

CITY COUNCIL
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GIL MCDUGAL, MAYOR PRO TEM
SHIRLEY MARCHMAN
VERLAND BEST
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City of Villa Rica



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CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, September 4, 2018 | 6:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Jeff Reese, Mayor Pro Tem Gil McDougal, and Councilmembers Danny Carter, Shirley Marchman and Leslie McPherson

Invocation (Councilman Danny Carter)

Councilman Danny Carter led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Attorney Special Announcement (David Mecklin)

City Attorney David Mecklin read a letter from Councilman Verland Best stating that he will be retiring from the City Council after the necessary paperwork is completed. Councilman Best has served on the Council for 23 years.

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor & Council)

- Recognition of Kevin Kersey - 5 Years of Service
- Recognition of Chris Baxter – 5 Years of Service
- Recognition of Perry Baxter – 5 Years of Service
- Proclamation – Constitution Week of September 17-23, 2018
- Proclamation – Public Safety Appreciation Day in Carroll County
- Janet Chumley, Main Street Manager, announced that the official unveiling of the “WE ARE VR” statue ceremony will be Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the MILL amphitheater.

Adoption of Agenda (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Councilman Gil McDougal requested to amend the Executive Session to add the discussion regarding employment. Councilman Danny Carter stated that the Council tabled the Norfolk Southern Grant Acceptance to this meeting and it is not listed on the agenda. Mayor Jeff Reese reported that it will be on the October agenda.

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to adopt the agenda.

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

AYES: Carter, Marchman, McDougal, McPherson

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)

Five citizens came forward to make a public comment.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

There were no Council updates.

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, August 30, 2018, Council Work Session, and it was the unanimous consensus of the Governing Body to place the following items on the Consent Agenda.

1. Temporary Signage Request for A Taste of Villa Rica Event – Michael Young, Golden City Lions Club
2. Bay Springs Traffic Calming Devices
3. Transmittal of Comprehensive Plan Update to Three Rivers Regional Commission and Georgia Department of Community Affairs
4. Approve Final Payment for Gold Miner Statue with Product Development (Hotel Tax) Revenue
5. Adoption of Name “Gold Nugget Trail”
6. Georgia Department of Transportation’s Title VI Policy Agreement
7. Relocation of Waterline at the Intersection of Hwy 61 and Punkintown Road
8. Water Line Upgrade and Extension Along Hwy 61
9. Water Main Replacement on North Avenue
10. Infiltration and Inflow Abatement of Sanitary Sewer Collection System
11. Grapple Truck for Solid Waste Department
12. Pine Mountain Repairs
13. Council Audio Video System Upgrade
14. Support for Tax-Exempt Bonds
15. Abandonment of West End of Sugar Hill Street
16. New Council Meeting Dates
17. Budget Amendments – August 2018
18. Accept Mauldin & Jenkins as Auditors for Fiscal Year 2018
19. 2019 Health Insurance Premiums

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

At this time, Carroll County Commissioner Marty Smith made a presentation of the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) that will be on the November ballot. Other guests from Carroll County were Gerald Pilgrim, Director of Operations, and Leamon Stephens, Finance Director.

A. Governing Body (Mayor Jeff Reese)

1. Approval of Minutes:

a. Council Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2018.

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to approve the August 6, 2018 minutes.

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

2. Housing Authority Board Reappointment – Amalie W. Hyneman (Term Expired)

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to approve the reappointment of Amalie W. Hyneman to the Housing Authority Board.

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

3. Library Advisory Board Appointment of Franklin Pritchett

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the appointment of Franklin Pritchett to the Library Advisory Board.

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

4. Appointment of Monroe Spake to Cemetery Commission

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to approve the appointment of Monroe Spake to the Cemetery Commission.

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

B. Community Development (Bobby Elliott, Director)

1. RA-04-18/FLUM-02-18: Rezoning and Future Land Use Amendment for North Van Wert Road and 1483 Highway 78:

Public Hearing: One citizen came forward.

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the applications from First Baptist Church of Villa Rica for North Van Wert Road and 1482 W. Bankhead Highway to rezone property from Agricultural to General Commercial with conditions, and to amend the future land use plan from Public/Institutional to Commercial.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman

SECONDER: Gil McDougal, Councilman
AYES: McPherson, McDougal, Carter, Marchman

2. Alcohol License Request: ABL-06-18 Retail Malt Beverages & Wine, Fast Advent Corp., 610 E. Hwy 78, Villa Rica, GA 30180:

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the alcoholic beverage application for Fast Advent Corp., located 610 E. Hwy 78, Villa Rica, GA 30180.

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

3. Solid Waste Ordinance

Councilman Gil McDougal made the motion to table until the October meeting.

RESULT: **TABLED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Gil McDougal, Councilman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: McDougal, Carter, Marchman, McPherson

C. Finance (Sarah Hefty, CFO)

1. Redevelopment Powers Presentation

CFO Sarah Hefty gave a presentation on Redevelopment Powers.

2. Financial Update – July 2018

CFO Sarah Hefty presented the July 2018 Financial Report.

3. Adoption of 2019 budget.

Councilman Gil McDougal made the motion to have a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm to give the Council more time to review the budget changes.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Gil McDougal, Councilman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: McDougal, Carter, Marchman, McPherson

D. City Manager (Tom Barber)

1. Multi-Family Housing Limit

Councilman Gil McDougal made the motion to remove the 30% restriction on multi-family housing.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Gil McDougal, Councilman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: McDougal, Carter, Marchman, McPherson

2. City Manager's Report (Tom Barber)

City Manager Tom Barber gave an updated report on City projects.

E. Executive Session (David Mecklin, City Attorney)

1. 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 employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and matter discussed was.
2. 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).

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Gil McDougal. Vote: 4-0. Motion approved. City Attorney David Mecklin read the two reasons for Executive Session.

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to reconvene into regular session, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie McPherson. Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.

City Attorney David Mecklin reported there was no action in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Danny Carter. Vote: 4-0. Motion approved.



Jeff Reese, Mayor

Alisa Doyal City Clerk