

Minutes
May 7, 2013

The City of Hiawassee met at a regular Council meeting May 7, 2013, at City Hall, at 4:00pm. Present were Mayor Barbara Mathis, Wylene White, City Clerk, Rick Stancil, City Manager, Don Baker, City Engineer and Arvel Walls, City Police.

Guest were Libby and Reggie Shook, Towns County Herald, Julie Payne and Tony Stancil, Park Sterling Bank.

The Mayor called the meeting to order with Adoption of the Final Agenda. She welcomed all guests to the meeting.

Mayor Mathis expressed appreciation for the many people who volunteered and donated to the Cleanup Hiawassee Campaign on Saturday.

Tony Stancil, President, and Julie Payne, Hiawassee Branch Manager, Park Sterling Bank updated the Council on the positive status of the Bank and their desire to remain a vital and growing part of the community. Tony cited impressive statistics regarding deposits in Hiawassee and Young Harris.

Councilman Stephen Smith reported on the positive results of the First Cleanup Hiawassee Campaign which was a part of Earth Day Celebrations.

Junior made a motion to adopt the April 2, 2013 Council Minutes, seconded by Stephen with all in favor.

Junior made a motion to adopt and approve the February 2013 Financial Statements (March Financial Statements in Council Folders), seconded by Joan with all in favor.

Stephen made a motion to adopt the City Manager's May 2013 Written Report, seconded by Junior with all in favor.

Junior made a motion for the Resolution to toll the Annual Inflation Adjustment under the 2013 Comprehensive Rate Ordinance, seconded by Stephen with all in favor.

Junior made a motion for the Resolution Designating the Hiawassee City Manager to represent the City at the 2013 Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Annual Meeting, seconded by Pat with all in favor.

Rick reported on the 2013 USDA Bond Validation. The Validation Hearing on 2013 USDA Bond was successful held last Friday. The City Attorney and the Assistant District Attorney did an outstanding job and Judge Gunter signed the Validation Order. The Bond Hearing Transcript was forwarded to Bond Council the following Monday. Since that time, the Transcript has been reviewed and all necessary items provided to USDA. The City Manager received an email prior to the Council meeting from USDA that a Bond Closing and Construction Conference would be scheduled at the end of May 2013.

The City Manger and City Engineer met with representatives of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to review the School Forcemain Project previously completed by the City. The ARC had provided \$300,000.00 in funding towards this project. They seem pleased with the results. The Manager and Engineer are providing additional information regarding the footage of sewer line installed and the total number of jobs created as a result of the project. The ARC was especially impressed with the Season's Doctor Complex and the Georgia Baptist Project. They additionally ask questions regarding the 2013 Water and Sewer Improvements Project which will be bid this year. ARC has committed an additional \$300,000.00 in funding towards this project.

Don Baker made additional comments regarding the USDA including update on estimated construction

conferences and funding.

Don updated the Council regarding possible bid schedules and timing of construction. He expressed his concerns regarding the TVA reduction of lake levels for bridge construction and effects on water production.

The Council asked several questions relating to lake levels, water quality issues and timing of withdrawals.

Stephen made a motion for the Resolution expressing support for The Apartments Project on Mining Gap Road and supporting its Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, seconded by Junior with all in favor.

Junior made a motion for the Resolution authorizing Mayor to cast the City of Hiawassee Ballot for the 2013-2014 nominated slate of officers for Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) District Two, seconded by Pat with all in favor.

Stephen made a motion for the First Reading of the 2013 Hiawassee Nuisance, seconded by Joan. The 2013 Hiawassee Nuisance Ordinance failed to receive a majority. The votes were two (2) in favor, two (2) abstentions and one (1) opposed.

No further business was brought up at this time. Junior made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stephen with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

Wylene White, City Clerk

Barbara Mathis, Mayor