

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

City Manager Fann opened the public hearing and stated that the proposed millage rate is essentially the same as it has been for the past five years at 11.309%. There were no comments “for” or “against” the proposed millage rate and the public hearing was closed.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED

On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the current agenda and the City Commission meeting minutes of August 10, 2015 as submitted by the secretary.

DELEGATE – JOE COLQUITT, CHILDREN & YOUTH DIRECTOR OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH – GLOW RUN – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Joe Colquitt, Children and Youth Director of First Methodist Church appeared before the Commission requesting permission to hold a glow run fundraiser on November 8, 2015. The proceeds will be split with the Cedartown Recreation Department. On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the request from Joe Colquitt to hold the annual glow run fundraiser on Sunday, November 8, 2015 for the Children and Youth of First Methodist Church.

DELEGATE – COREY SMITH – DOWNTOWN FALL REVIVAL – MAIN STREET STAGING AREA – OCTOBER 5TH TO OCTOBER 18TH

Corey Smith appeared before the Commission to request the use of the Main Street staging area on Monday, October 5th to Sunday, October 18th from 7 to 9 p.m. for a downtown revival. On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved Corey Smith using the Main Street Staging Area on October 5th through October 18th for a Downtown Fall Revival.

DELEGATE – TINA GORDON – FUNDRAISER FOR CEDARTOWN WRESTLING TEAM – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th – BERT WOOD PARK

Tina Gordon appeared before the Commission to request the use of the parking lot by the gym at Bert Wood Park on Saturday, October 17th and grassy area under the trees by the parking lot from 3 to 8 p.m. for a fundraiser for the Cedartown Wrestling Team. On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the request from the Cedartown Wrestling Team to hold a fundraiser on Saturday, October 17th to use the parking lot by the gym and grassy area under the trees by the parking lot from 3 to 8 p.m.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- The Biz Builder “Shark Tank” event will be Thursday, October 29th at 6 p.m. at the Welcome Center.
- Second GICH Retreat is September 22nd to 24th in Tifton, Georgia. Cedartown will have eight representatives at the retreat.
- The Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The local Kiwanis club will sponsor a 5k run that morning on the Silver Comet Trail at 8 a.m.
- Downtown Trick or Treating will be Friday, October 30, 2015 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and there will be a costume contest in the courthouse park at 5:30 p.m.
- The Christmas tree lighting will be Tuesday, December 1st at 6 p.m.
- The Christmas Parade will be on Thursday, December 3rd at 6 p.m. and this year’s theme is “Christmas Lights on Parade”. This year’s Grand Marshal will be our own Commissioner Gary Martin in honor of his service on the City Commission.
- Ribbon cutting – Thursday at 10:00 a.m. for the Cedartown Battery Energy Storage Research project built by the Southern Company. This is at the solar farm in the North Industrial Park.
- Property tax bills to go out this week.
- Video of Kai retiring from the force after seven years of service had reached 21,000 Facebook hits yesterday.

2015 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the 2015 proposed millage rate at 11.309%.

HIGHLAND RIVERS LEASE AGREEMENT

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the lease agreement with Highland Rivers pending any clerical revisions to the agreement.

ARCHITECT AGREEMENT WITH CEVIAN DESIGN LAB, LLC FOR EVENT CENTER

On motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Cevian Design Lab, LLC Architect Agreement for the Event Center to be located on Ware Street.

RESOLUTION – HOUSING REVENUE BONDS – HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CEDARTOWN - CHEROKEE SPRINGS, LLC PROJECT

On motion by Commissioner Odom, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 9, 2015** for the issuance of multifamily housing revenue bonds by the Housing Authority of the City of Cedartown, Georgia for the benefit of the Cherokee Springs, LLC project.

RESOLUTION – HOUSING REVENUE BONDS – HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CEDARTOWN – GRAYFIELD, LLC PROJECT

On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Martin, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 10, 2015** for the issuance of multifamily housing revenue bonds by the Housing Authority of the City of Cedartown, Georgia for the benefit of the Grayfield, LLC project.

APPOINTMENT OF JOSE IGLESIAS TO THE CEDARTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the appointment of Jose Iglesias to the Cedartown Planning Commission.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Martin stated that it was good to have Carson Ledford observing the commission meeting for his college career.
- Commissioner Odom commented that the three years insurance savings of \$86,000 was a great accomplishment.
- Commissioner Hubbard shared that the Downtown Cedartown Association will be hosting the Fall Festival on October 3rd.
Cedartown Kiwanis will hold a 5k & Fun Run at the Fall Festival.
September 22, 2015 the Polk County Chamber will host a candidate forum at the Polk County Commission Meeting Room.
September 26, 2015 – Covenant Christian School will hold their annual run.
August 28, 2015 - Hal Ketchum bragged on the beautiful auditorium. Great show. Small attendance.
- Commissioner Foster thanked everyone that participated in the September 11th remembrance ceremony.
Hispanic Heritage month is September 15th through October 15th and recognizes Hispanic and Latino American heritage and culture. There is a Spanish influence in our country and a tremendous Hispanic culture in our community. Most of these children are born here in the United States and are American citizens.
Commissioner Foster recognized his brother Zac that just graduated from Georgia State.
- Chairman Tuck advised that the Cedartown High School Homecoming Parade will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 25th.
Chairman Tuck stated that Gigi Butler was a phenomenal speaker at the Polk County Chamber Expo and that they hope to get her back.

ADJOURN

At 6:35 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Martin moved to adjourn. Commissioner Odom seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission adjourned.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**CAROL CRAWFORD, CITY CLERK
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

