



CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
Wednesday July 15, 2009
9:30 A.M.



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hirling called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Diane Hirling and Council Members Allen Bryans, Pat Zalewski, Craig Lutz, Mary Jones and Chris Fetterman. Also in attendance were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk Melissa McCain, City Planner James Riker and City Attorney Richard Carothers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Hirling led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion – Refuse Removal options

Manager Andrew reviewed options for refuse removal in the City.

Councilman Lutz suggested allowing red Oak Sanitation to have an exclusive franchise and handle all the billing and customer service. Modification of the ordinance and contract renegotiations will need to occur to accomplish this.

Councilman Fetterman suggested that the City turn all refuse removal over to Red Oak Sanitation as an exclusive franchise and to further negotiate a franchise fee of three percent (3%).

Further, Councilman Fetterman suggested that Red Oak also consider taking over the yard waste pick up as well as bulk pick up.

Councilmember Jones expressed concerns with the price of service increasing due to the choice of residents to not take the service.

Councilman Fetterman advised that after working the numbers, the City and Red Oak will come out ahead if the fee remained at \$12.00 a month.

Councilman Lutz suggested setting the rate in the franchise agreement.

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Councilman Bryans inquired if Hall County would begin charging all the Flowery Branch residents the fifty dollars (\$50.00) non-residents get charged for the compactor site

Manager Andrew advised that it was unknown what Hall County will do.

There was direction from the Council for staff to meet with Hall County and Red Oak Sanitation and discuss the possibilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion – July 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes

There were no questions or comments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Planner

No report

City Manager Report

Manager Andrew reviewed a letter received from the State indicating that the Local Assistance Grant Program is being initiated and the City can apply for funding of the resurfacing of some of the roadway in Flowery Branch that need repaving.

There was a consensus of the Council to consider applying for grant monies for Church Street near Tanner Street, Mooney Street and Valley Forge Drive.

Planner Riker suggested postponing Mooney Street until the CUP applicant finished his work on the duplex building and the curb and gutter he is required to install.

Manager Andrew advised that there is also a grant available to the City in the amount of \$40,000. The Police Department is anticipating using these funds to acquire ten (10) laptop computers for the installation into each squad car. And next year anticipate hooking those installed computers into the police network.

Councilman Lutz suggested leasing the computers as if purchased would need to be on a capitol replacement schedule. Further is the computers were leased the Police Department could save the money and hook up to the Police System at the same time as installation of the computers as opposed to waiting a year or more to get connected.

Manager Andrew to research but stated a vote was needed to allow the Mayor to sign the grant and accept the monies.

Manager Andrew further noted that the annual fee for connection to the data base could be paid for out of seizure funds collected.

Manager Andrew informed the Council that August 5th the meeting would begin at the new well with the unveiling of Annie Duke Lane at 9:00 am. The Council Meeting will take place at 10:00 am.

City Clerk Report

Clerk McCain handed out a rough draft of the alcoholic beverage ordinance for the Council to review. Clerk McCain further advised that a first reading could take place as early as August 5th and a second read August 19th. Completing this will be the last item to pass to move forward with the municode.

Clerk McCain further informed the Council that staff was going to begin auditing employees of the local business for compliance with Ordinance 118 and amendments.

Council Report

Mayor Hirling reported that George Wangemann was planning to bring a team to Flowery Branch to clean up the area on August 22. Mayor Hirling further advised that she informed them the City would supply water for the event.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Hirling adjourned the Work Session at 10:29 am.



CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Council Meeting Agenda
Voting Session
Wednesday July 15, 2009
Immediately following Work Session



OPEN VOTING SESSION:

Mayor Hirling opened the Voting Session at 10:30 am.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- July 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- Authorization for the Mayor to execute the grant offered to the Flowery Branch Police Department in the amount of \$40,000.
- Authorize the Mayor to sign the paper work for the LARP Grant application

There was a motion made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION: Allen Bryans
SECOND: Chris Fetterman
AYES: Pat Zalewski, Allen Bryans, Craig Lutz, Mary Jones and Chris Fetterman
NAYES: None
Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 am

MOTION: Pat Zalewski
SECOND: Chris Fetterman
AYES: Mary Jones, Craig Lutz, Allen Bryans, Pat Zalewski and Chris Fetterman.
NAYES: None
Motion carried