

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

October 6, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street,
Carrollton, Georgia

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 2014 in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer, and Councilmember Jim Watters. Members absent: Councilmember Mike Patterson.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Garner.

INVOCATION

Ms. Annie Boykin offered the invocation.

IV. MINUTES (September 8, 2014)

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting as presented. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Patterson absent).

Clerks Note: At this time, Mayor Garner asked for a motion to excuse Councilmember Patterson from the meeting due to his absence. Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to excuse Councilmember Patterson from the meeting. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Patterson absent).

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Jacqueline Dost, 120 Shady Lane, expressed appreciation to Mayor Garner and Assistant City Manager Tim Grizzard for their recent participation in Tanner Health System's healthier community initiative ("Get Healthy, Live Well") for Carroll, Haralson and Heard Counties. Ms. Dost also invited and encouraged the Mayor and Council to join her and others at the Greenbelt Trailhead on Wednesday, October 8th at 7:30 a.m. as they have a "first walk to school" event on the Greenbelt with Carrollton City School students.

Ms. Erica Billings, 208 Chancery Lane, spoke on behalf of the Bristol Lakes community and expressed appreciation to the Mayor, Councilmembers, Police Chief Joel Richards, and other members of the community for their help in cleaning up Bristol Lakes. Ms. Billings stated that the Bristol Lakes residents wanted to continue to keep the area clean and requested that City Codes continue to be heavily enforced.

Ms. Billings inquired to the status of the speed bumps that had been requested at the last meeting. City Manager Casey Coleman responded that the City would have a traffic engineer study the complex and make recommendations as to the standards for the number of speed bumps for the area.

Ms. Billings asked if the City had determined if the water in the adjacent lot was a lake or a retention pond. Assistant City Manager Grizzard responded that the water is actually a lake and on private property. Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised that unfortunately, the City cannot legally require the property owner to fence the lake.

Ms. Billings inquired to the \$10.00 code violation charge that continues to be on Bristol Lake resident's utility accounts. Councilmember Watters advised that he had just been informed that the \$10 charge was posted to the utility bills in error and would be removed prior to the next billing.

Mr. Frank Alford, 170 W. White Street, urged the Mayor and Council to read the two (2) letters to the Times-Georgian Newspaper Editor which were recently published regarding the tragic death of Nizzear Rodriguez.

Cyle Bohannon, 112 Spring Street, invited the Mayor and Council to the Library Board Meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Garner spoke of the Bristol Lakes community and expressed appreciation to the residents for all their efforts in improving Bristol Lakes. Mayor Garner thanked Councilmember Byrd, Councilmember Watters and Police Chief Richards for their response to Bristol Lakes community needs. Mayor Garner stated the Police Department has worked hard the last couple of weeks and have placed 40 individuals in jail, thus making our City safer. Mayor Garner stated that the Mayor and Council have no greater challenge than making the City safe.

Councilmember Byrd expressed appreciation to Councilmember Watters and the Bristol Lakes community for the combined efforts to make the community safe.

VI. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Resolution to Change the Name of Chancery Lane to Nizzear Lane

A Resolution was read by Councilmember Jim Watters to officially change the name of Chancery Lane to Nizzear Lane in honor of the late Nizzear Rodriguez.

2. Resolution 12-2014 – Radio Read Water Meter Project

Assistant City Manager Grizzard reminded the Mayor and Council of the decision years ago to begin replacing meters as they failed with radio read technology. Assistant City Manager Grizzard noted that reading water meters via radio signal greatly enhances the accuracy of the read and significantly reduces the time that it takes to read all of the meters. The City water system currently has approximately 11,000 water meters and has radio read installed on 3,754 of those accounts.

Assistant City Manager Grizzard stated that now was an opportune time to install radio read on the remaining water meters which will enhance the entire billing program accuracy as well as reduce the need for meter reading personnel from three to one.

Assistant City Manager Grizzard reported that nine years ago the City performed a meter accuracy study and determined that meters made by Neptune (purchased from Delta Municipal Supply) would be the best fit. Assistant City Manager Grizzard stated that the City has had excellent service from Delta Municipal Supply and would like to see the remainder of the meters replaced with the same brand of meter (Neptune) and radio read device. Assistant City Manager Grizzard stated that in order to assure that the City was being treated fairly by the equipment supplier, Delta Municipal Supply, the City requested a quote on radio read units and meters from Master Meter which is supplied by Consolidated Pipe & Supply.

Assistant City Manager Grizzard shared the following quotes received on the project:

Delta Municipal Supply (Neptune)

Radio Read Unit - \$136.00 each
Labor to Install - \$17.00 each
Meter and Radio Read Unit - \$177.00
Labor to Install - \$27.00 each

Consolidated Pipe & Supply (Master Meter)

Radio Read Unit - \$128.00 each
Labor to Install - \$35.00 each
Meter and Radio Read Unit - \$174.00
Labor to Install - \$35.00 each

Based on an estimate of 1,500 Meter and Radio Units and 5,614 Radio Read Units only, the total estimated cost of the project using each of the vendors is as follows:

Delta Municipal Supply – \$1,374,756.00
Consolidated Pipe & Supply – \$1,417,826.00

Assistant City Manager Grizzard requested the approval to purchase the meters, radio read units, and installation from Delta Municipal Supply in the amount of \$1,374,756.00.

Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised that there was adequate funding within the Water Fund to pay for this project and noted the Water Fund had a small amount of outstanding debt at 4.1%. Assistant City Manager Grizzard stated that the City had been contemplating refinancing that outstanding debt at a lower interest rate. Assistant City Manager Grizzard noted that Resolution 12-2014 authorizing the purchase of the radio read project also included that the funding may be made via borrowed capital, if the City should decide that it is prudent.

Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Watters to approve Resolution 12-2014: Radio Read Water Meter Project with proceeds from tax exempt financing as present. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Patterson absent).

3. **Annexation and Rezoning Request:
Annex and Rezone 1.99 acres from (County Agricultural) to C-2
(General Commercial)
Property Location: 0 S. Cottage Hill Road
Petitioner: Tanner Medical Center on behalf of JHP Properties
(Supporting documents attached separately)**

Assistant City Manager Tim Grizzard presented to the Mayor and Council for the consideration a request from petitioner Tanner Medical Center on behalf of JHB Properties to annex and rezone 1.99 acres from (County Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial) for property located at 0 S. Cottage Hill Road. Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised the Mayor and Council that the property is located on two lots; the building and its parking lot in the city, and the remainder of the parking lot (around 2 acres) in the County. Tanner Medical Center has advised that they plan to use the property, which includes the parking area that is split into city and county. The proposed annexation and rezoning would correct the matter.

At this time, Mayor Garner opened the Public Hearing to receive citizen input. Those speaking in favor of the proposed rezoning: There were none. Those speaking opposed to the proposed rezoning: There were none. Mayor Garner closed the Public Hearing and inquired as to the wishes of the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to annex and rezone approximately 1.99 acres located at 0 S. Cottage Hill Road from (County Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial). (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Patterson absent).

4. **Homelessness Presentation – Sandy Arp Newell**

Ms. Sandy Arp Newell of the Hands of Hope Organization advised the Mayor and Council of the need for a building for the homeless in Carrollton. Mayor Garner requested that Ms. Newell attend an upcoming meeting at the Methodist Church regarding the issue. Councilmember Byrd advised those in attendance that Ms. Newell has worked hard to provide assistance to the homeless.

5. **GMA Health Participation Agreement and Ordinance**

City Manager Coleman presented the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) Health Participation Agreement and Ordinance for approval and adoption. City Manager Coleman stated the GMA is requesting members of the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefits System (GMEBS) to approve/adopt the documents. The documents contain the final regulations implementing the Affordable Care Act ("ACA") that were released this year. In addition, the agreement supports compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and updates administrative contacts of our group health insurance plan.

City Manager Coleman stated the renewal quote for 2015 included an increase of 5% over current cost and noted that these rates fall within the 2014/2015 budgeted amount for health insurance.

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to approve the Health Insurance Program Ordinance and Participation Agreement with GMA as presented. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Patterson absent).

6. West Carrollton Recreation Center Activities Pavilion

City Manager Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration a request for an activities pavilion to be constructed at the West Carrollton Recreation Center. City Manager Coleman advised that over the past several years, the City of Carrollton has built several pavilions, including; at the rear of the fire station on the by-pass (East side), Lake Carroll, Hobbs Farm Park, and Longview Park, and that all of them are heavily utilized. City Manager Coleman stated that the design of this proposed pavilion is a little different than the others, in that it has a small stage and a kitchen area, along with bathrooms and a gathering area. City Manager Coleman stated that the estimated price for the pavilion is approximately \$300,000.

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Watters to allow the City Manager to move forward with the construction of an activities pavilion at the West Carrollton Recreation Center, as described, at an estimated cost of \$300,000. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Patterson absent).

7. Appointments: Carrollton Main Street Board of Directors

Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Watters, to appoint the following individuals to terms on the Carrollton Main Street Board of Directors: Tom Nielsen, Pam Almon, Dorothy Pittman, Brett Baxley and Chris Duffey. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Patterson absent).

VII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Byrd expressed appreciation to the Carrollton Housing Authority for their assistance in the construction of two new playgrounds. Councilmember Byrd advised that one of the parks was recently named in honor of Nizzear Rodriguez.

Councilmember Byrd also discussed the "Dress for Success" program at Carrollton City Schools and recognized Tristen Thornton, a student at Carrollton Junior High School, for his previous participation in the program. Councilmember Byrd requested support from the Mayor and Council to implement the "Dress for Success" program for the City and County Schools every Wednesday of each week.

Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised the Mayor and Council that title clearance for 17 properties have been obtained and asbestos removal should be complete by October 20th. Assistant City Manager Grizzard stated that the City is moving along and the properties should be gone by the end of the year.

Councilmember Maierhofer stated that MeccaFest will be held October 11th and 12th at the Cultural Arts Center.

Councilmember Watters thanked Mayor Garner for his comments and advised that it is his desire not to have tragedies in the first place.

VIII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mayor Garner adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.