

Hiawassee Mayor and Council hold Dedication Ceremonies for The Hiawassee City Hall

The City of Hiawassee held a Dedication Ceremony on April 2, 2013 for the new Hiawassee City Hall located at 50 River Street on the Town Square. The City Hall is located at the site of the original Bank of Hiawassee site and has been renovated to meet the public's needs. The building includes all city administrative offices, the City Police Station and space for training and community activities. The project is a vital component to Hiawassee's Downtown Development efforts.

The Dedication Ceremony began at 12:00 noon with remarks by the Mayor, Council members and guests. More than thirty guests participated with food and refreshments being served. Visitors came throughout the day with tours being conducted from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm. The monthly City Council meeting was then held at 4:00pm to complete an exciting day.

Mayor Barbara Mathis expressed her appreciation to those attending. "Thank you to all the former council members who helped make this day possible" stated the Mayor, "and to the residents of the City who have paid their taxes these many years so that we were in the financial position to purchase this building. This has long been a dream for the City Hall to be located on our Square."

"This Building is the heart of Hiawassee and is the source of many good memories for the people of this town" stated Rick Stancil, City Manager. "The dedication plaque reads "Dedicated to the People of Hiawassee as our Legacy to Future Generations". The Mayor and Council should be commended for their acquisition and renovation of this important landmark and preserving it for our children."

A Special Invocation was given by Reverend Harold Ledford of Macedonia Baptist Church. The Current Hiawassee Council expressed their satisfaction with the renovations and gave praise to all involved with the building design and workmanship. Council members remained present to give tours and answer question from the public. It was a wonderful day for the City.

The Mayor and Council especially wishes to thank our County Officials who attended - including Commissioner Bill Kendall, the staff of Probate Judge David Rogers, our Emergency Management Personnel, Rickey Mathis and others. We express our appreciation to staff of our Congressman, Doug Collins, and U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss for attending and making remarks. We thank the many local business and community leaders who attended including Rick Martin and Tina Denton of United Community Bank, Rebecca King, Mountain Valley Community Bank, Toney Stancil and Tony Dyer of Park Sterling, and Eddy Corn of Tittle & Corn LLC. The City especially extends its appreciation to our General Contractor, Chad Winkler, and Alec Therrel of Mountain Graphics for our signage and dedication plaque.

For further information, please contact Barbara Mathis, Mayor, or Rick Stancil, City Manager, at 706-896-2202.