

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Dunagan, Hamrick, Bruner, Wangemann, Couvillon  
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Figueras  
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Jordan

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

**BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:**

**Keep Hall Beautiful**

Kelly Norman, Executive Director of Keep Hall Beautiful, mentioned some of the annual programs/events including but not limited to the Spring Chicken Festival, America's Recycle Day, Rivers Alive and Arbor Day. She stated they have reduced their budget by 33% while continuing to grow services and productivity. They are working to create an anti-litter campaign that will target cigarette butts, covering truck beds, tire dumping and general litter. Ms. Norman indicated she was requesting the same budget as last year.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Bruner, there was discussion about how to properly dispose of tires.

**Elachee Nature Science Center**

*Tabled for a future meeting.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application**

**Food Mart, 1785 Browns Bridge Road**

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris stated the application was in order.

Placed on the March 4, 2014 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

**Alcohol Fees**

Council Member Hamrick asked about the fee comparison. City Manager Kip Padgett stated Administrative Services was working on it.

**Potential Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance**

Main Street Manager Regina Mansfield stated she had been working with the owner of Growlers on Main in Flowery Branch. He wants to open a second location in downtown Gainesville. The business allows the purchase of beer. The City Marshal had been asked to determine if changes to the alcohol ordinance would be required to allow this type establishment.

Council Member Couvillon commented on Growlers on Main being a brewery and indicated patrons purchase beer that is placed in a sealed container before leaving the establishment. He indicated the ordinance may need to address tasting.

Council asked staff to work with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for presentation at the next Work Session.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:**

**Watershed Update**

Environmental Services Administrator Horace Gee used a power point presentation to assist with providing a watershed update. Highlights from the presentation are noted as follows:

- Photographs will show what drives watershed and stormwater programs
- There's 172.9 miles of stormwater pipe that hasn't been updated as frequently as water/sewer lines.
- The MS4 Permit has new regulations.
- A pond will be placed on the Gainesville Mill property similar to the Midtown area.
- There was discussion of the USACE Project which was supplemented by site photographs.
- There's a need to proactively address aging and/or failing infrastructure.
- Failing infrastructure doesn't allow water to flow properly.
- The City has received a couple of watershed awards, i.e., Watershed Program of the Year from the State of Georgia and Public Education Award of the Year.

Mr. Gee also showed a Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) video.

City Manager Kip Padgett stated there will be further discussion on this subject at the Public Utilities Department Workshop.

**CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:**

City Manager Padgett reminded the Mayor/Council of several meetings appearing on their calendar.

City Manager Padgett commented on the gateways into the City and beautification efforts noting staff was attempting to be more proactive on this subject through the budget process.

**COUNCIL ISSUES / EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:**

**Ex-Officio Reports**

- Council Member Wangemann commented on a letter for grant monies to address Exit 20.
- Council Member Bruner commented on her involvement with the Georgia Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee and reviewed a few bills under consideration.
- Council Member Hamrick reported he had approached two landscapers about partnering with the city on beautification projects.
- Council Member Bruner stated Hall Olympic 96 was searching for a director. She also indicated the Parks and Recreation Agency was still handling landscaping maintenance.
- City Clerk Denise Jordan presented the Main Street Board and Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation Board reports provided by Council Member Figueras.
- Council Member Couvillon presented a report regarding the Parks and Recreation Agency.

**Board/Committee Appointments**

Mayor Dunagan presented appointments to the following: Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation, Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee, Airport Advisory Committee, Housing Authority, Building Board of Appeals, Gainesville Redevelopment Authority and the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission.

**Council Issues**

Council Member Hamrick presented the following:

1. He was impressed with the advertisement to encourage a visit to the Parks and Recreation Aquatic Center and suggested taking similar action for the golf course to prompt more activity during low playing times.
2. He called attention to a report from the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* about the purchase of the Shannon Mall in the metro Atlanta area. Plans were underway for two hotels.
3. Expressed a desire to promote Gainesville as a HUB City.

Council Member Bruner commented on creating a Downtown Development Authority.

Mayor Dunagan presented the following:

1. Requested an update regarding the reorganization of the Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation noting there should be term limits. City Attorney Palmour indicated there had been a delay obtaining information from the Secretary of State.
2. Requested a monthly report addressing ridership on the Gainesville Connection that documented the number of paying and non-paying riders.

**CITY CLERK ISSUES:**

City Clerk Denise Jordan presented the following information:

1. The Mayor/Council received an invitation to the Kroger Ribbon Cutting.
2. The Georgia Municipal Association was asked to provide the Advance Voting survey results. This information would be shared with Council when received.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:42 AM

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