

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
February 4, 2014
7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Don Hayes, Faye Godwin, John Taylor and Claire Williams. Absent was Richard Schmidt. Mayor Reed declared that a quorum was present. Also present was the City Attorney Mr. Lindsey. Mayor Reed led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administer Oath of Office to Elected Officials *(deleted from agenda)*

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Godwin, seconded by Mr. Hayes, and unanimously adopted to approve the amended agenda for the meeting omitting Administer Oath of Office to Elected Officials.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014
A motion was made by Ms. Williams to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 14, 2014 and Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

1. Arbor Day Proclamation
Mayor Reed read the proclamation to name February 22, 2014 for the Chattahoochee Hills Arbor Day celebration which will take place at 9:00 a.m. at the GATEway (corner of Rivertown Road and South Fulton Parkway).

Public Hearing

1. **Item 14-658:** V13-001 – A request by Charlie and Leslie Hatcher of 7955 Cochran Mill Road to obtain a variance on the placement of a barn as described in Zoning Ordinance Sections 4.8.1 (Horses) and 5.1.3.I (Minimum Accessory Structure Requirements), to allow a barn to be constructed in the front yard, approximately 860 feet from the roadway.
Mayor Reed opened the Public Hearing. Mr. Lindsey read the procedures for the hearing.

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Applicant Charlie Hatcher explained he is currently building a house on Cochran Mill Road and gave a description of the site and placement of the house and barn with a riding ring between the two buildings. He noted that the barn would be 600 feet from the road, rather than the 860 feet stated on the original application for variance.

Dian Wilson, 8130 Cochran Mill Road, spoke in favor of the variance, stating that the house next door to her had a barn in front of the home and it is very picturesque and adds character to the area.

Kenneth Sockwell, whose parents live close to the property, stated there is a history of drainage problems with the street dating from the 1970's when the County installed a 30" culvert under the road and feels the City should try to correct the problem. He presented pictures of his parents' front yard during rain events over the years.

Mayor Reed closed the Public Hearing.

Unfinished Business (None scheduled)

New Business

1. **Item 14-658:** Consideration of V13-001 - A request by Charlie and Leslie Hatcher of 7955 Cochran Mill Road to obtain a variance on the placement of a barn as described in Zoning Ordinance Sections 4.8.1 (Horses) and 5.1.3.I (Minimum Accessory Structure Requirements), to allow a barn to be constructed in the front yard, approximately 860 feet from the roadway. (2nd read)

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the variance, to allow a barn to be constructed in the front yard, approximately 600 feet from the roadway and Ms. Williams seconded the motion.

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Sockwell if the barn was causing the drainage problem and Mr. Sockwell answered that the barn was not the problem however the lay of the land was an issue.

Mayor Reed noted that the proposed zoning revisions will allow for a barn to be in front of a home.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Alan Merrill, 560 Tabb Way, gave examples of damage done to natural habitats by man-made improvements and cautioned the elected officials to keep in mind unintended consequences of regulations regarding trees and clearing as they establish policy.

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Mayor and Council Comments

Ms. Godwin thanked the employees that worked during the snow.

Mayor Reed expressed appreciation for the communication with the community over Facebook and Nixle regarding road conditions during the storm. He announced that the Planning Commission has been meeting for workshops each week to work on the zoning ordinance. He thanked the Park Commission and Maribeth Wansley for the research and work that has gone into replacing the playground at Cochran Mill Park. The Tree Board has been working on a revision of the tree ordinance. The Mayor recognized Kyle Jones for the good work he has done getting the budget information together for the retreat.

Staff Reports

Chief Rook invited everyone to the dedication of the Lt. Mike Vogt Memorial Scenic Byway on February 15th at 4:00 at the corner of South Fulton Parkway and Campbellton Redwine Road. A spaghetti dinner at City Hall will follow. He thanked Officers Purcell, Lipham, Bass, Downs and Hamlin for serving during the snow storm and staying on duty around the clock. There were only two (2) wrecks during the storm.

Chief Lyle reported that no fewer than six (6) firefighters were on duty at all times during the ice storm with many volunteering their time. There was only one (1) call during the storm. Ed Cline, who will be retiring, was called forward and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service at the station.

Mike Morton announced that a draft of the subdivision regulations should be ready for review soon.

Kyle Jones announced a retreat for the elected officials to discuss the budget on February 10th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Adjourn Meeting

Ms. Godwin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

These minutes are provided as a convenience and service to the public, media, and staff. It is not the intent to transcribe proceedings verbatim. Any reproduction of this summary must include this notice. Public comments are noted and heard by Council, but not quoted. This is an official record of the City of Chattahoochee Hills City Council Meeting proceedings.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Cynthia Hanson, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor

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