

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 13, 2017**

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Hubbard called the meeting to order. Reverend Dave Grove of First Presbyterian 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 Tuck, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the current agenda and the City Commission meeting minutes of February 13, 2017.

DELEGATE – DAVE GROVE – WHEELCHAIR RACE

Dave Grove appeared before the Commission and advised that the wheelchair racers would be arriving on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 and training in Rome. The wheelchair race will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Peek Park.

MANAGERS REPORT

- Construction has begun on the mill village sewer replacement project and we expect completion by early August, there will be some minimal disruption for residents in that area during the construction period. We are finalizing the 2017 CDBG grant application for phase II of this project. We are eligible for up to \$750,000 this time and the application will be submitted next month.
- The GMA District 1 spring meeting will be in Calhoun on April 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Chairman Hubbard, myself and Edward are attending, if anyone else would like to attend please let me know so that we can get you registered.
- Baseball opening day at Northwest Park will be Saturday, March 25th with opening ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. Opening ceremony will include the Rome Braves mascots

making an appearance and one of the general managers of the Rome Braves will be throwing out the first pitch.

- I've provided you each with a list of needed capital projects and purchases for review. Obviously, since these total over \$4 million, all of this cannot be done this year or probably even next since the list doesn't even contain annual capital funds purchases like mowers, police cars, fire hose and air tank replacements, etc. It's mostly a reminder that we have to continue to be very diligent with regard to budget and maintaining a surplus balance. I would appreciate your input as to prioritizing these items, and others, as they present themselves. Perhaps a work session discussion soon.
- HB 434 is pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee. HB 434 would allow local governments to immediately sell property condemned as blighted as long as the land use on the property remains at its last legal use for five years after the condemnation. Current law requires that the property be held by the local government for 20 years before it can be sold. The House passed this by a large margin and we are hopeful the Senate will as well. One of the reasons we have tried to avoid condemnations of blighted properties is because of having to hold the property so long and this will eliminate that problem.

ORDINANCE OF ANNEXATION - TRAMMELL PROPERTY

The ordinance of annexation for the annexation of property owned by Roy Trammell designated as tax map and parcel no. 0030E069N and 0030E0690, consisting of 3.12 acres contiguous to the corporate limits of Cedartown was read by Commission Chairman Hubbard. A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 2, 2017** for the annexation of the property owned by Roy Trammell designated as tax map and parcel no. 0030E069N and 0030E0690, consisting of 3.12 acres contiguous to the corporate limits of Cedartown with the property to be zoned C-2 commercial.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Carter stated that he was happy that the Wheelchair Race is coming back and for all of those that work with the race. It is good to know that the tennis courts are in such good shape. Good job.
- Commissioner Tuck stated that Big Springs is looking good and that she is looking forward to the landscaping.
- Commissioner Foster stated that he wanted to continue to thank the people that make the city run, for the spring sports and the tennis courts. He appreciates all that the city workers do.
- Commissioner Odom asked that everyone continue to remember in prayer Jamie Newsome's father.

ADJOURN

At 6:30 p.m. there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Foster moved to adjourn. Commissioner Odom seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission adjourned.

APPROVED:

**JORDAN HUBBARD, CHAIRMAN
CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

**CAROL CRAWFORD
CITY CLERK**