

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 9, 2016**

Commissioners Present: Larry Odom, Chairman
 Dale Tuck, Chair Pro-Tem
 Andrew Carter
 Matt Foster
 Jordan Hubbard

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Larry Odom 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 Carter, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the current agenda and the City Commission Meeting minutes of April 11, 2016 as submitted by the secretary.

DELEGATE – COREY SMITH

Corey Smith appeared before the Commission and requested the use of the Courthouse Park on Saturday, June 18th starting at 8 a.m. for an old fashion all day Revival. There will be singing and preaching. Food and drinks will be provided for breakfast and lunch. A motion was made by Commissioner Tuck, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved Corey Smith using the Courthouse Park on Saturday, June 18th for an old fashion all day revival.

**DELEGATE – WILLIE MAE SIMPSON – CROSSROADS COMMUNITY
AWARENESS**

Ms. Willie Mae Simpson with Crossroads Community Awareness appeared before the Commission to request the use of the Turner Street Center for a Summer Camp from June 6, 2016 to July 29, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Tuck, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the use of the Turner Street Center for a Summer Camp from June 6, 2016 to June 29, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE DAY

Commission Chairman Larry Odom read a proclamation recognizing the National Letter Carriers Food Drive Day on Saturday, May 14, 2016 in the City of Cedartown and urged all citizens to support the food drive by placing non-perishable food items in or near their mailbox on food drive day.

CEDAR HILL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuck, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” to approve the use of Bert Wood Park for the Cedar Hill Alumni Association on Saturday, July 3rd for their reunion.

GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

Public Information Officer Aimee Madden introduced two of the winners of our Georgia Cities Week Art Contest. Guillermo Aguilar won first place for his pencil drawing of Courthouse 2 (also known as the old City Hall) and was awarded a \$50 gift card. Emmaline Cunningham won second place for her digital sketch of Main Street and the clock and was given a gift. Ivan Alvarado tied for second place honors and Rebeka Neal won third place.

MANAGERS REPORT

Fourth Friday Events – update by Aimee Madden

- \$2,500 has been raised this year towards the events.
- Sponsors are: Geo Specialty Chemicals, The Polk County Standard Journal, Floyd Polk Medical Center and Waste Industries
- A Corn Hole tournament has been added.
- A beer vendor has been acquired for the events.
- Knuckleheads Café will cater food.

The entertainment line-up has been set up as follows:

- Downtown Cedartown Car Cruise @ 5 p.m.

Live Music at 7 p.m.

- May 27th – Little Known Letter
- June 24th - Pea Valley Flyers
- July 22nd – Redneck Romeos

- **Graffiti Removal Project**

Police Chief Newsome gave an update to the Commission regarding the Graffiti Removal Project to be held on Saturday, May 21st. Sheriff Moates has agreed to provide inmates to assist with the graffiti removal project. The Junior Service League and Keep Polk Beautiful have also agreed to assist with the project.

- **Memorial Day**

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30th. A Memorial Day Service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Park with guest speaker retired Army Lt. Colonel Ely Elefante.

- **Primary Healthcare**

Primary Healthcare expansion & lease agreement at One Door Polk. Primary Healthcare will be expanding into the remaining space in the Medical Office Building effective July 1st. This will increase their space to a total of 7,982 square feet, the additional 3,600 square feet will be renovated to accommodate additional medical services that will be announced soon.

- **Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

Terry West with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources called with good news that we have in fact been approved for \$100,000 in recreational funding for the Big Spring project. Thanks to Representative Trey Kelley for his support in acquiring these funds.

- **Lankford Event Center Project**

The Lankford Event Center project is out for bids currently with a closing date of Friday, May 20th at 2 p.m. at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. We will be reviewing options for colors and finishes for the project.

- **Historic Water Treatment Plant Building**

We have our fingers crossed that we have finally found a contractor that is both qualified and capable of removing the old paint from the Historic Water Treatment Plant Building and repainting the mortar joints. The removal test they did was successful and we are now waiting for a proposal from them for the project.

- **Corps of Engineers Maintenance Permit for Big Spring Project**

We have received the nationwide maintenance permit approval from the corps of engineers for the Big Spring Project and we are waiting now for the stream buffer variance permit from EPD. Once we receive that we can begin removal and replacement of the old overflow retaining walls and finally get started on the project.

- **Certified Water and Wastewater Plant Operators**

We are having a very difficult time hiring qualified, certified water and wastewater plant operators even with the good pay scale and benefits we offer. It seems most systems have upped the ante to keep the certified operators they have. This would be a great field for young adults to start working on since every system has to have certified operators to meet their permit requirements and there's just not a lot of them out there.

GMA's District 1 Officers for 2016-2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the city officials as nominated by the current district officers for GMA's District 1 2016-2017 Officers.

RESOLUTION – CEDARTOWN TRANSIT SYSTEM

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuck, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" to approve **Resolution 2, 2016** amending the Cedartown Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing System Contacts.

ZERO TOLERANCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR THE CEDARTOWN TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for the Cedartown Transit Department.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

On motion by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Tuck, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Cedartown and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for \$100,000 for recreational funding for the Big Springs project.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Carter invited everyone out to Cedartown High School for the baseball game at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.
- Commissioner Tuck complimented the Junior Service League for a great Arts Festival. Commissioner Tuck thanked Aimee Madden for the work that she has done for the Fourth Friday Events.
- Commissioner Foster commended the Cedartown Recreation Department, the parents, the volunteers and the coaches for the Soccer Opening Day. He also thanked Aimee Madden for taking pictures.
- Commissioner Hubbard remarked that the political forum was spectacular.
- Commissioner Odom commented that the graffiti project will have multiple dividends for the city. The Cedar Valley Arts Festival had the largest attendance ever this year.

ADJOURN

At 6:45 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Hubbard moved to adjourn, Commissioner Foster seconded, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission adjourned.

APPROVED:

**LARRY ODOM, CHAIRMAN
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

CAROL CRAWFORD, CITY CLERK

