming the City of Cedartown as a Purple Heart City honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform that were wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

DELEGATE – MDA CEDARTOWN FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION WEEK

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation proclaiming the week of September 22, 2014 as City of Cedartown Firefighter Appreciation Week in order to pay tribute to the unwavering service and uncharitable efforts of the Cedartown firefighters.

DELEGATE – COREY SMITH – MAIN STREET REVIVAL

Corey Smith appeared before the Commission requesting the use of the Main Street Staging Area for a two week revival to be held on Monday, September 29th to Sunday, October 12th from 7 to 9 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, 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 to be held Monday, September 29th to Sunday, October 12th from 7 to 9 p.m.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Auction – Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Works Facility.
- 9/11 Ceremony – Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the Cedartown Fire Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. Northside Elementary will participate again this year.
- New Fire Truck – was delivered last Friday. On display at the Cedartown Fire Department. Featured on City Facebook Page.
- Budget Report – July at 58%
Revenues – 54.37% - \$5,379,167.19
Expenditures – 54.39% - \$5,197,606.68
Variance - .02%
Revenue over Expenditures - \$181,560.51
No TAN has not been drawn on. First time the TAN has not been drawn on since 2005.
- Asberry Lift Station Improvements
- ISO Rating changed from 4 to 3.
- Review of September 1, 2013 to September 1, 2014 City Commission List of Accomplishments

PROSPECT FOR NEW RESTAURANT – LEASE

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the City Attorney preparing a lease agreement for a new restaurant in downtown Cedartown.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CEDARTOWN-POLK COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Harold Wyatt, Chairman of the Cedartown-Polk County Hospital Authority appeared before the Commission to request the Commission's approval of the Memorandum of Understanding which provides for the repurposing and reuse of the present hospital buildings and property. He explained that just as the hope for the new hospital will be the catalyst for igniting growth not only in Cedartown, but the entire county they anticipate that the redevelopment of the present hospital will do the same thing for downtown Cedartown. In order for the plan to work the Authority proposes to sell

the land and buildings to the City for one dollar and in addition write the City of Cedartown a check at closing for in excess of \$480,000 to be used to help pay the costs for any necessary tenant upfits. Commissioner Martin thanked Jason Bearden, Chief Executive Officer of Highland Rivers for his work on the One Door Polk Plan. Commissioner Martin stated that he did not think that the Memorandum of Understanding would be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Cedartown, and that the One Door Polk Plan should have been done with Polk-Floyd Hospital. A motion was made by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Foster for the Memorandum of Understanding with the Cedartown-Polk County Hospital Authority. Commissioners Hubbard and Martin voting "No", Commission Chairman Tuck voted to split the tie "for" the Memorandum of understanding with the Cedartown Polk County Hospital Authority.

POLK COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

City Manager Fann advised that the Polk County Intergovernmental Agreement is for Polk County to occupy the basement area of the hospital for Polk County 911 and the Emergency Operations Center. The terms of the agreement would be for fifty years pending legal review of the intergovernmental agreement. On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the Polk County Intergovernmental Agreement pending legal review.

2014 MILLAGE RATE

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved retaining the millage tax rate of 11.337%.

AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved amending the minutes of November 10, 2009 to include the change that was made to the Employee Life Insurance benefit for all employees to \$10,000.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Martin is excited about the new City Fire Truck and encouraged all to go see it. Commissioner Martin stated that he was not opposed to the One Door Polk Organization. The One Door Polk Organization should have been done with Polk Floyd Hospital and not the City of Cedartown.
- Commissioner Odom stated that this is the first time since he has been on the Commission that the City has not used the TAN. He is proud of the sacrifice of the city employees, department heads and the leadership to get this far without borrowing money to pay the bills.
- Commissioner Hubbard is excited about the good financial report of the City and the millage rate remaining the same. The Downtown Cedartown Association is wanting people to come downtown and is offering a façade grant program for downtown businesses. The Polk Chamber members provide leadership for the community and are moving in the right direction. The Chamber Government Affairs Committee is getting things going for the upcoming election. The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 4th.
- Commissioner Foster stated that he has been in contact with a lot of people the past several months regarding the Hospital Reuse Plan. Commissioner Foster believes in doing his homework, just as he expects the children he teaches to do and he is in favor of the reuse plan.
- Commissioner Tuck is excited about the reuse plan. Representative Trey Kelly wanted the presence of college in town. Georgia Northwestern will be looking at a lot of space at the old hospital. There will be health care, social services, business incubator space, Cedartown Biz Builders and 13 entrepreneurs in the new multi-use facility.
The Cedartown Recreation Department has a higher number of kids playing fall sports than we have had in 10 years.

ADJOURN

At 6:50 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**

