

Minutes
Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
December 18, 2014
6:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were Don Hayes, Faye Godwin, Richard Schmidt, John Taylor and Claire Williams. All members were present. Mayor Reed declared that a quorum was present. Also present was the City Attorney Mr. Lindsey. Mayor Reed led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

1. **Item 14-708:** Ordinance No. 14-12-128, an ordinance to amend the charter of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, so as to amend the corporate limits of the City of Chattahoochee Hills by annexing property under the 60% method and so as to amend the voting districts of the City of Chattahoochee Hills and to amend the zoning district of the City of Chattahoochee Hills; and for other purposes

Mr. Lindsey explained the public hearing procedures. Mayor Reed gave a history of the area that was removed from the original boundaries when the City incorporated and gave a brief report on the status of the City and the services provided.

City Planner Mike Morton gave an overview of the petition which covers approximately 4,920 acres including 317 parcels and public roads and right of way. About 110 parcels have houses. Owners of 3,035 acres of the 4,879 privately-owned acres signed the petition accounting for 64.57% and 85 of 131 electors in the area signed the petition accounting for 64.88%. All figures have been confirmed by the City. Fulton County was notified of the petition on November 25, 2014 and the Commission voted yesterday to object to the annexation. The process will enter arbitration which will be organized by the DCA.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to open the public hearing and Ms. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Maribeth Wansley, 9895 Brazell Road, spoke in favor of the annexation and stated she had paid taxes to Fulton County for 28 years and received no services. Two years ago she called 911 for her husband and although the call went out as Code 1: Life Threatening no ambulance came. After 18 minutes she made the decision to drive him to the hospital. She will be happy to pay taxes to the City.

Jim Hancock, 10175 Creel Road, spoke in favor of the annexation stating that he never sees county police. During emergencies the Chattahoochee Hills police respond even though he is outside the City. He feels that the City shares a vision of preservation and asked that the City annex the area to help the community maintain the current quality of life.

Bud Rambo, 9820 Brazell Road, spoke in favor of the annexation stating that he moved to the area in 1986 and loves it even though there is no support services, emergency or otherwise. He recounted an incident in which he called 911 for a car accident near his home and when the county police arrived 45 minutes later the victim was deceased.

Libba Wilson, 4570 Cochran Mill Road, spoke in favor of the annexation stating that she would like to come into the City.

Tina Brock, 10125 Creel Road, spoke in favor of the annexation stating that she agrees with her neighbors. Her husband's family has lived here for six generations. She enjoys being involved in the community and urged the Council to vote in favor of the petition.

Michael Brock, 10125 Creel Road, spoke in favor of the annexation stating that he also agreed with his neighbors and feels that joining the City will be the best way to continue the traditions and lifestyle of his family.

Maria Hanson, 8135 Atlanta Newnan Road, encouraged the Council to vote in favor of the petition.

Tara Hattaway, 5541 Cochran Mill Road, spoke in favor of the annexation stating that she loves Chattahoochee Hills and all it represents. She supported what the others have said.

Kim Conner, 4545 Cochran Mill Road, spoke in favor of the annexation stating that she agrees with all that has been said and services are not being provided to the area by Fulton County.

Ron Simblast, 10744 Serenbe Lane, stated he is impressed by the spirit of those that want to be annexed into the City and asked the Council to vote yes.

John Conner, 4545 Cochran Mill Road, spoke in favor of the annexation stating that he has been involved with Serenbe over the years and truly enjoyed the tree lighting. He is looking forward to being more involved with the City.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to close the public hearing and Ms. Godwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the public hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

2. **Item 14-709:** Ordinance No. 14-12-129, an ordinance to amend the charter of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, so as to amend the corporate limits of the City of Chattahoochee Hills by annexing property under the 100% method and so as to amend the voting districts of the City of Chattahoochee Hills and to amend the zoning district of the City of Chattahoochee Hills; and for other purposes

Mr. Morton reported that this petition includes nine (9) parcels which total 70.2 acres. This petition will only be voted on if the petition for the larger annexation fails.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to open the public hearing and Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Maribeth Wansley, 9895 Brazell Road, spoke in favor of the annexation stating that four of the seven land owners are absentee owners and the three that live on the property are in attendance. She stated that all that had been said before still applied to this petition.

Ms. Godwin made a motion to close the public hearing and Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Cynthia Hanson, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor

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