

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
January 7, 2020 / 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were Ruby Foster, Richard Schmidt, Laurie Searle, Alan Merrill, and Troy Bettis. All members were present. Also present was City Attorney Rick Lindsey.

Administer Oath of Office to Elected Officials

City Attorney Rick Lindsey administered the Oath of Office to the following Elected Officials:

- 1. Ruby Foster – Oath of Councilmember*
- 2. Laurie Searle – Oath of Councilmember*
- 3. Troy Bettis – Oath of Councilmember*

Review and Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019*
Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentations/Proclamations

There were no presentations or proclamations.

Staff Reports

Financial Update: City Manager Robbie Rokovitz

Mr. Rokovitz reported on the year-to-date financials as of December 31, 2019. The city is 50 percent through the fiscal year. General Fund revenues, including reserves, are 80 percent, and General Fund expenditures are 40.4 percent.

Fire Department Report: Greg Brett

Chief Brett reported that six years of call data shows that the number of total incidents is trending upward. The Fire Department worked with the Police Department to install first aid kits in all Police Department vehicles. The Fire Chiefs of

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the South Fulton cities continue to work with the Region 3 Council and Grady EMS to try to further improve response times.

Police Department Report: Jim Little

Chief Little reported that dispatched calls were up almost 70 percent from this time last year. He also reported that all patrol cars are equipped with a first aid kit, on road units are equipped with an AED, and all officers have completed basic first aid training. There are currently two open positions in the department – one detective position and one uniform patrol position that was approved with the budget.

Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt

Mr. Wendlandt reported that the gravel road crew is working on Capps Ferry Road. Several areas in the city had trees down due to heavy rain and winds. The motor grader was down due to wiring issues but is now back in service. The bathroom, sign, picnic tables and benches at Cochran Mill Park were all repainted, and the front section of Hutcheson Ferry Park was mowed. Greystone is currently doing right-of-way cutting throughout the city.

Community Development: Mike Morton

Mr. Morton reported that there were 15 total permits, with six of them for single family dwellings, issued in December 2019. There were 138 total permits for 2019 which was down from the previous year's total of 178. The deadline for the Campbellton Planning Grant consultant partner RFP is January 8th, so a consultant should be selected soon.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

1. Item 20-001: Approve purchase of Physio Brand Cardiac Monitor.

Fire Chief Greg Brett presented the item. The equipment is required by the state and one of the current units needs to be upgraded. The expenditure is a budgeted item.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 20-001. Councilmember Searle made a motion to approve Item No. 20-001. Councilmember Bettis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember Bettis thanked those who voted for him and said he will do everything he can to represent everyone. He said he is greatly humbled and is looking forward to working with a great group of people at the city.

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Councilmember Merrill commented on an article in the Atlanta Journal Constitution about the Amazon Warehouse in Gwinnett County that will be receiving about \$20,000,000 in tax cuts. It will provide about 1,000 jobs that pay poverty level wages. He said there is a need for quality jobs, not just numbers of jobs, and we are not going to do that here.

Councilmember Searle said she is so happy to serve Chattahoochee Hills residents and to work with the staff and Council. She thanked everyone for their support.

Councilmember Schmidt said it has been an honor to be on Council for a while and welcomed the new councilmembers. He thanked Chief Brett for the research and effort he puts in keeping the city safe.

Councilmember Foster thanked everyone who voted for her and who helped her campaign. She said she is ready to work for the city and ready to learn as much as she can.

Mayor Reed welcomed the new councilmembers and thanked all the councilmembers, new and old. He said more work and time goes into serving on the City Council than most people realize. He appreciates everyone being willing to take on the work required. He also thanked everyone who attended the meeting this evening.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjourn Meeting

Councilmember Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of February, 2020.

Dana Wicher, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor