

CITY COUNCIL
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GIL MCDUGAL, MAYOR PRO TEM
SHIRLEY MARCHMAN
VERLAND BEST
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CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 | 6:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Jeff Reese, Councilman Verland Best, Councilman Danny Carter, Councilwoman Leslie McPherson, and Councilwoman Shirley Marchman. Councilman Gil McDougal was absent.

Invocation (Councilwoman Shirley Marchman)

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman led the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor & Council)

- Recognition of James Benedik for 10 Years of Service
- Recognition of Carson White for obtaining the Water Distribution License
- Recreation Advisory Commission Oath of Office – Alan Martinez
- Recognition of Christopher Pike – “Four For The Future Award” trophy

Adoption of Agenda (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Councilman Danny Carter requested to amend the agenda to add Real Estate to Executive Session and Councilman Verland Best requested to remove Consent Agenda Item #3 from the agenda and be added to Section A as Number 5.

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

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Mayor Jeff Reese spoke about the meeting with Carroll County regarding TSPLOST and has asked Chairman Marty Smith to attend the July Meeting to speak.

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)

Four citizens came forward to make a public comment.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is a single item that encompasses all things the City Council would normally approve with little comment. Each of these items was discussed at the Thursday, March 1, 2018, Council Work Session, and it was the unanimous consensus of the Governing Body to place the following items on the Consent Agenda.

1. Contractor recommendation of the Garland Group and Pride Roofing to replace the entire gutter system for Gold Dust Park building in the amount of \$66,751.
2. City partnership with the Community Foundation of West Georgia to assist with donations for the city's trail system.
3. Main Street Advisory Board Appointment of Caroline Cox.
4. Main Street Service Delivery Area Map Amendment that reflects the current trend and community idea of the Downtown Area.
5. Resolution Mending Downtown Development Authority Boundary to include the geographical area within the municipal corporation which constitutes activities within the city.
6. Thomas A. Dorsey Festival Community Development Grant of \$7,630.
7. Redevelopment Powers Law Resolution that regulates and provides for the calling of an election to be held November 6, 2018, to determine the exercise or non-exercise of redevelopment powers of the City of Villa Rica.
8. CCR Environmental, Inc., Proposal of \$15,645 to conduct the long-term water quality monitoring mandated by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.
9. Purchase Remote-Controlled Sewer Inspection Camera for the Distribution and Collections Department in the amount of \$56,675 from P&H Supply Company, Inc.
10. Carter & Sloope Proposal in the amount of \$15,000 for engineering design and permitting services for the water system improvements at Stone Street/Hwy 78/Norfolk Southern Railroad.
11. Purchase 2015 Ford Escape from Don-Rich Ford in the amount of \$15,497 for the Building Inspector.
12. Proposal by Raftelis not to exceed \$27,840 to provide debt issuance support and the calculation of cost-justified water and sewer tap fees.
13. Ecological Planning Group Agreement not to exceed \$9,900 plus a license fee of \$6,000 per year to create an online GIS map application.

Motion by Councilman Verland Best to approved the Consent Agenda as amended.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Verland Best, Councilman
SECONDER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES:	Best, Carter, Marchman, McPherson

A. Governing Body (Mayor Jeff Reese)

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Council Monthly Meeting of May 1, 2018.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Verland Best, Councilman
AYES:	Marchman, Best, Carter, McPherson

2. Intergovernmental Agreement with Douglas County for Installation of Warning Signal for the Conners Road Railroad

Motion by Councilman Danny Carter to authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Douglas County to install a warning signal on Conners Road just south of the Mirror Lake Blvd intersection

RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES: Carter, McPherson, Best, Marchman

3. Carroll County TSPLOST Project List

Motion by Councilman Verland Best to authorize the City Manager to submit the proposed project list for the Carroll County TSPLOST.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Verland Best, Councilman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: Best, Carter, Marchman, McPherson

4. Intergovernmental Agreement Carroll County TSPLOST

Motion by Councilman Danny Carter to authorize the Mayor to execute the IGA with Carroll County for the 2018 TSPLOST.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Verland Best, Councilman
AYES: Carter, Best, Marchman, McPherson

5. Request to apply and accept Georgia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding for trail system implementation.

Motion by Councilman Verland Best to approve applying and accepting Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Verland Best, Councilman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: Best, Carter, Marchman, McPherson

B. Finance (Sarah Hefty, CFO)

1. Financial Update – April 2018

Sarah Hefty presented the April 2018 Financial Report.

C. Community Development (Bobby Elliott, Director)

1. FP-01-18 – Twin Oaks (Unit 2A):

Motion by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman to approve the final plat application.

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

2. RA-04-17: Rezoning request for property located at 1030 Third Street. Currently zoned R20 (Single Family Residential) to LI (Limited Industrial):

Public Hearing: No one came forward to speak for or against the rezoning request.

Motion by Councilwoman Leslie McPherson to approve with conditions the application from David Wiley to rezone property located at 1030 Third Street from Single-Family Residential to Limited Industrial.

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

3. APPEAL: Rex Camp to appeal Historic Preservation Commission decision in regards to Certificate of Appropriateness application COA-01-18.

Motion by Councilwoman Leslie McPherson to deny the appeal and support the unanimous decision by the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: **TIE (VOTE: 2-2)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES: McPherson, Marchman
NAYS: Best, Carter

Mayor Jeff Reese cast his vote to deny the appeal decision by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Jeff Reese asked for a second motion to take some other action than to deny it. Motion by Councilman Danny Carter to approve the appeal the decision made by the Historic Preservation Commission for the Certificate of Appropriateness.

RESULT: **TIE (VOTE: 2-2)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Verland Best, Councilman
AYES: Carter, Best
NAYS: McPherson, Marchman

Mayor Jeff Reese cast his vote to approve the appeal.
The Appeal was approved.

4. Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Revision

To establish parameters and guidelines for breweries, microbreweries, and nanobreweries and to establish permissible location references in city zonings. No Public Hearing was required.

Motion by Councilwoman Leslie McPherson to approve the revision.

RESULT: **APPROVED (VOTE: 3-1)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: McPherson, Carter, Best
NAYS: Marchman

City Manager's Report (Tom Barber)

City Manager Tom Barber presented his report of city projects.

D. Executive Session (David Mecklin, City Manager)

City Attorney requested the Council to go into Executive Session for the three purposes listed below. Motion by Councilman Danny Carter to go into Executive Session for the three purposes stated by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Verland Best. Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

1. Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code Section. 50-14-3(b)(2).
2. Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code Section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was (identify the matter but not the substance of the discussion).
3. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D).

RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Councilman Danny Carter to reconvene to regular session, seconded by Councilman Verland Best. Vote: 4/0. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY: Mayor Jeff Reese reported that one of the items discussed was the City Manager's evaluation, and we all believe that he is doing a tremendous job and this was unanimous with the Council. We commend him on his leadership ability and for basically turning this ship around as far as finances. Mayor Reese also stated that we have a great team of employees that he has continued to build on as a cohesive unit and we thank him for this. The next part of the process is to do with his formal evaluation when we have a full Council (Councilman Gil McDougal was absent) and will discuss his compensation.

City Attorney David Mecklin reported that also in Executive Session we discussed the Annexation Arbitration Proceeding that is currently pending in Douglas County. Nothing has been scheduled on it but I did make a presentation to the council about what our options were with regard to proceeding with the annexation, and what all would be entailed in going forward with that. One of the options that is available to the City under the Annexation Arbitration Process is to make the decision to abandon the annexation request that's within the power of the City to take that action which would terminate any formal process before the Department of Community Affairs. This was discussed and is open for a motion in Open Session to do so. The motion would be "to abandon and terminate the annexation request that is currently pending that has been forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs and to formally abandon that annexation request." Motion was made by Councilman Verland Best to approve the motion stated by City Attorney David Mecklin.

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Verland Best, Councilman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	Best, Marchman, McPherson, Carter

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman to adjourn, seconded by Council Verland Best. Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

Adjournment


Alisa Doyal City Clerk


Jeff Reese, Mayor