



**CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING  
September 8, 2005 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**



**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Bryan Puckette, Council Members Jim Herold, Larry Pritchett and Jim Worl. Interim City Clerk Lou Camiscioni, City Planner James Riker, and City Attorney Ron Bennett.

**OPEN MEETING:**

Mayor Bryan Puckette called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Mr. Ed Lezaj questioned why the rate for garbage went up by \$1.00 and if a resolution had been passed in order to do this. Mayor to take this under advisement and consideration. The Mayor and Council will be provided with the rates per household by Red Oak Sanitation at the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Skipper mentioned this same issue as well as the requesting that the City do extensive background checks when filling vacancies. Citizen Comment session ended at 6:10 PM

**WORK SESSION ITEMS:**

- A. Mr. Riker discussed and gave a synopsis of the Stormwater Management Ordinances: there are four (4) ordinances being considered. Ordinance No. 05-322 Post-development Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment; Ordinance No. 05-323 Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection; Ordinance No. 05-324 Model Litter Ordinance, and Ordinance No. 05-325 Model Stream Buffer Protection. These four (4) Ordinances will have their first reading at the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting.
- B. Proposal / Bid for the WWTP New Lab Facility. Mr. John Washington (Rindt-McDuff Associates, Inc.) updated the Council on the bid that was received from Maxwell Development. Mr. Washington's recommendation is for the Council to accept this bid. Mr. Herold asked if the bid included the cost to install the controls and instrumentation. Mr. Washington stated that it did cover SCADA equipment. Also noted by Mr. Herold that the budgeted amount for the new Lab Building was initially \$250,000 and has grown by \$100,000. Mr. Washington pointed out that the original 'footprint' had increased based on needs presented by Jimmy Dean, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent. Mr. Pritchett requested that Mr. Washington contact Maxwell Development and lock in the bid until the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 voting session instead of expiring by September 10, 2005. Mr. Washington said he would contact Maxwell Development and request they lock in their price until the next council meeting.

- C. GA Dept. of Community Affairs – Main Street / Better Hometown Status. Mayor Puckette informed Council that he had been in touch with Mr. Joel Cordle, Regional Downtown Representative. This is not a critical issue and the City's status can be changed from inactive to active easily. Mr. Pritchett suggested that the City start advertising for the Better Hometown Manager's position. Mayor Puckette will proceed with this.
- D. E-mail from John Washington to the City Manager regarding Grants. Mr. Washington informed the Mayor and Council that the new company he is currently employed with has their own Grant writing group. Mr. Washington asked the Council if a representative from Rindt-McDuff Associates, a Mr. Fred Hawkins, could meet with the Council and explain this in further detail.
- E. Watershed Protection Plan. Mr. Riker informed the Council that Mr. Washington could complete this plan quickly. All that was needed was the approval of the Council.

**PLANNING, ZONING, AND ANNEXATION ISSUES:**

- A. Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Riker updated the Council as well as informing them of the meeting dates that were coming up. Mr. Riker also mentioned that the City was doing a mass mailing informing every property owner of the schedule.
- B. TE Grant – Mr. Riker ??????
- C. Hazard Mitigation Plan – GA Mountain RDC. Mr. Riker explained that he had received a letter that needed the City to respond to; a list of items to be clarified. The council requested that Mr. Riker address the issues presented by the GA Mountain RDC.
- D. GA DOT e-mail from Mr. Kelvin Mullins – Resurfacing LARP. The DOT called looking for a list of streets the City would like to get resurfaced with State assistance. Mayor Puckette took down a list of street names from the Council and will contact Mr. Mullins on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- E. WilWatt Properties. Mr. Riker explained that he had been informed by WilWatt properties that due to insufficient water pressure for fire protection, they had to tie into the Gainesville Water system. This has cost them considerable monies up to this point. They had paid the City of Flowery Branch Sewer and Water Tap on fees and are looking for some sort of restitution for the expense associated with having to use Gainesville Water. This will be discussed at the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Voting Session.
- F. City to choose a new Engineering Firm. This is to be discussed at the next Voting Session scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY:**

- A. Qualcon. City Attorney Ron Bennett reviewed the document received from Ms. Smith from the August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting. Currently the Sprayfield is believed to be owned by the City of Flowery Branch having 1/3<sup>rd</sup> ownership, the City of Oakwood having 1/3<sup>rd</sup> ownership, and Hall County has 1/3<sup>rd</sup> ownership. Mr. Bennett was

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- B. instructed by Council that this would be put on the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting for further direction. Perhaps to get a Title check of the property before anything further is decided. If the Sprayfield is jointly owned then all parties would have to agree on the request from Qualcon.
- C. BB&T – financing for the City's new Police vehicles and Water / Sewer trucks. Mr. Bennett informed the Mayor and Council he had been in touch with the representative from BB&T concerning modifications that are needed to the Lease/Purchase Agreement. BB&T reported they have no issues with the changes being recommended. Mr. Bennett will write up the document and proceed on the City's behalf.

7: 28 PM A motion made by Mr. Herold to recess the Work Session and enter into Executive Session.. Motion seconded by Jim Worl. Motion carried unanimously.

8:27 PM A motion was made by Mr. Herold to exit out of Executive Session.

8:42 PM A motion by Mr. Herold to go into the Open Work Session, Motion seconded by Mr. Worl. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

8:45 PM A motion was made by Mr. Pritchett to adjourn the Work Session. Motion was second by Mr. Worl. Motion carried unanimously.

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Interim city Clerk

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Date Approved

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Mayor ProTem