

CITY COUNCIL:
GIL MCDUGAL, MAYOR
LESLIE MCPHERSON, MAYOR PRO TEM
SHIRLEY MARCHMAN
MATTHEW MOMTAHAN ANNA
MCCOY
DANNY CARTER

City of Villa Rica



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, | 6:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Gil McDougal)

Mayor Gil McDougal called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Present: Mayor Gil McDougal, Mayor Pro Tem Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, Councilman Matthew Momtahan, Councilwoman Anna McCoy, and Councilman Danny Carter.

Invocation was led by Elder Frank Hudson,

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ofc. Davion Bugg

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor & Council)

- Recognition of Dorothy Worthan for retirement after 17 years with the Senior Center
- Recognition of Christopher Rowan for 10 Years of Service with Villa Rica Police Department
- Recognition of William Walton for 5 Years of Service with Villa Rica Police Department
- Recognition of Shane Shepherd for 5 Years of Service with Villa Rica Police Department

Mayor Gil McDougal invited Chief Michael Mansour to speak about a fundraiser for Sgt. Michelle Moore Landrum and the upcoming Citizens Police Academy.

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Gil McDougal)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include item A3, the Reconsideration of VA-03-23 113 Conners Road

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

Public Comment (We ask that you sign in for Public Comment before the meeting begins. Please state your Name and Address for the record and limit your comments to three minutes.)

- Sharon Gianuzzi, offered a 300 signature petition to request more pickleball courts.
- Sonia Tompia, was concerned about the increase in grave plot costs.
- Gordan Van Dyke, spoke about pickleball courts costing around \$25,000 each and he would like 16 new courts.
- Rhonda McCullers, offered her appreciation for the hard work the employees and volunteers put in for the concert that was held on August 5, 2023
- Robert Flahey, Art Ida and Boo Defrenza, want more pickleball courts and are thankful to Lisa Deming and Traci Ivey

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

- Mayor Gil McDougal spoke about events happening in the city, specifically, John Pruitt speaking at V-Plex on August 9, 2023, thanking Main Street for the concert that was held on August 5, 2023, Goldrush Festival on September 8th and 9th, August 19th the Goldrush Pageant, Council working on the budget, a retreat happening on August 31st dealing with Master Plan for Parks and Recreation, Rebranding of the city, salary study and other long range plans.
- Councilwoman Leslie McPherson spoke on the Citizen's Police Academy and how she made the commitment, and it is worthwhile. She has enjoyed her time as Councilwoman in Ward 3, and has decided to step down from her post and announced her intention to run for Mayor in 2024.

Consent Agenda (Mayor Gil McDougal)

The Consent Agenda is a single item that encompasses all things the City Council would normally approve with little comment. Each of these items were discussed at the Council Work Session, and it was the unanimous consensus of the Governing Body to place the following items on the Consent Agenda.

1. FY24 Medical and Ancillary Insurance Renewal
2. FY24 Insurance Premium Rates
3. Temporary Placement of Signage for the Rodeo Organized by Clint Chance
4. Employee Training Implicit Bias
5. Cost for Lighting along Mirror Lake Blvd., Pathway
6. Revision of Code Ordinance- Villa Rica Fats, Oils and Grease Policy
7. Temporary Signage for Fund Raiser Sponsored by the Villa Rica Lion's Club and Golden City Lion's Club
8. Final Plat Approval for Conners Landing
9. Final Plat Approval for Charleston Place Phase III
10. New Christmas Décor for Downtown
11. Three Rivers Commission Area on Aging Contract for Services Fiscal Year 2024
12. Purchase of Four Ford Utility Interceptor Explorers at State Contract Pricing
13. Tree Removal & Stump Grinding in Berkley & Reid Plantation Subdivisions & Conners Road Path
14. Scheduling of City-Wide Cleanup for October 9 through October 20, 2023 (Two Full Weeks)
15. Conners Road Park Engineering by Falcon Design
16. Approval of Placer.ai Marketing Development Tool
17. Design of South Street Improvements with Georgia & West
18. Development of Carroll County Incentives Policy
19. Disclosure Notification by Stephens for Urban Redevelopment Agency Bonds

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

A. Governing Body (Mayor Gil McDougal)

1. Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2023, City Council Meeting

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to approve the April 11, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

2. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2023

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to approve the May 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Anna McCoy, Councilwoman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

3. Reconsideration of VA-03-23 113 Connors Road, West GA Georgia Cornhole

Councilman Danny Carter moved to reconsider VA-03-23

Motion died for lack of a second.

B. Community Development (Tracy Jarvis, Director)

1. Amendment to Section 2.02 and 11.05 of the Villa Rica Zoning Ordinance in order to establish the Joint City/School Board Committee and Public Hearing (Ron Johnson, Planning and Zoning Administrator)

No one came forward for Public Hearing

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the request to approve an Amendment to Section 2.02 of the Villa Rica Zoning Ordinance as attached hereto.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the proposed Amendment to Section 11.05 of the Villa Rica Zoning Ordinance as attached hereto.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

2. VA-06-23 – 395 W. Bankhead Highway- Variance to Reduce the Number of Required Drive Thru Queuing Spaces and Public Hearing. (Ronald Johnson, Planning and Zoning Administrator)

No one came forward for public hearing.

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson moved to approve the requested variance with the condition of having no drive thru ordering speaker or Menu Board to order from.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

3. VA-04-23 924 Carrollton Villa Rica Highway- Variance to Permit Gravel Parking and Public Hearing. (Ronald Johnson, Planning and Zoning Administrator)

No one came forward for public hearing.

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson moved to approve the requested variance to Permit Gravel Parking with the conditions an annual variance request would be necessary.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

4. Amendment to Section 8.27 *Liquor Stores, Package Stores and Liquor Outlets* of the Villa Rica Zoning Ordinance and Public Hearing. (Ronald Johnson, Planning and Zoning Administrator)

No one came for Public Hearing.

1. Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the proposed amendment to 8.27 *Liquor Stores* of the City of Villa Rica Zoning Ordinance as attached hereto.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES:	McPherson, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter
NAYES:	Marchman

C. Finance (Jennifer Hallman, Finance Director)

1. Finance Director, Jennifer Hallman presented Financial Update for June of 2023.
2. Prerequisite Resolution to Exercise Urban Redevelopment Powers (C. David Mecklin, Attorney)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to adopt the resolution and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the documents as needed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

3. Redevelopment Plan Amendment and Public Hearing (C. David Mecklin, Attorney)

No one came forward for Public Hearing.

Councilman Danny Carter moved to adopt the resolution and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the documents as needed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

D. City Manager's Report (Tom Barber)

1. City Manager, Tom Barber presented a Utility Update.

Adjournment (Mayor Gil McDougal)

Councilwoman Marchman moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Danny Carter and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Gil McDougal adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Gil McDougal

City Clerk Theresa Campbell