
MINUTES
HIAWASSEE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 7, 2016 MEETING

TO: MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, & INTERESTED PARTIES

The Hiawassee City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Barbara Mathis called the meeting to order.

The following council members were present: Mayor Barbara Mathis, Jay Chastain, Jr., Kris Berrong, Liz Ordiales, Anne Mitchell. Staff present was Cenlya Galloway, Clerk, Rick Stancil, City Manager, Arvel Walls, Chief, and Tracy James. A quorum of the Council was present.

FINAL AGENDA ITEMS.

Adoption of Final Agenda, Public Comments & Announcements.

1. Adoption of Final Agenda as Distributed [Adoption Presumed unless a Council Member requests Additional/Deletion].

Upon Motion made by Jay Chastain, Jr. and seconded by Liz Ordiales the Motion was adopted unanimously.

2. Mayor's Announcements.

Barbara has asked the council to consider the City making a \$500.00 donation To Georgia Mountain Fair Grounds for Fireworks.

They were all in agreement.

3. Standing Motions.

- a. Motion to Adopt Minutes of the May 3, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

Upon Motion made by Anne Mitchell and seconded by Jay Chastain, Jr. the Motion was adopted unanimously.

- b. Motion to Adopt and Approve the February, March, and April 2016 Financial Reports.

The Council wanted to hold these until they have time to study them.

- c. Motion to Adopt and Approve the City Manager's Report 2016 Financial Statements.

Upon Motion approved by Jay Chastain Jr., and seconded by Liz Ordiales and Adopted unanimously.

Department Reports.

- a. Arvel Walls, Chief

The chief did a small report on how well the police department is doing with citations, misc. reports, and how many calls they have answered. See attached report.

- b. Fletcher Holliday – EMI

Fletcher Holiday, EMI, reported on the City of Hiawassee Waste Water Treatment Facility. Engineering Management, Inc. (EMI), has been involved in the operations of the City's wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) for approximately six months. Fletcher reported that during this time period there have been a lot of improvements at the WWTF under the direction of EMI. Attached is a report listing of recommendations and results of the progress at the WWTF during these six month.

Council Presentations – None

Reports.

- a. 2016 Mayor's update to the Hiawassee Five Year Capital Projects Plan.

The Mayor asked the Council if they had any suggestions to add to this Project Plan.

- b. Budget Hearing Report.

The Council is still waiting for a report from the CPA's.

- c. TCSWA Wholesale Water Agreement Report.

City Manager, Rick Stencil will be meeting with Eddy Corn, Attorney for TCSWA to discuss A Five year agreement.

- d. FEMA Update.

Rick Stancil is still waiting to hear from Christopher Nelson with FEMA.

e. Mayor's Park, DNR Sub Easement & Maintenance Agreement.

City will be responsible for the entrance, DNR will maintain boat launch.

f. Utility Meters Replacement Program (loan & grant & Splost).

Rick Stancil, City Manager, requested \$400,000.00, but wants to increase the amount to \$450,000.00 if GEFA will forgive 40%.

g. Need for the Water Plant, 3rd Filter.

The need for this 3rd Filter is in the event that the filter goes down now we have no back up and the whole plant would have to be shut down.

h. City Referendums on Alcohol.

A resolution by the city council for the city of Hiawassee, Georgia, to call for a referendum election for the purpose of determining whether or not the powers authorized by official code of Georgia annotated sections 3-4-90 and 3-4-92 shall be exercised in order to allow the governing authority of the city of Hiawassee to authorize the issuance of licenses for sale of distilled spirits by the drink with such sales to be for consumption only on the premises; to establish and set the date and time of the Special Election referendum; to provide for the appointment of election officials, including the elections superintendent, the chief registrar, the absentee ballot clerk, the custodian of voting machines, the chief poll manager, the assistant poll managers, and the deputy registrar; to provide for the last date of voter registration; and for other purposes.

i. City Special Election.

David Syfan, Special City Attorney, presented an ordinance providing for the 2016 special election for the city of Hiawassee, Georgia. The Ordinance additionally set the date and time of the 2016 special election for one council seat upon the city council of the city of Hiawassee, Georgia; to provide for the qualifying fees for said positions; to provide for the opening and closing of the qualifying period for said positions; to provide for the appointment of election officials, including the election superintendent, the chief registrar, the absentee ballot clerk, the custodian of voting machines, the chief poll manager, the assistant poll managers, and the deputy registrar; to provide for the last date of voter registration; and for other purposes.

j. Update on Post Office Crosswalk Permit.

Permit has been issued to the City Of Hiawassee and the city is now accepting bids.

- k. Update on Hiawassee Crosswalk Study.

This project is getting near completion here on the square and the one at McDonald's is on Schedule but not a completion date for this one at this time.

- l. Vinson Institute Report on Employee Classification and Compensation.

The Meeting for this will be on June 20, 2016 @ 4:30 p.m.

New Business.

- a. Dedication Ceremony for Nutrient Reduction Facility at Sewer Plant.

The Dedication Ceremony will be held on July 21, 2016 @ 2:00 pm.

- b. Council Retreat, UGA Proposal.

The Council is looking @ December 2-3 2016 and not sure where it will be held At this time.

Discussion of proposed Motions, Resolutions and Ordinances.

- a. Motion to Approve Second Reading and Adoption of the 2015-16 Budget.

The Council wants to hold until next month.

- b. Motion to Approve Second Reading and Adoption of the Proposed 2016-17 Budget.

The Council wants to hold until next month.

- c. Resolution for the operation and maintenance of a boat ramp to be constructed by the Department of Natural Resources.

Upon Motion made by Liz Ordiales and seconded by Jay Chastain Jr., the Council voted Unanimously.

- d. Resolution requesting term limits in Hiawassee Charter.

Anne Mitchell, Liz Ordiales, and Kris Berrong all in favor, Jay Chastain, Jr. voted NO.

City Engineer's Report.

Available for Council Questions.

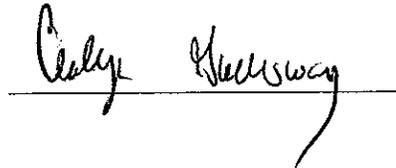
City Manager's Report.

Available for Council Questions.

Motion to Adjourn.

Upon Motion made by Jay Chastain, Jr. and seconded by Anne Mitchell the Council Adopted unanimously.

Cenlya Galloway, City Clerk

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Barbara Mathis, Mayor

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