

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 13, 2013**

Commissioners Present: Dale Tuck, Chairman  
John Barrett, Chairman Pro-Tem  
Gary Martin  
Larry Odom  
Scotty Tillery

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Commission Chairman Tuck called the meeting to order. Fire Chief Sammy Stephens gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

**AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett to approve the current Agenda, the City Commission Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Tillery voting "Aye" and Commissioner Odom abstained from voting as he was absent from the April 8, 2013 meeting. The Commission approved the current Agenda and the April 8, 2013 City Commission Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes as submitted by the secretary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Odom to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the May 6, 2013 Work Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes as submitted by the secretary.

**PROCLAMATION – RECOGNITION OF CMS BASEBALL TEAM**

Commission Chairman Tuck read a proclamation in recognition of the Cedartown Middle School baseball team's athletic accomplishments in achieving the Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Authority Varsity League Championship.

**DELEGATE – DONNIE MCKIBBEN – THROTTLE JOCKEYS CAR CLUB ANNUAL SHOW**

Donnie McKibben appeared before the Commission requesting the use of the Goodyear Park for the Annual Throttle Jockey's Car Show to be held on Saturday, August 10, 2013. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the use of the Goodyear Park for the Annual Throttle Jockey's Car Show to be held on Saturday, August 10, 2013.

**IRON HORSE MINISTRIES – RIDE FOR DEVIN GILHAM**

Iron Horse Ministries requested the use of the parking lot in front of the gym at Bert Wood Park on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> for a ride for Devin Gilham, an eleven year old boy with the aging disease. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the request for the use of parking lot in front of the gym at Bert Wood Park on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> for a ride for Devin Gilham.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- The Block Party was held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and was a big success with a large crowd and good entertainment. Thanks to Ramona and all the city staff who had a hand in the preparation and cleanup for the event.
- The annual Parkinson's Walk was held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and as usual was a big success with approximately 1,000 people taking part in the charitable event. Jennifer Hulsey did a great job coordinating this event and our Parks, Recreation, Public Safety and Street staff provided their usual excellent support.
- The 49<sup>th</sup> annual Cedar Valley Arts Festival, sponsored by the Cedartown Junior Service League, was held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Peeks Park. With over 60 vendors participating, the event was once again successful even though the weather was less than cooperative. Thanks again to all the city staff who worked to support this important event.
- The HON Company was chosen as the first ever Polk County Industry of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to this important supporter of the Cedartown Community.
- The City surplus auction was held Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds netted just under \$20,000, most of which is restricted for law enforcement purposes.
- Financial review at 25% - first quarter through March.  
**Water and Sewer** – Revenue at 23.93%. Actual year to date revenues - \$606,840.67. Actual March revenue - \$198,683.36. Expenses at 15.41%. Actual year to date expenses- \$390,785. Actual March expenses - \$131,074.19.  
**General Fund** – Revenue at 19.49%. Actual year to date revenues - \$1,356,847.83. Actual March revenue - \$227,891.71. Expenses at 19.85%. Actual year to date expenses- \$1,382,471.91. Actual March expenses - \$447,957.10. Variance of 2% revenue over expenses for the first quarter.  
The City has not had to use any of the TAN.  
The Auditors were here today working on the June Audit.

- The City of Cedartown will host a Senior Officials Workshop on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. The training is provided by the Department of Homeland Security with instructors from Texas A&M University and will key on incident command and the strategic executive level issues related to disaster preparedness. There is no cost to the City for this important training.
- Fire Chief Stephens and his department will be conducting a city-wide emergency siren test Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. weather permitting. The test will include the new siren that GEO recently installed.
- Welcome to Jones Transportation of Forest Park, Georgia. Jones Transportation has purchased the old ZarTran facility on Prior Station Road and owner Ed Whitworth is very happy to be locating in Cedartown. Jones Transportation has been in business for thirty years and is a leader in the freight and distribution industry.
- The bids for the Hospital sewer project were opened this morning at 10 a.m. There were several plan holders but only one bid was received. The bids were as follows: 8" pipe and installation - \$3,499,687, 10" pipe and installation - \$3,902,129 and 12" pipe and installation - \$4,056,249. The bids will be reviewed for accuracy and certifications before being brought back to the Commission for approval.

#### **ELLIOTT GAMMAGE – REQUEST TO USE PEEKS PARK**

Elliott Gammage requested the use of Peeks Park the first Thursday of June, the second Thursday of July, the first Thursday of August and the first Thursday of September from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be bands and food provided at no cost to the youth of Polk County.

#### **2012 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the FY2012 budget amendment for the general fund as submitted by the Finance Officer.

#### **GMA DOWNTOWN RENAISSANCE RENOVATION PARTNERSHIP**

City Manager Bill Fann advised the Commission that the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), in partnership with the Georgia Cities Foundation and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government has selected the City of Cedartown to participate as a pilot city for the Georgia Downtown Renaissance Strategic Visioning program. Manager Fann explained that GMA will participate in the funding and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government will work with staff and students to provide the plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett to approve the Downtown Renaissance Renovation Partnership with GMA, the Georgia Cities Foundation and UGA's Carl Vinson Institute of Government. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Odom voting "Aye" and Commissioner Tillery abstained from voting because of his ownership of property downtown. The Commission approved the Downtown Renaissance Renovation Partnership with GMA, the Georgia Cities Foundation and UGA's Carl Vinson Institute of Government as presented.

#### **WATER PLANT ROOF BID**

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that three contractors bid on the water plant roof project. The low bid on the project was received from Earley Construction at \$18,837, Midian Roofing bid at \$31,458 and Ben Hill Roofing bid at \$41,703. Due to the disparity in the bids and the lack of certification for Earley Construction the bid committee recommendation is to accept the bid of Midian Roofing at \$31,458. The City Manager recommended that the Commission accept the alternate for architectural shingles for an additional \$937. On motion by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the middle alternate bid from Midian Roofing with architectural shingles in the amount of \$32,395 as recommended by the bid committee for the front building at the Cedartown Water Plant.

#### **CDBG BIDS – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

City Manager Fann advised the Commission that only two contractor bids were received for the CDBG Water System Improvement project. The City Manager advised the Commission that the engineers estimate for the project was \$565,000. The low bid was \$716,620 and the high bid was \$768,545. Manager Fann recommended that the Commission reject all the bids and re-bid the project. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved rejecting the bids received for the FY2011 CDBG – Water System Improvements and re-bid the project.

#### **EARLY RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH WASTE INDUSTRIES**

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the early renewal of the contract with Waste Industries effective March 2014 to renew for a three year term pending further administration and management review. The early renewal of the contract will waive the 2013 CPI increase of 5% and save the city and customers \$30,000.

#### **OLIVER PROPERTY AGREEMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission authorized the City Manager to work with the City Attorney to prepare a purchase agreement for the Oliver property in the amount of \$19,700 trade total and \$67,800 cash.

#### **GMA DISTRICT 1 OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014**

On motion by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the proposed slate of GMA's District 1 Officers for 2013-2014 as presented.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Commissioner Martin thanked the city employees for remembering him when he was out sick.
- Commissioner Odom stated that he had met with constituents from the Governor's office regarding the south/north bypass and hopefully the safety aspects can be improved.

- Commissioner Barrett thanked Commissioner Odom and City Manager Fann for reviewing the safety aspects at the bypass. Commissioner Barrett asked that the City look at directional signage for downtown Cedartown from the bypass.
- Commissioner Tillery stated that he was excited about the six new businesses that are listed on the administration report. Those businesses are Nina's Flower Shoppe, Salud Es Vida (Health Supplements), Portobello, Lara Roofing, Carmen's Beauty Salon and KayRon's Kitchen which is a mobile vending kitchen.

Commissioner Tillery spoke about the small number of community service workers that were showing up on Saturdays. Commissioner Tillery asked that the City Manager look into the small number of workers with the courts.

Commissioner Tillery stated that he would like to find the money for an exterior plan for the Water Plant. He explained that the paint needs to be removed and re-joint over the brick.

- Chairman Tuck stated that members of the City Commission, Chamber, DCA, DDA and some school teachers will be going to Carrollton on May 28<sup>th</sup> to a small business incubator at West Georgia College where Science, Tech, Engineering and Math encourage small business.

**ADJOURN**

At 7:10 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Martin moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barrett 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**

