

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
September 10, 2019 / 6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were James Stephens, Richard Schmidt, Claire Williams, Alan Merrill, and Don Hayes. All members were present. Also present was City Attorney Rick Lindsey.

Mayor Reed called for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Mayor Reed requested that the agenda be amended as follows:

- 1. Add Item 19-053, Replacement police vehicle*

Councilmember Stephens 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 August 6, 2019*

Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2019. Councilmember Hayes 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

City Manager Robbie Rokovitz introduced new City Planner Cheryl Brooks. He also announced that the Community Luncheon is September 11th at noon and that Police Chief Jim Little was sworn in one year ago. He reported on the year-to-date financials. The city is 17.8 percent through the fiscal year. Revenues are 22.8 percent, and all departments are at or under on expenditures.

Fire Department Report: Greg Brett

Chief Brett reported that the Fire Department will not hold a formal September 11th memorial service but will sound the siren in remembrance at 10:00 a.m. He also gave a special commendation to Police Officer Chad Blackmon for his exceptional effort locating four lost hikers in Cochran Mill Park on August 4th. Firefighter/Paramedic Brad Wilson achieved Fire Officer II certification. Chief Brett is discussing issues with

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City of Atlanta Watershed Management regarding water line auto flush outs causing erosion issues at some residences. The department has joined with the City of Palmetto and City of Fairburn to establish a wildland brush fire task force.

Police Department Report: Jim Little

Chief Little thanked the Mayor and Council and citizens for the opportunity to serve the community. He reported the statistics for the month of August. There were 292 citations, 73 warnings, 44 parking citations, 8 misdemeanor arrests, and 1 felony arrest. Investigations include a theft at Halsa, a recovered stolen auto with drugs, and a critical missing person.

Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt

Mr. Wendlandt gave an update on gravel road maintenance. Mixon Road and Piney Woods Church Road are complete. Staff is currently working on Jenkins Road and will be scraping and re-crowning several roads that need maintenance. New signs have been installed at the crosswalk at Cochran Mill Park.

Community Development: Mike Morton

Mr. Morton reported that there were not a lot of building permits issued in August. There was a Southern Fulton County Transportation Plan community meeting held at city hall on September 9th. Additional meetings are being held in the other South Fulton cities. He reported on the Historic Commission's activities. Their top three priorities are city owned properties, development advocacy, and policy development. Research on breweries, wineries, and distilleries in rural settings will be a topic of discussion on the September 19th Planning Commission meeting agenda.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- 1. Item 19-052:** Approval of a reroute of a section of Cochran Mill Park yellow trail from Boy Scout Bridge to field to NICA Standards.

Public Works Director Darold Wendlandt presented the item. The proposed reroute will help with drainage issues on the trail.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 19-052. Councilmember Stephens made a motion to approve Item No. 19-052. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Item 19-053:** Replacement police vehicle.

Police Chief Jim Little presented the item. One of the 2019 Ford Interceptor patrol vehicles

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was totaled in the recent accident involving Officer Wood. Chief Little is recommending purchasing a 2019 F150 from Brannen Ford for \$31,425.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 19-053. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 19-053. Councilmember Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember Stephens congratulated Police Chief Jim Little on his one-year anniversary. He also welcomed new City Planner Cheryl Brooks.

Mayor Reed reflected on the anniversary of 9/11 and role of public safety.

Executive Session

Councilmember Merrill made a motion to move to into Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters. Councilmember Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 6:49 p.m.

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to convene the Executive Session. Councilmember Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 6:52 p.m.

Councilmember Merrill made motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:12 p.m.

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:14 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

Councilmember Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of October, 2019.

Dana Wicher, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor