

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
July 11, 2017 / 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were James Stephens, Claire Williams, and Don Hayes. Councilmembers Richard Schmidt and Faye Godwin were absent. Also present was City Attorney Rick Lindsey. Mayor Reed led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Mayor Reed requested that the agenda be amended to add an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Councilmember Hayes made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Stephens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2017
Councilmember Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2017. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations/Proclamations (None)

Staff Reports

Financial Update: City Manager Robert Rokovitz

Mr. Rokovitz gave an update on the financials. As of June 30th, revenue collections are at 94.9 percent and expenditures are at 80 percent for the General Fund. The unaudited net balance is approximately \$585,000. This figure will change as revenues and expenditures continue to come in.

Fire Department Report: Greg Brett

Chief Brett introduced the following A Shift Firefighters which were in attendance: Lisa Cook, Kyle Allen, and Kevin Fleming. Lisa Cook will be serving as Acting Lieutenant for A Shift while Mike Allen is out due to an on-duty injury. The fire department continues to test and paint fire hydrants. The Request for Proposal process for a medical response unit has been will begin in the next few weeks and a recommendation should be ready for Council approval at the September meeting.

Police Department Report: Stoney Mathis

Chief Mathis reported there have been no personnel changes. Investigations led to

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two felony arrests in June. Other statistics for June were 133 citations, 128 warnings, 41 parking citations, 25 arrests, 119 dispatched calls, and 63 reports.

Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt

Mr. Wendlandt said he had met with a company called Velocity that will be doing repair work on some of the paved roads. From January until the middle of June, 14.4 miles of gravel roads have been worked. Staff continues to work on right of way cutting. No truck signs have been posted on Cochran Mill Road at Cascade-Palmetto Highway. The department is fully staffed and will now be able to run three crews.

Community Development: Mike Morton

Mr. Morton reported there were no new house permits issued in June. Permits were issued for two temporary classrooms at the charter school. The number of inspections conducted this year is almost double the number in June 2016. He has received a couple of applications that will be up for First Readings at the September Council meeting – a rezoning application for the Serenbe Art Farm property and a variance application for a residential expansion for a property at Rico Lake. There have been two commercial building permit applications in Serenbe. One is a medical building, and the other is a daycare.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

Unfinished Business

- 1. Item 17-891:** An Ordinance for Variances to the Limitations on the Materials and Design of Fences and the limitation on the Height of Fences in the First Layer in the RL (Rural) District.

City Planner Mike Morton presented the item. The application is for a variance to allow a stone and wrought iron style fence and allow a fence height greater than four feet in the first layer at the property located at 10400 Cedar Grove Road. Staff recommended approval of the variance to the fence height with the condition that the fence comply with the height requirement when measured from the natural grade at the base of the fence. Staff recommended denial of the variance to the fence materials. The Planning Commission recommended approval of both variances by a three to two vote.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve Item No. 17-891. Councilmember Stephens seconded.

Mayor Reed said the Planning Commission is working on changes to the fence regulations that will likely make the proposed fence compliant.

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Councilmember Hayes said he was in favor of approving the variances.

Mayor Reed called for the vote on the motion to approve Item No. 17-891. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- 1. Item 17-895:** Approval of a Quitclaim Deed and Boundary Line Agreement with Reemtsma Family Friendship, L.L.P.

City Attorney Rick Lindsey presented the item. The item deals with the boundary line between Cochran Mill Park and Cochran Mill Nature Center. When the city purchased the parks from Fulton County, the county did not have good records of the exact boundary lines and the city could not afford to pay for a new survey. During the process of donating land to Cochran Mill Nature Center, Minerva (on behalf of Reemtsma Family Friendship, L.L.P.) discovered a portion of the boundary line shown on its survey does not agree with the county's old survey. State Code governs the exchange of property owned by a municipality. Because the portion of the property is so narrow and uniquely situated, the city is within its legal rights to sign the quitclaim deed and boundary agreement. Councilmember Stephens made a motion to approve Item No. 17-895. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Item 17-896:** Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Coweta County regarding a county 1% Special Local Option Sales and Use Tax (SPLOST).

City Attorney Rick Lindsey presented the item. The Intergovernmental Agreement is required since there is a parcel of land in the city limits that is in Coweta County. There are no residents on this parcel, so the city will not receive any of the revenue from the tax. Councilmember Hayes made a motion to approve Item No. 17-896. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Item 17-897:** Ratify the appointment of the Mayor to the Coweta County Joint Transportation Coordinating Committee.

City Manager Robert Rokovitz presented the item. The committee consists of the mayors of the cities in Coweta County. Since there is a parcel of land in the city limits in Coweta County, the Mayor was appointed to serve on the committee. Councilmember Stephens made a motion to approve Item No. 17-897. Councilmember Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember Williams thanked the Mayor for all the meetings he attends. She also thanked him for working on the city's behalf to get Georgia Department of Transportation to take over the last part of South Fulton Parkway and for getting a promise from them that the city would not be responsible for the bridge over the

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Chattahoochee River.

Mayor Reed said that Fulton County has frozen property tax assessments this year. The city has not received the tax digest yet. He also commented on an article in the Atlanta Business Chronicle about a movie studio coming to Chattahoochee Hills. The company named in the article is one of several studios that have talked to the city about building a moving studio in recent years. Mayor Reed has reached out to the studio to get more details. This is not something that is right around the corner. He also commented on the importance of working with the other cities along South Fulton Parkway to protect what Chattahoochee Hills is trying to do.

Executive Session

Councilmember Stephens made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Councilmember Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:14 p.m.

Councilmember Stephens made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:25 p.m.

Councilmember Hayes made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:29 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting *Councilmember Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Stephens seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*

Approved this 1st day of August, 2017.

Dana Wicher, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor