

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
November 7, 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 Attorney Tom Lacy on behalf of City Attorney Rick Lindsey.

Review and Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2019
Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2019. Councilmember Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Lynn Merrill, 560 Tabb Way – thanked the city for hosting the upcoming South Fulton Municipal Association meeting at the Chattahoochee Hills Charter School. She said the school serves all of the eight cities in south Fulton County. Selected parents have been invited to attend the meeting to meet with their Mayor and Council members and talk about their experiences with the school. She also spoke about the new things happening at the school, including test scores going up and new sports and activities. She has been working with the school on image and awareness, and thanked the city for its support.

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 October 27, 2019. The city is 32.9 percent through the fiscal year. General Fund revenues are 51 percent, and General Fund expenditures are 26.8 percent.

Fire Department Report: Greg Brett

Chief Brett reported that a revised draft of the Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of South Fulton has been approved by their legal counsel. The boundary information for both cities is being reviewed by Fulton GIS and Emergency services departments.

He also reported on the recent media attention regarding needed improvement of the

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state Emergency Medical Services system. The Fire Chiefs of South Fulton have drafted a letter to Dr. Toomey, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, stating that they feel it's better to focus on making improvements within the rules and procedures of the Department of Public Health rather than hoping that a State House Bill addressing the issues will pass during the next legislative session. He also reminded everyone that the Emergency Management Agency piece of the Fire Department will continue to monitor weather and road conditions and keep everyone alerted over the cold weather season.

Police Department Report: Jim Little

Chief Little highlighted two items on the statistics for October 2019 – dispatched calls were 138 compared to 105 last year and accidents were down from previous months. The last two surplus vehicles have been sold. Community Brickworks has purchased AED's for use in on-duty police vehicles. The Police Department, along with the Fire Department, will be conducting an active shooter drill at the Chattahoochee Hills Charter School.

Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt

Mr. Wendlandt reported that staff has been scraping some of the gravel roads that were previously re-crowned and ditched. Capps Ferry Road is the next road to ditch, and Vernon Grove Road will be the next to scrape. On October 12th, the Cochran Mill Trail Race was held by Peak Racing. There were 145 attendees.

Community Development: Mike Morton

Mr. Morton reported that there were a total of 15 building permits issued in October, and Inspections and Certificates of Occupancy were up from last year. He also reported on the special events scheduled for the upcoming weekend. On the Planning Commission's November 14, 2019 agenda, there will be public hearings for the first read items on tonight's Council meeting agenda.

Election Results: City Clerk Dana Wicher

Ms. Wicher reported the November 5, 2019 election results. For District 1 Council, Ruby Foster received 21 votes, and Ricky Stephens received 20 votes. For District 3 Council, Laurie Searle received 74 votes, and Anita McGinnis received 36 votes. For District 5 Council, Troy Bettis received 63 votes, Renee Prince received 20 votes, Sarah Davis received 17 votes, and Ross Williams received 15 votes.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- 1. Item 19-059:** Approval of purchase of Generac generator for Fire Station 51 for an amount not to exceed \$17,477.00.

Fire Chief Greg Brett presented the item. The requested purchase is to replace the existing 36-year-old Generac unit. Reallocated capital funds for FY2020 will be used.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 19-059. Councilmember Stephens made a motion to approve Item No. 19-059. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Item 19-060:** Resolution accepting donation of Boy Scout Hut property from Rico United Methodist Church.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 19-060. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 19-060. Councilmember Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Item 19-061:** Approval of Creation Hamlet Special District Concept Plan – proposed plan is for an educational campus with lodging, a variety of residential products, and a small amount of commercial space on property located on Atlanta Newnan Road. *Community Development Director Mike Morton presented the item. The concept plan is for the newly zoned HM-SD property on Atlanta Newnan Road. The plan proposes an educational campus with lodging, residential, and a small amount of commercial space. The concept plan does not include the letter “A” amenity shown on the submitted documents because it is not yet zoned as part of the hamlet. Both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval.*

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 19-061. Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve Item No. 19-061. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Item 19-062:** Ordinance to approve a Special Use Permit for Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools in the RL (Rural) District – special use permit application for property located at 8400 Atlanta Newnan Road.

Community Development Director Mike Morton presented the item. The proposal is to allow a Professional Educational Leadership Development Center in the RL District. Public Hearings have been scheduled for the November 14, 2019 Planning Commission meeting and the December 3, 2019 City Council meeting. No action was taken.

- 5. Item 19-063:** Ordinance to amend and revise the Future Development Map – proposed revision to map for property located on Atlanta Newnan Road.

- 6. Item 19-064:** Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map to rezone 1.3 acres from the RL (Rural) District to the HM-SD3 (Hamlet Special District) District – proposed revision to map for property located on Atlanta Newnan Road.

Community Development Director Mike Morton presented items 19-063 and 19-064. The proposal is to add 1.31 acres to an existing HM-SD zoning district east of Atlanta Newnan Road, just north of the Coweta County line. Public Hearings have been scheduled for the November 14, 2019 Planning Commission meeting and the December 3, 2019 City Council meeting. No action was taken.

7. Item 19-065: Resolution authorizing the purchase of real property. *City Manager Robbie Rokovitz presented the item. The city has the opportunity to purchase property contiguous to city hall, which Public works has been using part of to store equipment and supplies. The property is three parcels totaling 41.56 acres for a price of \$436,380.*

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 19-065. Councilmember Stephens made a motion to approve Item No. 19-065. Councilmember Schmidt seconded.

Mayor Reed thanked Councilmember Hayes for his work this agreement. He said the land could be used for a future city hall and could be incorporated into the proposed Rico Historic Hamlet. This opportunity may not come along again.

Councilmember Merrill said at first he was not sure it was a good idea for the city to purchase the property, but he then realized it was a good investment that was within the city's financial capability. The city government has put down its roots in the Rico Community and the property may have a role in the Rico Crossroads Historical Community. He also commented on the fact that Councilmember Williams had recused herself from the discussions, even though she did not have to legally.

Mayor Reed called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, Councilmember Williams abstained.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilmember Schmidt said he continues to get compliments on the gravel roads. He also wished the outgoing Council members well and said the purchase of the land behind city hall is a wonderful opportunity for the city.

Councilmember Merrill thanked all of the candidates who ran for office and said serving the community was a noble thing to do.

Councilmember Williams commenting on the recent discussions about needing to restripe the roads that had recently been patched. She said she was recently driving on one of the roads after dark and she said the lines may still be adequate. She suggested folks take a look at it before deciding to spend the money to restripe.

Mayor Reed said he echoed what Councilmember Merrill had said. Running for office

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is stressful and it is difficult not to win. He congratulated Troy Bettis, Laurie Searle, and Ruby Foster. He also thanked Councilmember Stephens for the work he has done serving on the Council.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjourn Meeting

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Stephens seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of December, 2019.

Dana Wicher, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor