

MINUTES
Council Meeting
January 7, 2019
City of Palmetto

PRESENT: Mayor J. Clark Boddie, Councilmembers Michael Arnold, Tara Miller, Laura Mullis, Larry Parrott, Nathan Slaton, Patty Willey

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Henry Argo, Fire Chief
Randy Mundy, Chief of Police
Bryan Hergesell, Interim Chief of Police
Dennis Davenport, City Attorney
Cindy Hanson, City Clerk
Tyler McSwain, Planning Consultant

COUNCIL MEETING

- 1) **Call to Order** *by Mayor Boddie*
- 2) **Invocation** *given by Chief Mundy*
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** *led by Chief Argo*
- 4) **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. **Work Session – November 29, 2018**
 - b. **Council Meeting – December 3, 2018**

***Motion and action:** Mullis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Willey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

- 5) **PUBLIC HEARING** – To consider the proposal of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to close the Harper Street railroad crossing and widen Cobb Street from 200 feet south of the Harper Street railroad crossing to Vine Street.

Dave Biers, GDOT – Origin of project is due to two tragic crashes at the crossing. There is no room to install crossing arms without redirecting Cobb Street. Cobb Street to the south is too narrow for two lane traffic. The proposal is to close Harper Street crossing, and improve Cobb Street between Vine Street and Cobb Street by widening it to 22 feet, with curb and gutter, and a grass shoulder. The radius at the corners turning from Vine Street to Cobb Street, and Cobb Street to Harper Street will be increased for turning ease. ROW acquisition

and utilities to be moved at the City's expense. GDOT will be responsible for all engineering and construction. Trains will no longer need to sound the horn until 1000 feet before Vine Street.

L N Manchi, Moreland Altobelli – All public comment will be taken into consideration for the environmental document as the project moves forward. The money is in the next fiscal year for the project which starts July 1, 2019.

Public Comment:

None

Council:

Arnold – Will there be a guard rail at the drop off?

Manchi – Yes

Motion and action: *Mullis made a motion to close the Harper Street railroad crossing, and Willey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

- 6) PUBLIC HEARING** – to consider the request of Angie P. Mitchell and William Ray Milam to rezone property on 8395 Tatum Road and 0 Tatum Road from the present zoning RR (Rural Residential District) to M-1(Light Industrial District).

Zoning Application No: 2018003

The property is +/- 4.29 acres on Tatum Road (parcel numbers 07 300001010437 and 07 300001010445) located in Fulton County, Palmetto, Georgia 30268.

Parrott – Abstaining from the discussion and vote.

Davenport – Noted that although it is allowable for Parrott to abstain, the law states only immediate family members or owners of the property have to abstain.

Matthew Tucker, attorney for Ms. Mitchell – Would like to ask for 30 day continuance

Motion and action: *Willey made a motion to table the public hearing until March 4, 2019. Arnold seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

- 7) PUBLIC HEARING** – to consider the request of Angie P. Mitchell, agent to Louise H Flynt, to rezone property on 8525 Tatum Road from the present zoning RR (Rural Residential District) to M-1(Light Industrial District).

Zoning Application No: 2018004

The property is +/- 26.29 acres on Tatum Road (parcel number 07 370001250283) located in Fulton County, Palmetto, Georgia 30268.

Matthew Tucker, attorney for Ms. Mitchell – Would like to ask for 30 day continuance

Motion and action: *Slaton made a motion to table the public hearing until March 4, 2019. Willey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

- 8) PUBLIC HEARING** – to consider the request of the MBWR, Inc. to rezone the below property to “M-1” Light Industrial and annex same into the city limits of the City of Palmetto. The said tract contains +/-1.19 acres.

Parcel ID 129 7128 001A – Corner of Collinsworth Road and Interstate 85

This properties are located in land lot 63 of the 7th land district of Coweta County, Georgia.

Currently zoned Rural Conservation in the County

McSwain – Currently zoned Rural Conservation in the County

Public Comment: *none*

Motion and action: *Parrott made a motion to annex the parcel into the City. Slaton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.*

Motion and action: *Willey made a motion to rezone the parcel to M-1 Light Industrial. Parrott seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.*

9) Mayor’s Appointments

Motion and action:

Mayor Boddie nominated Russell Ross as Municipal Court Judge, and J. Clay Collins as Assistant Court Judge. Parrott seconded the motion. It passed with a unanimous vote.

Parrott nominated Laura Mullis as Mayor Pro Tem. Willey seconded the motion. It passed with a unanimous vote.

Mullis nominated Cindy Hanson as City Clerk. Parrott seconded the motion. It passed with a unanimous vote.

Parrott nominated McNally, Fox, Grant, and Davenport as City Attorney. Slaton seconded the motion. It passed with a unanimous vote.

Slaton nominated The Collaborative Firm as City Planner. Willey seconded the motion. It passed with a unanimous vote.

Willey nominated The South Fulton Neighbor, Newnan Times-Herald, and the Fulton Daily Report (as needed) as Legal Organs. Arnold seconded the motion. It passed with a unanimous vote.

Willey nominated Laura Mullis to the Water Authority. Slaton seconded the motion. It passed with a unanimous vote.

Slaton nominated John L. Farr to the Jail Authority. Parrott seconded the motion. It passed with a unanimous vote.

10) Approval of 2019 Council Meeting Schedule

Motion and action: *Willey made a motion to approve the schedule for 2019. Slaton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.*

11) Set qualifying fee for the position of Mayor - \$90.00 and Council- \$45.00 for the City's November 2019 General Election. Said fee is three percent (3%) of annual salary.

Motion and action: *Parrott made a motion to approve the qualifying fees as presented. Slaton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.*

12) Approval of 2019 800MHz Digital Radio System Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County

Motion and action: *Mullis made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Parrott seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.*

13) Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor – Thanks to Police Chief Randy Mundy for his service to the City and the outstanding job he has done. Wish him well as he moves on to the Town of Tyrone. Welcome Bryan Hergesell as the Interim Chief.

Parrott – Thanks to Chief Mundy and for bringing the city this far.

Davenport – Thank you for the reappointment

Slaton – Congratulations to Chief Mundy. The warehouse on Tatum Road does not have anything to prevent trucks from turning left to go toward Johnson Road.

Mayor – According to the engineers it isn't possible to build the driveway in a manner that would restrict trucks turning left and going toward Johnson Road.

Slaton – respectfully disagree

Willey – Agree with Slaton. Also, asked for an Executive Session to discuss an employee's salary.

Arnold – Thanks to Chief Mundy. To the residents, Arnold plans to concentrate on transportation in the area of the warehouses. We are also planning to withdraw water from the Chattahoochee and are being proactive regarding treatment of the water. He encouraged citizens to remember the upcoming election.

14) Department Head's Reports and Comments

Hergesell – Gave the monthly report for the Police Department

Argo – Gave the monthly report for the Fire Department

Slaton – Ambulance time is up?

Argo – If the ambulance is canceled it can skew the average response time. They are doing a much better job than the previous provider.

Mayor – Want to address the situation with transportation that Councilmember Arnold brought up. He has brought two proposals before the Council that died for lack of a motion. The City is not planning to direct truck traffic away from the established truck routes.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT – Citizens are allowed to voice City-related requests, concerns, opinions, etc. during the Public Comment portion of the Council meeting. **Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each, and Public Comment will not exceed 30 minutes.**

Scott Cannon, 8010 Johnson Road – Truckers sometimes do not see the sign telling them "no trucks". Suggest more signage to give more warning. Once a GPS tells them to turn, and they have made the turn, there is no way to turn around. Mayor Boddie stated the city will look at additional signage.

Brenda Matthews, 175 Anna Avenue – It is difficult to make the left onto Phipps Road from Fayetteville Road. Mayor stated that improvements are planned for the intersection. The city will install reflectors in the interim.

Brian Hill, 213 Cobb Street – Tractor trailers have been on Cobb Street recently. Suggested LED signs to direct trucks. Also, at the last meeting he attended in July he requested a lit crosswalk on Hwy 29 at Church Street. Mayor Boddie stated that it had been considered and would not be installed.

Willey made a motion to enter executive session for personnel issues. Slaton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

After Executive Session:

Willey made a motion to do a salary study through Atlanta Regional Commission. Slaton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Willey made a motion to raise Bryan Hergesell's pay when he becomes Interim Chief of Police. Mullis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

16) ADJOURNMENT (8:25 p.m.)

Attest:

J. Clark Boddie
Mayor

Cynthia Hanson
City Clerk