

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
October 1, 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.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Mayor Reed requested that the agenda be amended as follows:

- 1. Add Legal Matters to Executive Session*
- 2. Add Item 19-058, Resolution to adopt final revisions to the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget*

Councilmember Merrill 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 10, 2019*
Councilmember Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 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

City Manager Robbie reported on the year-to-date financials. The city is 25 percent through the fiscal year. Revenues are 26 percent, and expenditures are 21.4 percent.

Fire Department Report: Greg Brett

Chief Brett reported that there were 35 incidents in September and 416 incidents to date. The two Atlanta Watershed automatic flush valves on Rivertown Road and Atlanta Newnan Road that were causing erosion issues have been shut down and will be relocated. The burn ban has been extended by the Georgia Forestry Commission until further notice. There was a search and rescue for lost hikers at Cochran Mill Park the past Saturday night. ChattCare is up and running.

Police Department Report: Jim Little

Chief Little reported that there were 129 dispatched calls, which is up from 88 last year. The department placed second in the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety 100 Days of Summer H.E.A.T. campaign for agencies of 15 officers or less. Officer Wood will be returning to light duty next week. The department has been approved to participate in the Department of Justice ballistic vest program. They will reimburse the city of 50 percent of the cost of any vest that is purchased after April 1st through the end of the year.

Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt

Mr. Wendlandt reported that the storm that came through during the September 10th Council meeting resulted in a lot of debris on the roads and downed trees. The department spent that week removing downed trees in the right-of-way. Ditching, crowning, and graveling of Jenkins Road has been completed. Staff will be installing numbered trail markers in Cochran Mill Park. Millings from the paving project were added to the hill at the Cochran Mill Park parking lot entrance.

Community Development: Mike Morton

Mr. Morton reported that there were a total of 10 building permits issued in September. He also reported the upcoming special events happening in October and November. There will be a preliminary plat application for open space land in Serenbe and the Creation concept plan on the October 10th Planning Commission meeting agenda.

Public Hearing

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

- 1. Items 19-054:** Public Hearing and Action to consider an application for a Special Event Full Pouring License to sell Wine, Malt Beverages, and Distilled Spirits. The name in which the licenses are to be issued – Living Wholly/Licensee – Jenny Emblom. The location of the special event – 10950 Hutcheson Ferry Road, Chattahoochee Hills. The dates of the event are November 8-11.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in favor of the item:

- 1. Jenny Emblom (applicant) – the event is a four-day wellness experience at Serenbe with the intention of educating and inspiring attendees to live a healthier lifestyle.*

There were no other public comments. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 19-054. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 19-054. Councilmember Stephens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Items 19-055 and 19-056:** Public Hearing and Action to consider applications for two Special Event Limited Pouring Licenses to sell Wine and Malt Beverages. The name in which the licenses are to be issued – Tough Mudder, Inc./Licensee – Aaliyah Fowler. The location of the special events – 9445 Browns Lake Road, Chattahoochee Hills. The dates of the events are November 9-10 and November 15-17.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in favor of the item:

- 1. Aaliyah Fowler (applicant) – there are no changes from the events held in previous years. There is an 8-10 mile obstacle course and a festival portion where the alcohol is served.*

There were no other public comments. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 19-055 and No. 19-056. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve Item No. 19-055 and No. 19-056. Councilmember Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- 3. Item 19-057:** An Ordinance to amend and revise Chapter 35, Article VIII, Divisions 1, 2 and 4 – ordinance would repeal the text amendment ordinance that created the zoning use “Small Craft Brewery, Winery, or Distillery”. *First Read only.*

Community Development Director Mike Morton presented the item. The proposed ordinance removes the zoning language that allows small craft breweries, wineries and distilleries. It does not address the alcohol licensing regulations in Chapter 4 of the city code. Public hearing will be held at the November Planning Commission meeting and the December City Council meeting. There was no action taken.

- 4. Item 19-058:** Resolution to adopt final revisions to the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget *City Manager Robbie Rokovitz presented the item. The adjustment aligns the fund balance with the draft of the financial audit.*

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 19-058. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 19-058. Councilmember Stephens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember Schmidt complimented Public Works Director Darold Wendlandt on the good job being done on the roads and right-of-way.

Mayor Reed said he has received many positive comments from citizens regarding the work done on the gravel roads. He thanked Public Works Director Darold Wendlandt and Fire Chief Greg Brett for their late nights spent on things like clearing roads after storms or rescuing lost hikers at the park. He also said the city is working with a company that does comparative economic development analysis for municipalities. They will be putting together an analysis of South Fulton county with the goal of helping neighboring cities recognize that warehouses are not the highest and best use of the land along South Fulton Parkway.

Executive Session

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to move to into Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters. Councilmember Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 6:33 p.m.

Councilmember Merrill made a motion to convene the Executive Session. Councilmember Stephens seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 6:34 p.m.

Councilmember Merrill made motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Stephens seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:02 p.m.

Councilmember Merrill made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:04 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Stephens seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of November, 2019.

Dana Wicher, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor