

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
October 4, 2016 / 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, Richard Schmidt, Claire Williams, Faye Godwin, and Don Hayes. All members were present. 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 agenda be amended to add the following item:

- 1. Agenda Item No. 16-843, Approval of agreement with Troutman Sanders Strategies, LLC to provide consulting services in regards to future economic development of South Fulton Parkway*

Councilmember Godwin 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 September 13, 2016
Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2016. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

Staff Reports

Financial Update: City Manager Robert Rokovitz

Mr. Rokovitz gave an update on the financials. The city is one-quarter through the fiscal year. Expenditures are tracking well. Revenue is lower because property tax payments are not as early coming in due to the billing issue with Fulton County.

Fire Department Report: Greg Brett

Chief Brett reported that the burn ban had been lifted as of October 1st. The city has received a protective class rating of 4/4Y from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). This rating is a little better than the rating with unincorporated Fulton County.

Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt

Mr. Wendlandt reported staff has been making repairs to the fence at Hutcheson Ferry Park. He will be working with the Parks Commission to discuss potential parks projects. Right-of-way cutting continues. The city has received two of the three pieces of equipment for use on road maintenance; however, the purchase process has not been completed.

Police Department Report: Stoney Mathis

Chief Mathis reported part-time Officer Bramlett resigned last month because of a promotion at his full-time job with another department. A new full-time officer, O.J. Pearson, has been hired. Last month, Officer Dyer investigated a fraud case. Other statistics for September were 176 citations, 200 warnings, 20 parking citations, 95 dispatched calls, 29 arrests, and 58 reports.

Community Development: Mike Morton

Mr. Morton reported that there were 9 new house permits issued in September, and overall permits and inspections are well up over last year. The Comprehensive Plan has been submitted to the state for review. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation regarding adoption of the Comprehensive Plan at their next meeting on October 13th. There also will be a variance hearing at that meeting, and a hearing for another variance application will be heard at a Special Called Planning Commission meeting on October 19th.

Presentations/Proclamations

1. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation.

Mayor Reed read a proclamation declaring October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week in Chattahoochee Hills and urged citizens to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment.

Public Comment

Bonnie Goode, 6300 Campbellton-Redwine Road – asked the city to designate the 4-way stop at Cochran Mill Road and Rivertown Road as a no u-turn intersection. Parents who are dropping their children off at the charter school are using the intersection to turn around and the intersection has become dangerous. She also asked that there is a police presence at the intersection during the hours that students are being dropped off and picked up.

Marcia Lee, 6520 Rico Road – commented about her concerns that the city’s agreement with Bouckaert may limit the city’s ability to prevent future events that do not meet safety standards or may be too large for the city’s infrastructure. She also said that the City Council should not vote on items added to the agenda last minute until they have had time to review the items. Ms. Lee submitted a copy of her comments for the record.

Ben Hoffman, 10975 Hutcheson Ferry Road – said he had been notified that someone had spoken during public comment at the last meeting regarding a school being operated out of his residence. He said that is not the case but that he put up a sign to celebrate his home’s history as the original school house in the area. He also said he was grateful for the festival held at Bouckaert’s farm.

Rusty Zarse, 3 Swann Ridge – thanked the police and fire departments for their dedication and said their response time is unbelievable. He also said he was excited about the incredible culture and diversity in the community and enjoyed seeing diversity at the music festival.

Walter Buttler, Chattahoochee Hills Charter School, 9670 Rivertown Road – reported that CBS46 recently did a story on the school. The school also has its first student council and he hopes to get them to a Council meeting soon. After school programs are now open to non-student children in the area. He also apologized for the problem with u-turns in the Cochran Mill Road and Rivertown Road intersection. The issue is addressed with parents on a weekly basis. He also invited everyone to the school's Veterans Day celebration.

Jessica Pessu, 10861 Hutcheson Ferry Road – attended the event at Bouckaert farms and said that it was good for the community. She would like to get involved in helping with future events. She also said that the 4-way stop at Cochran Mill Road and Rivertown Road is an issue, and parents have been made aware. She asked if it could be turned into a roundabout.

Public Hearings (None)

Unfinished Business (None)

New Business

- 1. Item 16-843:** Approval of agreement with Troutman Sanders Strategies, LLC to provide consulting services in regards to future economic development of South Fulton Parkway.

Mayor Reed presented the item. As part of the agreement, Troutman Sanders Strategies, LLC will help lobby the Georgia Department of Transportation to take of parts of South Fulton Parkway and Campbellton-Redwine Road. The city will review progress in 4 months and cancel if not satisfied. Councilmember Godwin made a motion to approve Item No. 16-843. Councilmember Stephens seconded. Councilmember Hayes stated the action includes that the City Manager update the Council in 4 months. The motion passed 4-1, Councilmember Williams opposed.

- 2. Item 16-845:** First Reading of an Ordinance for a Variance to the Limitations on the Location of Accessory Structures in the HM-MU (Mixed-Use Hamlet) District. City Planner Mike Morton presented the item. The variance request is to build a garage in the front layer of the lot. The first public hearing will be held at the Planning Commission Regular Meeting on October 13th. No action was taken.

3. Item 16-846: First Reading of an Ordinance for a Variance to the Minimum Side Yard Setback in the RL (Rural) District.

City Planner Mike Morton presented the item. A Land Disturbance Permit and Building Permit were approved and issued; however, the builder re-sited the building without seeking approval. The first public hearing will be held at a Planning Commission Special Called Meeting on October 19th. No action was taken.

4. Item 16-847: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of Community Center and Library Services between Community Brickworks and the City of Chattahoochee Hills.

City Manager Robert Rokovitz presented the item. There are no changes from the previous agreement. Councilmember Hayes made a motion to approve the Agenda Item No. 16-847. Councilmember Godwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Item 16-848: Resolution to Adopt a Service Delivery Strategy with Coweta County.

City Manager Robert Rokovitz presented the item. The Service Delivery Strategy is required by law. There is currently only one parcel in Coweta County and services are limited. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Agenda Item No. 16-848. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember Stephens commended Chief Brett on the ISO rating, and thanked all the staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Schmidt thanked Walter Buttler for coming to the meeting and addressed Ben Hoffman's comments by telling him that he should preserve history anytime he can.

Mayor Reed commented on the comradery among the staff and said the current staff is the best team the city has had. He also thanked Chief Brett for the great job he did as Incident Commander for the "Many Rivers to Cross" event. He also commented on the TSPLOST referendum, explaining that the City will receive between \$550,000 and \$600,000 per year if the referendum passes, effectively tripling the City's roadwork/paving budget, and that passage would be hugely positive for the City.

Councilmember Williams thanked the staff for the great job done with the festival. The event was held on public property and staff did everything they should have, but the promoter could have done a better job.

Councilmember Godwin said that everything had already been said by the others.

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Councilmember Hayes thanked the citizens for coming out.

Executive Session (None)

Adjourn Meeting *Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.*

Approved this 1st day of November, 2016.

Dana Wicher, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor

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