

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Jordan

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:

Ordinances: Amend Title 10 Entitled Schedule of Fees

Finance and Administration Division Manager Tina Wetherford stated the proposed ordinance was for the new water/sewer rates and the fire/sprinkler fee. These fees go into effect January 2013 if approved. The ordinance implements a 3% increase for water and a 3.5% increase for wastewater. The City of Oakwood received notice of the rate changes.

Placed on the July 3, 2012 Council Meeting Agenda

Appropriation Resolution: Public Utilities Department Five –Year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

Finance and Administration Division Manager Tina Wetherford stated the CIP was supported by the recommended rate changes.

Placed on the July 3, 2012 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Project Resolution: FY2013 Water Meter Replacement Project Award of Contract
Project Resolution: FY2013 Automated Meter Reading Project Award of Contract

Civil Engineer Jason Perry stated the department had planned to continue with the replacement project. The proposed resolutions will complete the process to change to automated meter reading. Another 12,000 units would be added through these projects.

Both resolutions placed on the July 3, 2012 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Resolution: Scrap Fire Hydrant Donation to Gainesville Athletic Club

Distribution and Collection System Manager Joey Leverette presented a request from the Booster Club to obtain scrap fire hydrant. He stated there's no issue with releasing the hydrants but the department wants to control where they are going. He showed a picture of how the Booster Club intends to paint them.

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Court Ruling

Assistant Public Utilities Director Don Dye commented on the news that the Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal. The Corp of Engineers has also announced they have the authorization to approve allocations.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

Business Resolution: Adoption of the Economic Opportunity Gateways Urban Redevelopment Plan

Planning Manager Matt Tate stated this document was the same plan that was presented on March 6th with minor changes. Hall County did not adopt the plan due to some changes in the boundary. A public hearing will be held on July 3rd before the Council and Hall County will have a public hearing on July 12th. Assuming both approve the resolution, the plan will move forward to the Department of Community Affairs. It was clarified that the change does not affect any city projects.

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Update: American Legion Pavilion

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this issue serves as follow-up from the last Council Meeting.

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar distributed information and shared some history about the pavilion noting it was a destination area in the past. Georgia Power purchased the property in 1923. Construction of the dam changed the footprint of the area leaving the pavilion and the barbecue hut as the only original structures that remain. She spoke of the uniqueness of the roof structure. Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation designated this area as a place in peril. Earlier this year, the department unsuccessfully applied for a grant to assist with restoration. Staff has explored another approach by pursuing an agreement with the American Legion for a Service Contract structured to require appropriate maintenance/upkeep of the property.

Council Member Bruner expressed a desire for preserving the property.

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon felt there were some members of the community that don't know this location as a recreational area.

There was some discussion about the length of the contract. Staff agreed to revisit this with the American Legion.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Wangemann, City Manager Kip Padgett stated the money would come from the fund balance.

Placed an Appropriation Resolution entitled *American Legion Pavilion Restoration* on the July 3, 2012 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

Public Hearing items for the July 3, 2012 Council Meeting

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon reviewed a zoning application to annex and zone 0.86 acres at 1 Hall Street. There were no public comments. The Planning and Appeals Board voted to approve the request.

City Manager Kip Padgett stated typically when someone request sewer they are required to annex. This situation is not the case. At some point, there is a need for a policy discussion about this.

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CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Open Meetings/Open Records

City Manager Kip Padgett distributed information regarding the rewrite of the Open meetings/Open Records Act.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Figueras

Stated the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Hall of Fame Award bears her name but it serves as a testament to how well Gainesville works for its citizens. Gainesville has presence at GMA. She wants Gainesville to continue to be a trendsetter for other cities and thanked the City for its thoughtfulness.

Council Member Bruner

Commented on her continuance on the Legislative Policy Committee.

Mayor Dunagan

Commented on the recent Main Street Advisory Board Meeting.

Council Member Wangemann

1. Reported Cindy Reed announced her resignation from Keep Hall Beautiful effective August 31st.
2. Commented on a community meeting scheduled for July 24th to address/promote community values. The committee was composed of ministers or their appointees. The intent was to bring the community closer together.

Council Member Hamrick

1. Shared thoughts about the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Convention in regards to efficiently and effectively using everyone's time. He encouraged the City Manager to participate in the newly created City Manager's Group that would meet on a quarterly basis.
2. Reported a request for the Housing Administrator's salary noting the intent was to determine if the salary was comparable to Atlanta Executives referenced in a recent article printed in the Atlanta Journal and Constitution.
3. Commented on a meeting with the engineering company representing Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport (LGMA). They indicated the total economic impact was \$13 million. There are 155 employees at LGMA.
4. Asked when the City's credit rating was last upgraded.
5. Reported he had asked the legislative delegation to reconsider the filing requirements for Ethics Reports to allow them to be filed locally.

CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Annual Convention

City Clerk Denise Jordan provided a brief report on the classes attended at the convention. She specifically referenced the following: Open Meetings/Open Records, Municipal Government, the Ethics Commission and the Clerk's Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation with potential settlements.

Motion to close the meeting to hold an Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate matters at 10:15 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner

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Motion to close the Executive Session and to continue the meeting at 11:14 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mini Government Academy

Council Member Hamrick suggested offering a mini-session comparable to the Bulli Program.

GMA Forum Information

City Manager Kip Padgett commented on the use of Facebook in another community to counter inaccurate stories by the media. The inaccurate article is linked to the Facebook page and sent to those who have befriended the City. Council was excited by the idea.

GMC Update

Assistant City Manager Sheppard stated the news of the Brenau contract has impacted the bookings. Rentals had decreased by 25% which directly impacts all other revenue streams. It looked like monies would be needed from the fund balance, more than originally anticipated.

Keep Hall Beautiful

Council Member Wangemann commented on the hiring of a director for Keep Hall Beautiful and commented on the Selection Committee's thoughts about advertising the position.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:27 AM

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