

Minutes  
October 2, 2012

The City of Hiawassee met at a regular Council meeting October 2, 2012, at City Hall, at 4:00pm. Present were Mayor Barbara Mathis, Wylene White, City Clerk, Rick Stancil, City Manager, Jimmy Wright, Police Chief and Lewis Baxter, Police Officer. Council members Junior Chastain, Janet Allen, Pat Smith, Joan Crothers and Stephen Smith.

Mayor Mathis called the meeting to order at 4:10pm and welcomed Litigation Attorney David Barrett, Scarlett Fuller with the Hiawassee River Watershed Coalition and staff for the Towns County Herald, Libby & Reggie Shook, Jon Thomas, the City's web page designer.

Mayor Mathis announced that Halloween on the Square would be held on Saturday October 27, 2012. The "Jeepers" will participate like last year. We expect more than 50 Jeeps to be parked around the Square.

Bill Warman donated a 137lb. Pumpkin for Halloween on the Square. The Mayor commended the Water Department for doing a good job.

Betty Irvin has contacted the Mayor for the City's support for a special needs group home.

Scarlett Fuller made a brief report on the Lake Chatuge Clean up scheduled for November 10, 2012 and asked for the City's support.

Jimmy Wright announced that "Shop with a Cop" will be held on the last school day in December.

The Mayor read a letter of commendation from the Mayor and Council to Officer Lewis Baxter for his hard work leading to the City's receiving a \$10,000.00 Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Junior made a motion to adopt the September 4, 2012 Minutes, seconded by Stephen with all in favor.

Joan made a motion to adopt and approve the July 2012 Financial Statements (August Financial Statements in Council folders), seconded by Stephen with all in favor.

Junior made a motion to adopt the City Manager's October 2012 Written Report, seconded by Pat with all in favor

Rick reported that all items in the USDA Letter of Conditions had been provided to USDA. He has also spoken with Bond Counsel on revision to the Bond Ordinance. We are moving to attempt to close by the end of the year to avoid any renewal of the Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN).

The 2012 Water & Sewer Improvements Projects was reported by the City Engineer in the October 2012 City Committee meeting. We are on schedule for the 2012 improvements including the new School Water tank and new Water Intake at the Water Treatment Plant.

Rick reported that we are ahead of schedule with the renovations to the old Bank Building on the Square. The greatest concern currently is the manufacture and delivery of the ADA compliant elevator.

Stephen made a motion for the Resolution designating the City Manager as the Hiawassee Open Records Office, seconded by Janet with all in favor.

Junior made a motion to adopt the 2012 Ordinance regarding renewal of approved Speed Detection Devices, Zones and Roadways, seconded by Stephen with all in favor.

Joan made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive a briefing from Litigation Attorney, David

Barrett, and discuss legal strategy, seconded by Junior with all in favor.

Councilman Junior Chastain, who was on-call for the Towns County Emergency Management, received a call and departed the meeting. A quorum of the Council remained.

Stephen made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Joan with all in favor. The Council returned to the Public Meeting.

No further business was brought up at this time. Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

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Wylene White, City Clerk

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Barbara Mathis, Mayor