

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

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

Commissioners Absent: Larry Odom

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROJECT**

Rebecca with Allen Smith Consulting gave a brief description of the proposed CDBG sewer project for Slusser Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street and Ladue Avenue. There were no public comments “for” or “against the proposed Community Development Block Grant sewer project.

**PUBLIC HEARING – DON TANNER – CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 557-B MAIN STREET – ZONED C-2 COMMERCIAL**

Don Tanner spoke “for” his conditional use request for property located at 557-B Main Street zoned C-2 Commercial for his church. There were no public comments “against” the conditional use request from Don Tanner for 557-B Main Street.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Pro-Tem Tuck called the meeting to order. Reverend Henry L. Cothran, Jr. of the Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

AGENDA AND MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the current agenda, the Commission meeting minutes of October 10, 2016 and the Work Session minutes of November 7, 2016.

DELEGATE – KRISTEN MILLER – CEDARTOWN JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE

Kristen Miller with the Cedartown Junior Service League appeared before the Commission requesting the use of Peeks Park and the pavilion for their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9, 2017. A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner

Carter, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the use of Peeks Park and the pavilion for the annual Junior Service League Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9, 2017.

DELEGATE – AMY TILLERY – CEDARTOWN JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE

Amy Tillery with the Cedartown Junior Service League appeared before the Commission requesting the use of Peeks Park and the pavilion for the annual Cedar Valley Arts Festival for Friday, April 28th, Saturday, April 29th and Sunday, April 30th. A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the use of Peeks Park and the pavilion for the annual Cedar Valley Arts Festival for Friday, April 28th, Saturday, April 29th and Sunday, April 30th.

PROCLAMATION – FARM-CITY WEEK

Chairman Tuck read the Proclamation for Farm-City Week proclaiming November 18-24, 2016 as Farm-City Week in Georgia. The proclamation calls upon citizens in rural and urban areas to acknowledge and celebrate the achievement of all those who, working together, produce and supply our community and nation with an abundance of agricultural products.

MANAGERS REPORT

- Tractor Supply will appear before the Planning Commission on November 28th to request the designation of PD-2 Commercial Development and formal announcement.
- The date for the 2016 Christmas Parade has been set for Thursday, December 1st with the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony that same week on Tuesday, November 29th. Both events will begin at 6 p.m.
- We have received an “A” rating from S&P Global for the bond refunding issue. S&P cited a “strong enterprise risk profile and strong financial risk profile” in their report indicating among other things “very low industry risk, good operational management practices and a very strong liquidity position”.
- Project updates – Verizon Tower, Inman Solar Phase II, Vantage Development, Big Spring.
- Projects out for bid – CDBG Sewer project and Lankford Event Center.
- Old landfill site fourth five-year review completed by EPA and EPD.
- We have completed insurance negotiations for our 2017 coverages and unfortunately will endure a ten percent increase in healthcare premiums after receiving an original proposal of 31%. According to the Associated Press the average increase trends between 8% and 14% nationally and there are large variations from state to state and even within states. On a better note we are expecting about an 8% decrease in workers compensation insurance due to very good claims experience over the last three years. In that period we have averaged just 7.5 claims per year where in the previous ten years we averaged over 16 claims per year. Most of this reduction is due to better management and safety training throughout the departments.

- Budget Report – September 2016 – 75%

REVENUE

Utilities	74.77%	\$2,492,426.61
General Fund	69.75%	\$5,322,946.13
Total	71.27%	\$7,815,372.74

EXPENDITURES

Utilities	57.13%	\$1,696,850.00
General Fund	67.81%	\$5,152,133.91
Total	64.81%	\$6,848,983.91

VARIANCE

REV/EXP	6.47%	\$ 966,388.83
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Not Final Amounts will Change

ORDINANCE FOR FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 7, 2016** amending the eligibility requirement of City fire protection outside of the corporate limits of the City stating that no dwelling or other improved property shall be registered under this article unless the property is located within five road miles from the City fire station, as promulgated by the City Commission.

CONSIDERATION OF 2017 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- Polk County Board of Health – reappointment of Billie Sawyer for a six year term ending December 31, 2022.
- Downtown Development Authority – appointment of Charles (Chuck) Morris and Edward Graves in lieu of the expiring terms of Allen Hunt and Jean Crane for four year terms ending December 31, 2020.
- Cedartown Housing Authority – reappointment of Larry Dooley for a five year term ending October 20, 2021.
- Cedartown Tree Commission – appointment of Mason Brumby for a three year term ending December 31, 2019 and Billy Grant serve as an ex-officio member.

FINAL READING – ORDINANCE FOR THE ANNEXATION & REZONING OF ST. BERNADETTE’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission adopted **ORDINANCE 8, 2016** annexing and rezoning of the property on Evergreen Lane contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Cedartown for St. Bernadette’s Catholic Church.

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST - DON TANNER – 557-B MAIN STREET ZONED C-2 COMMERCIAL FOR A CHURCH

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the conditional use request from Don Tanner for 557-B Main Street, zoned C-2 Commercial to for church services.

BEER PACKAGE LICENSE FOR ALKABEM PATEL OF DISCOUNT FOOD MART LOCATED AT 425 NORTH MAIN STREET

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” approved a beer package license application for Alkabem Patel of Discount Food Mart located at 425 North Main Street.

RESOLUTION – GDOT TRANSIT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **RESOLUTION 9, 2016** authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation for a grant for public transportation assistance under Section 5311.

TETHERING ORDINANCE REVIEW

Commissioner Hubbard asked that the Commission, Code Enforcement and the Police Department review the proposed Tethering Ordinance for adoption at the December 12, 2016 Commission meeting.

2017 HOLIDAYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” approved the proposed 2017 Holidays.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – SOLAR FARM PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Solar Farm Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission went into executive session to discuss real estate matters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission came out of executive session.

ADJOURN

At 7:00 p.m. there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Carter moved to adjourn. Commissioner Foster seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission adjourned.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

CAROL CRAWFORD, CITY CLERK