

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia
August 5, 2014
7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Don Hayes, Richard Schmidt, John Taylor and Claire Williams. Faye Godwin was absent. 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.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Schmidt to approve the agenda with two (2) items removed (Dr. Chris Edens Proclamation, Ordinance No. 14-09-124: Zoning Ordinance) and one (1) item added (Consideration of School Zone Speed Limit on Rivertown Road). Mr. Hayes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2014
2. Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of July 15, 2014
A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 3, 2014 and the Special Called Meeting of July 15, 2014 correcting the millage rate to 10.958. Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

1. Tom Blum Proclamation
Mayor Reed called Tom Blum forward and read the proclamation thanking him for his years of volunteer service.
2. Dr. Chris Edens Proclamation
Removed from agenda
3. Chattahoochee Hills Safe Dig Day Proclamation
Mayor Reed read the proclamation designating August 11th as Chattahoochee Hills Safe Dig Day to promote the 811 Call Before You Dig hotline.

Public Hearing

1. **Item 14-686:** Variance V14-002, Public Hearing and Action for the purpose considering a request for variance from David Brooks for his property located at 9960 Woodruff Road to reduce the Minimum Side Yard in the AG-1 district, as defined in Section 5.1.3.C of the Zoning Ordinance, from 25 feet to 15 feet. *Mayor Reed opened the Public Hearing and Mr. Lindsey read the guidelines that would be followed during the hearing.*

Contractor Matt Eskew represented Mr. Brooks and presented photos of the site showing a problem with the grade of the land causing the need to reduce the setback.

There were no public comments in favor or opposing the variance.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve Variance V14-002 and Ms. Williams seconded. City Planner Mike Morton recommended approval as the request met both tests for a variance. The owner of the neighboring property, Delta Credit Union, had been contacted and filed no objection. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business (none scheduled)

New Business

1. **Item 14-687:** Ordinance No. 14-09-124, Zoning Ordinance (1st read) *(Removed from agenda)*
2. **Item 14-687:** Consideration of School Zone Speed Limit on Rivertown Road *(Added to agenda)*
Chief Rook recommended dropping the speed limit in front of the Chattahoochee Hills Charter School to 25 mph between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. No left turns will be allowed entering or exiting the school during these hours.

Ms. Williams made a motion to approve Item 14-687 and Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Mayor and Council Comments

Mr. Taylor reported that the 4th of July Celebration at Hutcheson Ferry Park was a success and he thanked all the volunteers.

Mr. Schmidt asked that everyone keep Kenny Smith and his family in their prayers with the loss of his brother.

Mayor Reed reported great progress on the construction of the charter school and expressed thanks to those that have given their time to the project.

Staff Reports

Chief Brett reported that Palmetto has had a reduction in employees in the Fire Department so there may be more mutual aid calls. He has been working with Principal Webb of the charter school regarding service and response to the site. Chief Brett commended the Fire Fighters for working on the new apparatus and getting it ready for service. The department will be receiving a thermal imaging camera from Newnan.

Chief Rook reported on a break-in and the recovery of the stolen items. He also reported the recovery of three (3) stolen cars in one (1) night. Lost hikers were found in Cochran Mill Park thanks to team work between the Fire Department, Police Department and volunteer Ted Wansley.

Executive Session

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to go into Executive Session and Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discussion of Personnel Item

Mr. Taylor made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Ms. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to reconvene the Council Meeting and Ms. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn Meeting

Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Approved this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Cynthia Hanson, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor

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