

CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Council Meeting
February 10, 2005 - 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Bryan Puckette, Council Members Jim Herold, Jan Smith, Larry Pritchett, Ed Lezaj and Jim Worl, City Manager Chris Rainwater, City Clerk Judy Foster, City Planner James Riker and City Attorney Richard Carothers.

OPEN MEETING: Bryan Puckette called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and dispensed with the formalities of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jan Smith added the following items to the agenda: Clarification of John Morris' Contract, Development Authority, Retreat and Wells. Jim Worl made a motion to approve the consent agenda with corrections. Larry Pritchett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with five (5) votes.

PUBLIC HEARING – ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION

Public Hearing began at 6:05 p.m. There were no comments. Public Hearing ended at 6:05 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

WORK SESSION

Work Session began at 6:06 p.m. The following items were discussed during the Work Session and were not voted on during this Council Meeting:

- 1) Retreat.
- 2) Development Authority
 - a) Railroad leases and improvements along the railroad.
 - b) Different kinds of authorities allowed.
 - c) Website development – link to Hall County.

Work Session ended at 6:32 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Clarification to John Morris' Contract: Larry Pritchett made a motion to ratify the contract with Building Inspector John Morris for a term of 12 months at the rate of \$2,800 per month, effective from January 27, 2005. Ed Lezaj seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with five (5) votes.

Wells: Chris Rainwater reported that the City is obtaining quotes from other companies for the well drilling and he is trying to get a copy of the Geologist's contract to review.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 316 to Provide for the Creation of the Planning

Commission: Bryan Puckette read the Ordinance in summary form. Ed Lezaj made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 316 as written. Jan Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with five (5) votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of City of Gainesville Request regarding Water Customers: Jim Herold made a motion to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare an intergovernmental agreement between Flowery Branch and Gainesville for the purpose of installing a 6" water main on Mulberry Street with the understanding that all EPD requirements be attained first. Larry Pritchett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with five (5) votes.

PLANNING, ZONING, AND ANNEXATION ISSUES

James Riker stated that he had nothing to report at this time, but anticipated having items on the next agenda.

REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

Employee of the Month: Chris Rainwater reported that Anthony Cofer in the Public Works Department was named as employee of the month for January 2005. Mr. Cofer was nominated by his interim supervisor Larry Butler.

Interim Chief Gerald Lanich gave a report on the Police Department. He presented the Mayor and Council with a copy of the Monthly Statistics and stated that the department's calls have increased 91% over the previous year. He reported that two (2) new police officers will join the force soon, one from Habersham County and one from Hall County which will bring the force up to 7 (8 is full force). Chief Lanich applied for and will be receiving new bullet proof vests for the department from the Fraternal Order of Police at no cost to the City which will be a savings of over \$3,000. The Department will begin the Explorer Program again with the local High Schools. The Department will be participating in a driving simulator course on February 17th. The Department is beginning to do more in house investigations instead of sending them to Hall County. Finally, the Chief is working on the Drug Awareness Program as Council Member Jan Smith had requested at the last meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Larry Pritchett made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending and/or potential litigation, personnel matters and land acquisition. Jim Worl seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with five (5) votes. The Council moved into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. after a short recess.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

Larry Pritchett reported that he is serving as Mayor Pro-tem since Bryan Puckette excused himself from the meeting.

Appointment of Chief of Police: Jim Herold made a motion to appoint Gerald Lanich as Chief of Police. Jim Worl seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with five (5) votes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Lezaj made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Jim Herold seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with five (5) votes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

City Clerk

Date Approved

Mayor