

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 10, 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. Reverend Dave Grove of Cedartown First Presbyterian Church 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 Foster to approve the current agenda, the Commission meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes of February 10, 2014, and the Work Session meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes of March 3, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" and none voting "No" the Commission approved the minutes as submitted by the secretary.

**PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF CEDARTOWN ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF LEE WILKERSON**

Cedartown Fire Chief Sammy Stephens recognized Cedartown Assistant Fire Chief Wilkerson for his years of service and dedication to the Cedartown Fire Department. Chief Stephens spoke of Lee Wilkerson's father, a 36 year Cedartown Fire Department Veteran whose name was Robert Wilkerson. Mr. Wilkerson came to work for the Cedartown Fire Department in 1947 and Assistant Chief Lee Wilkerson has carried the torch on. The Wilkerson family has served the Fire Department for 67 years. Chief Stephens stated that Assistant Chief Wilkerson is just as dedicated as he was when he came to work for the Fire Department in 1984 and he was proud and honored to call him Assistant Fire Chief.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- **Website Update** - The new city website, facebook page and twitter went live last week.
- **The Walmart Grand Re-opening** – will be held this Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> with the ribbon cutting at 8:00 a.m.
- **Biz Builder Workshop** – The first workshop will be tomorrow, March 11th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall and the second workshop will be next Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m., also at City Hall.
- **Assistant Fire Chief Lee Wilkerson** – will be retiring this month. We will have a reception here at City Hall on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to honor his years of service to our City.
- **The Annual City Health Fair** – will be conducted on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Gym at Bert Wood Park.
- **Extreme Couponing Class** – over 100 participants attended.
- **Our Annual Transit Program Review and Inspection** – will be conducted by DOT on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **City Managers Focus Group Meeting** - will be attending in Marietta tomorrow to review GMA member services and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at their spring meeting.
- **Georgia City Managers Spring Conference** – will be attending Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, March 28th in Athens.
- **Bleachers at Bert Wood Park** – the Polk County Commission has approved an additional \$15,000 appropriation in Recreational SPLOST fund for the purchase of new bleachers at Bert Wood Park.
- **Sewer Project Update** - The East Avenue phase of the new sewer project is nearly completed. The plan is that once they reach Elizabeth Street they will go back and pour all the sidewalks and driveways they have removed thus far.
- **Budget Review – 2013 Projected Final Numbers**

Revenue – Utilities	101.8%	\$45,000 over budget
Revenue - General	105.1%	\$354,791 over budget
Revenue - Total	104.21%	\$9,899,646.21
Budget within 4%		
Expenses – Utilities	87.88%	\$307,000 under budget
Expenses – General	95.08%	\$342,000 under budget
Expenses – Total	93.16%	\$357,000 under budget
Variance – Rev/Exp	11.05%	\$1,050,076.34

**DELEGATE – DAVE GROVE – CEDARTOWN WHEELCHAIR CAMP**

Dave Grove appeared before the City Commission and announced the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Wheelchair Athletes Training Camp in Cedartown with the race to be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2014. The athletes will arrive on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, they will be training on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, the races will be held on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>; the men's race will be at 7:00 p.m. and the women's quad race will be held at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Grove announced that the U.S. Olympics Committee has recognized Cedartown as part of four race series. Dave Grove discussed with the Commission having a city wide block party on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for the racers to meet the public. On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the requests for the Cedartown Wheelchair Athletes Training Camp to pay for the liability insurance, assist with the block party or assist with a cookout after the race and to have pot holes repaired on West John Hand Road.

#### **YOUNGS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH – EASTER EGG HUNT**

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved a request from Young’s Grove Baptist Church to use Peeks Park Pavilion and the Park for a church wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the appointments of Carol Casey and Eddard Graves to the Historic Preservation Commission.

#### **LETTER OF INTENT – MAINTENANCE TO AT&T TOWER**

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved a letter of intent for maintenance to the AT&T tower site located at 101 AT&T Drive.

#### **RESOLUTION FIRE TRUCK LEASE AGREEMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 2, 2014** to execute the Master-Lease Purchase Agreement with Oshkosh Capital in the amount of \$343,259 for the purpose of acquiring a fire truck.

#### **CEDARTOWN YOUTH BASEBALL LEASE AGREEMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Odom, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Cedartown Youth Baseball lease agreement effective March 20, 2014 to March 20, 2015.

#### **RESOLUTION - GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – TRANSIT ASSISTANCE**

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 3, 2014** authorizing the Commission Chairman to execute and file an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of public transportation assistance.

#### **RESOLUTION – RECERTIFICATION AS A CITY OF ETHICS**

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 4, 2014** to recertify the City of Cedartown as a City of Ethics under the GMA program.

#### **COMMITMENT LETTER – LEASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY**

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved providing a commitment letter for lease of public property adjacent to 110 Herbert Street if the prospect decides to pursue.

#### **2014 TAN BIDS**

TAN bids for \$1,000,000 were received from First National Bank (Southcrest Bank) at an interest rate of 1.78%; and Regions Bank at LIBOR + 1.95%; and as of February 25, 2014 the rate would be 2.11%. Sun Trust declined to bid.

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the TAN bid from First National Bank (Southcrest Bank) at an interest rate of 1.78%.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Martin stated that he was impressed by all department head reports. He reported a pot hole at Main Street and East Avenue that was in need of repair. Commissioner Martin discussed the truck traffic around town. Commissioner Martin requested that the Commission review Baggy Pants Ordinances.

Commissioner Odom stated that he looked forward to the time when the Commission agenda packages could be sent electronically and video presentations could be eased into electronically. He explained that he has not seen a presentation work properly in the council room.

Commissioner Hubbard spoke about new truck route signage and keeping industry informed on truck routes. He is excited about the Recreation Department programs. Commissioner Hubbard stated that Brenda Wilkerson was his teacher in High School and Lee Wilkerson has always been like a father to him and is a great man.

Commissioner Foster thanked GMA and the City for sending him to the Newly Elected Officials training in Athens. He gave GMA and the Carl Vinson Institute credit and stated that it was the first workshop where he learned more than he thought he would. Mike McRae gave the Ethics presentation and it was great. Sherman Ross, newly elected City Commissioner from Rockmart told about the Welsh Festival downtown Rockmart and the kilt contest. Commissioner Foster stated that he made new relationships across the county. He spoke in regard to a Baggy Pants Ordinance and stated that he did not think it was proper to legislate morals; that society would take care of that.

Chairman Tuck advised that Congressman Tom Graves would be at the Georgia Department of Labor on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Tuck stated that she had spoken with the County Commission regarding their assistance with the striping of Cherokee Road.

**ADJOURN**

At 6:55 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Odom moved to adjourn. Commissioner Martin 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**