

CITY COUNCIL
JEFF REESE, MAYOR
SHIRLEY MARCHMAN, MAYOR PRO TEM
DANNY CARTER
LESLIE MCPHERSON
MATTHEW MONTAHAN

City of Villa Rica



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CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, August 27, 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, Councilman Danny Carter, Councilwoman Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, and Councilman Matthew Momtahan.

Invocation (Councilman Matthew Momtahan)

Councilman Matthew Momtahan gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Reese announced that he has three amendments to the agenda and the first is the Call for Election as Item #A3, Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem as Item #A4, and Leathers Street as Item #B5. Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

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

Public Comment: Three citizens came forward and made a public comment.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Mayor Reese recognized two candidates for Mayor that were in the audience – Michael Day and Dominique Conteh. Mayor Reese asked the City Manager to let the citizens know what is going on downtown with the backhoes and the water line work.

A. Governing Body (Mayor Jeff Reese)

1. Approval of Minutes:

a. Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2019.

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019.

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

2. Request for Open Container and Use of Prospector Park on September 20-22

(Tom Barber, City Manager)

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to allow Hixtown Brewing Company to rent and temporarily fence Prospector Park on September 20-22 from noon to 10:00 pm and Sunday starting time at 1:00 pm as a musical entertainment venue, and further move to allow the consumption of alcohol from plastic cups purchased only from Hixtown Brewing during these same dates and times. Consumption may only occur at Prospector Park and along North Avenue, and to allow up to three food truck vendors to operate during these same dates and times on the roads immediately west and north of Prospector Park.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (*VOTE: 3-2)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES:	Carter, McPherson
NAYS:	Marchman, Momtahan

***The vote was a tie (2-2). Mayor Reese voted to approve the request that broke the tie to a 3-2 Vote, approving the request.**

3. Special Election – Ward 4 Council

City Attorney asked the Council to approve the Resolution to call for a Special Election to fill the unexpired term for the Ward 4 seat due to the resignation of Gil McDougal. The Special Election will be held November 5, 2019 in conjunction with the Municipal General Election.

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

4. Mayor Pro Tem Election

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to appoint Councilwoman Shirley Marchman as the Mayor Pro Tem.

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

B. Community Development (Bobby Elliott, Director)

1. ABL-07-19: Pouring License Application for Luther's LLC (Bobby Elliott, Director)

Public Comment: None

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the alcoholic beverage application for Brothers Bar & Steakhouse LLC located at 901 S. Carroll Road, Villa Rica, GA 30180.

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

2. ANNEX-01-19 & Annexation & Rezoning Request – Hwy 61 & Hickory Level Road
(Chris Montesinos, Deputy Director)

Public Comments: One citizen made a public comment.

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to amend the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map to include the subject property, to designate it as Suburban Village, and to include it within the amended city limits, to approve the rezoning proposal of Parcel # 168 0190 to General Commercial (GC) on Highway 61 requested by Bapu Enterprise, LLC, and approve the annexation proposal of Parcel # 168 0190 on Highway 61 requested by Bapu Enterprise, LLC into the city limits of Villa Rica from Carroll County with following stipulations:

- Applicant/Owner/Developer agrees to construct building facades of masonry or glass.
- Applicant/Owner/Developer agrees to submit a landscape plan which at a minimum includes a landscaped strip adjoining the Hickory Level Road right-of-way and Georgia Highway 61 right-of-way and plantings within the parking lots.
- Applicant/Owner/Developer agrees to install sidewalks to provide for inter-parcel and intra-parcel pedestrian traffic.
- Applicant/Owner/Developer agrees to design the parking lot and drives to provide for Intra-parcel and intra-parcel vehicular traffic, including stub streets and, if feasible, and access road.
- Applicant/Owner/Developer agrees to submit a master signage plan which encourages the use of ground mounted monument signs particularly for single tenant parcels.

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

3. 20% Grant Match Request for Villa Rica Transportation Master Plan
(Chris Montesinos, Deputy Director)

Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion to approve the Resolution of Support and Commitment of the twenty percent match for the Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects for the Villa Rica Transportation Master Plan.

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

4. RA-06-18: 55 & 63 Goldworth Road – Avemore Presentation for Informational Purposes Only
(Chris Montesinos, Deputy Director)

Jay Davis, Developer of Avemore, gave a presentation of the project. There was no action was taken.

5. Leathers Street

City Attorney David Mecklin gave an update of the Leathers Street request from the owners. The agreement was going out to the owners the next day.

C. Public Works (Pete Zorbanos, Director)

1. Amendment #1 to Agreement with Brennan Jones Engineering Associations LLC

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve an amendment to the agreement with Brennan Jones Engineering Associates, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

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

2. Enclosure for Existing Metal Building at Old West Plant

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to engage Superior Structures for construction services to enclose the east side of the existing metal building at the Old West Plant including the installation of a 14 foot roll up door with an electric operator in an amount not to exceed \$11,565.00.

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

D. Finance (Sarah Hefty, CFO)

1. 2019 Millage Rate: Public Hearing

A Public Hearing took place for comments on the 2019 Millage Rate. Five Citizens came up and made a public comment.

2. 2019 Millage Rate: Adoption

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to roll back the millage rate to 5.743.

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

3. Financial Update: July 2019

CFO Sarah Hefty gave a July 2019 Financial Update.

E. City Manager's Report (Tom Barber)

City Manager Tom Barber gave an update on city projects.

G. Executive Session (David Mecklin, City Attorney)

City Attorney David Mecklin requested the Council to go into Executive Session for the purposes of:

1. 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 50143(b)(1)(D).
2. Pursuant to the attorney client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50142(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 the matter discussed was .

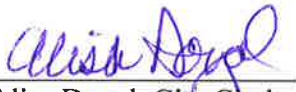
Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Matthew Momtahan. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to reconvene into regular session, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

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

Adjournment

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Danny Carter. The vote was unanimous. The Council adjourned.


Alisa Doyal, City Clerk


Mayor Jeff Reese