

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Centralhatchee met in regular session Monday, **July 10, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall with Mayor Barbie Crockett presiding.

Council present were Eley Loftin, Julia Hand, Pepper Jackson, Barbara Norwood, Walt Wiggins, and Clerk, Linda Rogers.

Visitors present: Mike Crockett, William Faulk, Roni Tewksbury, Kenneth Newell, Samantha Tolbert, Annie Henderson and Keydrick Swift.

1. Mayor Crockett called the meeting to order. Mayor Crockett gave the invocation and Walt Wiggins led the pledge.

Mayor Crockett made the request to amend the Agenda, moving the Library discussion ahead of Old Business and allow Roni Tewksbury the opportunity to move forward with her presentation and leave if she desired.

There was a motion and second (E. Loftin/P. Jackson) to amend the meeting Agenda and move the Library discussion ahead of Old Business. The vote was unanimous.

#### Library Renovations Update - Roni Tewksbury

- a. Ms. Tewksbury distributed a packet of information to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Clerk for review and discussion. Ms. Tewksbury stated Lee Dollar, Facility Specialist West Georgia Regional Library System, meet with the contractors and created the diagram of the building.
  1. Diagram of Centralhatchee Library reviewed  
Ms. Tewksbury stated the Manager's Office on the diagram will be changed, as it is her intention to utilize the existing library room for this purpose.
  2. Renovation Bids
    - i. Complete Construction, Dallas, GA - \$71,869.00
    - ii. E & P General Contractors, Athens, GA - \$185,628.00
  3. Renovation proposals from each Contractor reviewed and compared
  4. Proposed Furniture from Georgia Correctional Industries - \$23,184.80  
List of furniture needs for the library, either being built or repurposed discussed.
  5. Operating Expenses reviewed
  6. Salary Options, to include insurance and teacher retirement, was reviewed and discussed.

Ms. Tewksbury stated she had originally be advised funding would be 90%, however; she just received notice that only up to 55% would be covered. The statement indicated this adjustment was due to the fact building renovations were not being performed at a library. Councilman Wiggins made the statement the building did in fact house a library. Ms. Tewksbury indicted she would attend the August meeting with additional information.

There was a motion and second (E. Loftin/J. Hand) to award the building renovation project for the Centralhatchee Library to Complete Construction. The vote was unanimous.

2. Public Comments - None

Minutes

1. Minutes from June 5, 2017, meeting approved as presented. There was a motion and second (E. Loftin/B. Norwood). The vote was unanimous.
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Old Business

New City Hall Updates

a. Mike Crockett provided an update on the following:

1. Community Center Floor finished  
There was a motion and second (P. Jackson/E. Loftin) to accept the floor as is.  
The vote was unanimous.
2. Bricks have been cleaned
3. Concrete wall finished
4. Cleaning of dust and dirt from the walls, doors, countertops and floors in the Community Center and stairwell will be scheduled.
5. Replacement of the cove base and walk-off carpet trim will be scheduled.
6. Placing final seal coat on the floor in the main lobby will be scheduled.
7. Windows will be cleaned once the main lobby floor is complete.

Sheriff's Office Alliance Monthly Report

b. Sheriff's report for June reviewed.

1. Domestic disputes, with 2 arrests
2. Unruly juvenile
3. Traffic stop with warning issued
4. 3 Alarm calls (City Hall)
5. Special detail at City Park - Pickin In The Park Event
6. Normal patrols were conducted in the area and around businesses

Clerk will contact Investigator Hester regarding the 4 kids who damaged the City Park bathrooms for follow-up. Investigator Hester will be instructed to inform the kids and their parents that they will either need to see the City Clerk and take care of this matter before the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting or it will be turned over to the Magistrate Court.

Pickin In The Park Update

c. Kenneth Newell mentioned the following:

1. All bands were happy to be part of the recent event
2. Looking at an event date after Labor Day and before Halloween
3. Seeking information from other venues to assist with future events
4. Utilize lower field for future events
5. Different styles of music for next event
6. Reduce number of bands to perform
7. Reduce price to \$5 per person or \$5 per car load discussed
8. Transporting spectators to lower field

#### Right-of-Way

- d. Mike Crockett distributed the right-of-way map for review and discussion, stating John Bass was on vacation and was not available for clarification purposes. Mike indicated he would seek clarification and obtain larger copies of the map for review.

#### Mural

- e. Clerk will contact Laurie to ascertain when she would be available to make the corrections and start on the mural in the Community Center.

#### Other Old Business

##### Noise Ordinance

- f. Mayor Crockett reported she had not reviewed the Noise Ordinance and would attempt to do so before the next meeting.

##### Planning Commission

- g. Mayor Crockett reported the Planning Commission are still in the process of reviewing the Zoning Ordinances. Clerk reported it was necessary for Sandra Nolen to withdraw from the Planning Commission due to a conflict, and had reached out to Myra Braswell about filling the vacant spot. Ms. Braswell came by and picked up the packet of information Sandra returned to review. Clerk will contact Ms. Braswell regarding her willingness to serve and check with the others to see where we are in the review process.

##### Comprehensive Plan Update

- h. Mayor Crockett reported we are still in the process of updating the joint Comprehensive Plan and stated our next meeting was scheduled to be held here tomorrow.

#### New Business

##### Library Renovations Update - Roni Tewksbury

- a. By motion and unanimous vote, this topic was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

##### SignWorks Pro, Inc. - Tim Billingsly

- b. Mayor Crockett stated we all had an opportunity to view the digital sign demo and ask questions pertaining to the product prior to the start of this meeting. Now that everyone has seen the product, what are your thoughts and suggestions?

The question was asked pertaining to the approximate cost of the sign foundation. Mike Crockett indicated he saved all the unused bricks, which could be used for this project, and felt it could be all completed for approximately \$25,000.00.

There was a motion and second (J. Hand/B. Norwood) to purchase the digital sign from SignWorks Pro. The vote was unanimous.

Mike indicated he would contact Mark Rogers to obtain a quote for the foundation.

##### Open House

- c. Subject tabled to the next meeting, Monday, August 7, 2017.

#### Deputy Satellite Office

- d. Mike Crockett reported he requested a quote to renovate the building, but had not yet received it.

#### Information from Arborist, Sam Breyfogle

- e. The Clerk provided information received from Sam Breyfogle, Certified Arborist, pertaining to the Town of Centralhatchee becoming a Tree City USA. Following discussion, the Council declined.

#### Other New Business

##### Combat Boots at Veterans Memorial

- f. Councilman Jackson stated he would like to see the combat boots at the Veterans Memorial bronzed and become a permanent fixture. Mike Crockett indicated he would talk with John Cash regarding this.

In addition, there was discussion pertaining to planning a Veteran's Day Program at the Veteran Memorial for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

##### Michael Coleman

- g. Mayor Crockett reported she had met with Michael Coleman, a business man from Newnan whose company, Indie Entertainment Group, assist with events. She stated Pepper introduced her to Mr. Caldwell, who he had met at a recent event and had offered to come look around Centralhatchee to see what we had to offer.

Mayor Crockett stated during their conversation Mr. Caldwell indicated he would like to work at least 10 more years. Mayor Crockett informed him we could not afford his services and he offered to work through a 1099. Mr. Caldwell stated he could make Centralhatchee a destination where people would want to come visit and spend time.

Councilman Jackson stated one of the items Mr. Caldwell mentioned to him was converting the old Fire Station into a Fine Arts building to attract people here.

Following further discussion, Council members stated they were not interested in the services Mr. Caldwell was offering.

##### Bowen Property

- h. Mayor Crockett reported she had talked with Beth Hammond about the Bowen property, which is an eyesore and needed to be cleaned up. Mayor Crockett mentioned she just needed to give the property to Debbie and the church and Beth stated she bet they wouldn't want it.

##### Speed Limit Display Trailer

- i. Mayor Crockett reported she had spoken with Chief Hannah, regarding their speed limit display trailer signs and learned the solar panel type models are the best. Chief Hannah indicated their equipment was worn out and looking at new equipment to purchase. He stated he would have the sign dealer drop off brochures for review.

#### Zumba Class

- j. Clerk reported she had been contacted by an individual with the desire to rent our facility 5 nights a week for Zumba Classes. Since this would be a money-making class, David Mecklin was contacted and he indicated there was no reason to prevent us from allowing this.

Following a discussion, Council members voted against this and suggested they contact the Centralhatchee School about the old School Gym. Clerk will contact the individual and let them know what the Council decided and suggest the old School Gym.

#### Boundary Fence

- k. Councilwoman Norwood stated we need to put some type of slate covering on the boundary fence to separate the city property from the load noises next door. Planting fast growing shrubs you could trim and maintain was discussed. Mayor Crockett stated she did not want us to plant Leyland Cypresses because they get out of hand as they grow. Mike Crockett to obtain a quote for installing slates in the fence.

#### Trash Permits

- l. Clerk reported the total spent on trash permits for City Residents this year was \$4,020.00, which is approximately \$500.00 more than the previous year.

There being no other business to discuss and on motion and second (E. Loftin/B. Norwood) the meeting adjourned. The vote was unanimous.