

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
February 4, 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.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Mayor Reed called for a motion to amend the agenda as follows:

- 1. Add Agenda Item 20-005, Resolution Supporting Legislation for the Georgia Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act.*
- 2. Add Agenda Item 20-006, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Amendment to the Service Delivery Strategy with Coweta County.*

Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2020*

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2020. Councilmember Searle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentations/Proclamations

- 1. Arbor Day Proclamation*

Mayor Reed read a proclamation declaring February 21, 2020 as Arbor Day.

Staff Reports

Financial Update: City Manager Robbie Rokovitz

Mr. Rokovitz reported on the year-to-date financials as of January 27, 2020. The city is 57.8 percent through the fiscal year. General Fund revenues, including reserves, are 86.9 percent, and General Fund expenditures are 48.3 percent.

Fire Department Report: Greg Brett

Chief Brett reported that the January 2020 stats were similar to the stats this time last year. He reminded everyone of the importance of calling in 911 instead of the station and to make sure you inform the operator that you are in Chattahoochee Hills if you call from a cell phone. February 3-7 is Severe Weather Awareness Week. The CodeRED alerting system will be transitioning to EverBridge. No action is required for

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Police Department Report: Jim Little

Chief Little reported that dispatched calls were up 64 percent. Investigations opened in January 2020 include a theft on Hutcheson Ferry Road, forced entry/criminal trespass on Atlanta Newnan Road, and an entering auto on Brazell Road. There were 185 citations issued in January 2020, and there was a 60 percent reduction in accidents for the same period.

Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt

Mr. Wendlandt reported that the Parks maintenance crew is beginning to prep Rico Park for the upcoming ball season. Capps Ferry Road, Barnes Road, Jones Ferry Road, and Hamilton Road have been ditched, scraped, crowned, and graveled. Greystone Power continues to do right-of-way cutting.

Community Development: Mike Morton

Mr. Morton reported that there were 12 total permits, with five of them for single family dwellings, issued in January 2020. He also reported that the consultant for the Campbellton Planning Grant has been selected and the contract is being finalized. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Census.

Public Hearing

- 1. Item 20-002:** Public Hearing and Action on a Resolution with Respect to Exercising the Power of Eminent Domain Over Certain Conservation Easement Impacting City Real Property and for Other Purposes.

City Attorney Rick Lindsey read the rules for the public hearing.

Mayor Reed said that the city has parkland along the Chattahoochee River that is landlocked. A landowner just north of the park property approached the city about swapping the land for another property that is also along the river but also has direct access to Campbellton Redwine Road. In order for the swap to take place, the conservation easement must be removed. This resolution and public hearing is part of that process.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 20-002. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve Item No. 20-002. Councilmember Bettis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- 1. Item 20-003:** Approve purchase of Ford F150 SSV patrol vehicle not to exceed \$31,900.

Police Chief Jim Little presented the item. The vehicle is for the officer position that was authorized with the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. The position has remained open because there has not been an available vehicle for the officer to drive.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 20-003. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 20-003. Councilmember Searle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Item 20-004:** Resolution Adopting Revisions to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. City Manager Robbie Rokovitz presented the item. The revisions are a mid-year procedural amendment to align the budget with the actuals.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 20-004. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve Item No. 20-004. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Item 20-005:** Resolution supporting Legislation for the Georgia Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act.

Mayor Reed presented the item. The Georgia Municipal Association supports the proposed legislation, which would give smaller cities easier access to revenue bonds.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 20-005. Councilmember Searle made a motion to approve Item No. 20-005. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Item 20-006:** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Amendment to the Service Delivery Strategy with Coweta County.

City Attorney Rick Lindsey presented the item. Coweta County has requested the Service Delivery Strategy be amended to include housing as a service. The city does not have a housing authority so the amendment has no effect on the city.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 20-006. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 20-006. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember Searle complimented Public Works/Parks Director Darold Wendlandt on how well organized the Public Works yard is.

Councilmember Schmidt thanked Police Chief Jim Little on his good budgeting and for the greater visibility of the officers patrolling throughout the city.

Councilmember Merrill said that the citizens should be delighted with the budget amendment. There was \$600,000 more in revenue than was anticipated and the lion's share of it is going into reserves.

Councilmember Foster thanked staff for all their hard work. She also announced that there is a community meeting at the Palmetto Library on March 26th at 5:30 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the new voting machines, voter registration, and information about the Census.

Mayor Reed said that he appreciates the new Councilmembers and the energy shift that comes with the new folks. He also announced that there will be a service observing the 10th anniversary of Lt. Mike Vogt's death on Saturday, February 15th.

Executive Session

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to move to into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. Councilmember Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 6:39 p.m.

Councilmember Searle made a motion to convene the Executive Session. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 6:40 p.m.

Councilmember Searle made motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 6:58 p.m.

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Searle seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

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

Approved this 10th day of March, 2020.

Dana Wicher, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor