

CITY COUNCIL
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GIL MCDUGAL, MAYOR PRO TEM
SHIRLEY MARCHMAN
DANNY CARTER
LESLIE MCPHERSON
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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, May 14, 2019 | 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, Mayor Pro Tem Gil McDougal, Councilman Danny Carter, Councilwoman Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, and Councilman Matthew Momtahan.

Invocation (Councilwoman Shirley Marchman)

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

- Recognition of Employee Anniversaries:
Mayor Jeff Reese recognized Elizabeth Barber for 10 Years of Service and Jennifer E. Holt for 5 Years of Service.

Adoption of Agenda (Mayor Jeff Reese)

City Manager Tom Barber made a request to amend the agenda to add Executive Session for two real estate matters. City Attorney David Mecklin added personnel matter to Executive Session.

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

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)

No public comments.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson recognized Mental Health Month in Carroll County. Mayor Jeff Reese as that the City have Proclamations next year recognizing May as Mental Health Month and others. Mayor Reese also stated that 2020 is the census year and asked City Manager Tom Barber to follow up with Carroll County to see what they are doing. Councilman Matthew Momtahan recognized National Police Week and thanked Chief Michael Mansour for his work.

A. Governing Body (Mayor Jeff Reese)

1. Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019.

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

2. Mayor Appointment of David Rogers to the Villa Rica Development Authority

Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion to approve the appointment of David Rogers to the Villa Rica Development Authority.

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

B. Finance (Sarah Hefty, CFO)

1. Update 2020 Budget Calendar

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion the approve the updated 2020 Budget and Millage Calendar.

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

2. Results of RFP on Municipal Payment Options and Credit Card Fees to Customers

Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion to charge a 2% service fee for community development credit card payments beginning on August 1, 2019, except for water and sewer tap fees.

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

C. Economic Development (Janet Chumley, Main Street Manager)

1. August 10, 2019 Summer Concert Alcohol License Agreement: SOS Band

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the license agreement with the Olive Tree to provide the sale of beer and wine at the 2nd Summer Concert of 2019 to be held Saturday, August 10, 2019, from 8 pm until 10 pm at the MILL amphitheater.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-1)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Gil McDougal, Councilman
AYES:	Carter, McDougal, McPherson, Momtahan
NAYS:	Marchman

D. Utilities (Pete Zorbanos, Director)

1. Purchase a Compact Excavator Backhoe

Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion to approve the purchase of a compact excavator with quick couple and 24” quick coupler bucket with teeth from Ditch Witch of Georgia for a total of \$35,980.00.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-1)
MOVER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES:	Momtahan, Carter, Marchman, McPherson
NAYS:	McDougal

2. Purchase a Vacuum Excavator

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the purchase of a vacuum excavator from Ditch Witch of Georgia in the amount of \$42,000.00.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-1)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES:	Carter, McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan
NAYS:	McDougal

E. Community Development (Bobby Elliott, Director)

1. New Villa Rica Sign Ordinance – for Discussion Purposes (Chris Montesinos)

The Council reviewed the new Sign Ordinance. Discussion only.

2. Ordinance 0-6-2019 to Designate the Baptismal Font as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Public Hearing was held for all 10 properties: One came forward to ask questions.

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the ordinance with the condition that only the Baptismal Font be designated as a local historic site and not any other structure or landscapes on the property as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-1)
MOVER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	McPherson, Marchman, Carter, Momtahan
NAYS:	McDougal

3. Ordinance 0-7-2019 to Designate the Connally-Marchman House as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion to approve the ordinance with the condition that the Connally-Marchman House be designated as a local historic site.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-1)
MOVER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman

AYES: Momtahan, McPherson, Carter, Marchman
NAYS: McDougal

4. Ordinance 0-8-2019 to Designate the First Presbyterian Church as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the ordinance to designate the First Presbyterian Church as a local historic site as presented.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-1)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES: McPherson, Momtahan, Carter, Marchman
NAYS: McDougal

5. Ordinance 0-9-2019 to Designate the Fullerville Jail as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the ordinance with the condition that only the Fullerville Jail be designated as a local historic site and not any other structure or landscapes on the property as presented.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-1)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES: McPherson, Momtahan, Carter, McDougal
NAYS: Marchman

6. Ordinance 0-10-2019 to Designate the Chambers Burial Ground (Old Section) of Hillcrest Cemetery as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the ordinance with the condition that only the Chambers Burial Ground section of Hillcrest Cemetery be designated as a local historic site and not any other structure, landscapes or sections of the cemetery as presented.

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

7. Ordinance 0-12-2019 to Designate the New Hope Cemetery as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the ordinance to designate the New Hope Primitive Baptist Cemetery as a local historic site.

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

8. Ordinance 0-12-2019 to Designate the Old Villa Rica Cemetery as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Councilman Gil McDougal made the motion to approve the ordinance to designate the Old Villa Rica Cemetery as a local historic site.

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

9. Ordinance 0-13-2019 to Designate the Powell Marchman House as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the ordinance to designate the Powell Marchman House as a local historic site.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-1)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES: Marchman, McPherson, Carter, Momtahan
NAYS: McDougal

10. Ordinance 0-14-2019 to Designate the Villa Rica City Hospital as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the ordinance to designate the Villa Rica City Hospital (located 631 Spring Street) as a local historic site.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-1)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES: Carter, McPherson, Marchman, Momtahan
NAYS: McDougal

11. Ordinance 0-15-2019 to Designate Wicks Taven as a Local Historic Site for Preservation Purposes

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the ordinance to designate Wicks Taven as a local historic site.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (VOTE: 2-2, MAYOR APPROVED)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES: Carter, Momtahan
NAYS: McDougal, Marchman

The vote was 2-2 tied, the Mayor voted to approve the motion.

G. City Manager (Tom Barber)

1. Approval of Change to Downtown Development Authority Boundaries

Councilman Gil McDougal made the motion to approve the new boundaries for the Downtown Development Authority according to the map attached.

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

2. Discussion of Requirements for Training for Board Members
Discussion only. Staff will come back to the Council with a recommendation.
3. To Approve a Fee Schedule for Solid Waste Pickup
Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to adopt the attached Revised Sanitation and Solid Waste Fee Schedule effective April 23, 2019.

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

4. Discussion of Contract for City Attorney and Police Chief
The Council agreed not pursuing an employment contract with the Police Chief, and directed the City Attorney to prepare a letter of engagement covering his services to the City and that staff place only this item on the June 11 agenda.
5. Discuss the Assignment of Tasks to the City Attorney
Discussion only.
6. Discussion of Community Square Blvd
Discussion was moved to Executive Session.
7. Election of GMA's District 4 Officers
Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the slate of four city officials nominated as District 4 Officers by GMA for the 2019-2020 year.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-0, Councilwoman Leslie McPherson abstained)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	Carter, Marchman, McDougal, Momtahan

Executive Session:

City Attorney David Mecklin request the Council go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and recalled the personnel matter. Councilman Gil McDougal made the motion to go into Executive Session for real estate, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman. Vote: 5-0. Unanimous.

The Council returned from Executive Session by a motion from Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, seconded by Councilman Danny Carter. Vote: 5-0. Unanimous.

City Attorney David Mecklin reported that the Council approved a Lease Agreement of the old library building with Southeastrans. Councilman Gil McDougal made the motion to approve the City Manager and Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Southeastrans for the old library building.

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

Adjournment

Councilman Gil McDougal made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie McPherson. Vote: 5-0. Unanimous.

Mayor Jeff Reese

Alisa Doyal, City Clerk