

CITY COUNCIL
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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 24, 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 Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman Leslie McPherson, Councilman Danny Carter, 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 & Council)

- Betty Cason, Chairperson for Carroll Mental Health Advocates, gave a presentation on the Carroll County Mental Health Advocates Program

Adoption of Agenda (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese requested the Council to approve three amendments to the agenda:

- Utility Rate Increase as B3
- Set Dates for Cleanup Week as G3
- Approval of Expenditures as G4

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the amendments to the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (VOTE: 3-2)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES:	Carter, McPherson
NAYS:	Marchman, Momtahan
*Mayor Reese broke the tie by voting yes to approve the amendments to the agenda.	

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

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Mayor Reese recognized Commissioner Chair Michelle Morgan, Commissioner Clint Chance, and the candidates running for the Mayor seat and Ward 4 seat. Councilwoman Leslie McPherson mentioned again the request she had back in June and now it is September with no answer. She also announced that today we had a major ribbon cutting at Leuco for their expansion that is in her ward.

A. Governing Body (Mayor Jeff Reese)

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Council Meeting of September 10, 2019.

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the minutes of September 10 2019.

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

B. Finance (Sarah Hefty, CFO)

1. Financial Update: August 2019

CFO Sarah Hefty gave presentation of the August 2019 Financial Update.

2. 2019 Budget Amendments

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to adopt the ordinance to approve an amendment to the budget for the fiscal year 2019 for the City pursuant to Section 2-71 of the City Charter.

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

3. 2020 Budget Presentation & Public Hearing

CFO Sarah Hefty gave a presentation of the 2020 Proposed Budget. Afterwards, a Public Hearing was held for the 2020 Proposed Budget.

4. 2020 Budget Adoption

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the ordinance to adopt the city budget for fiscal year 2020 for the City of Villa Rica pursuant to Section 6.33 of the City Charter.

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

5. Utility Rate Increase for 2020

Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion to approve the Utility Rates, as presented, to be effective for all utility bills sent on or after January 1, 2020, subject to the following conditions:

1. Rates be a separate line item on the utility bill.
2. They are described as the purpose of infrastructure or something of that nature.
3. The duration of the rate increase be only for the amount of time necessary to make repayment upon the GEFA Loans.

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

C. Community Development (Bobby Elliott, Director)

1. Zoning Ordinance Introduction and Presentation (Chris Montesinos, Deputy Director)
Deputy Director Chris Montesinos gave the Zoning Ordinance Introduction and Presentation.
No action was taken.

D. Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services (Vicki Coleman, Director)

1. Gold Dust Park Playground Equipment Vendor Recommendation
Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve Bliss Products as the vendor to install new playground equipment at Gold Dust Park for \$81,879.53.

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

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

1. Multi-Purpose Space at The MILL Amphitheater
Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion to authorize the City Manager to engage Rickman Architecture & Design to perform the attached scope of work to provide design and construction documents for a new multi-purpose building for a fee not to exceed \$6,200.00.

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

F. Information Technology (Jim Chambers, Manager)

1. Connection for West Plant Annex
Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to have Software Effect Enterprises, in association with Coopsons LLC, implement the line of sign wireless connection at the West Plant Annex for \$5,600.00.

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

2. City Hall Network Re-Cable
Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion to have Coopsons LLC re-cable City Hall network lines for an amount not to exceed \$14,500.00.

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

G. City Manager (Tom Barber)

1. Request for Temporary Signage for 2019 E Recycling by Southwire

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to allow Southwire to place several temporary signs within the City limits to publicize their E Recycling event to be held on October 5 at Midway Church.

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

2. Proposal to Create a Concept Plan for Utilities Along the North Bypass

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to authorize the City Manager to engage Keck & Wood to perform the attached scope of services for an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

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

3. Set Dates for 2019 Cleanup Week

Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion to establish the week of October 14 as our annual cleanup week, with Wednesday, October 16 designated as the day we provide special assistance to seniors with appliance pickup.

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

4. Approval of Expenditures

Councilman Matthew Momtahan made the motion table the item of approval of expenditures as G4 until a city council meeting in which we have full representation in January 2020.

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

H. City Manager's Report (Tom Barber)

City Manager Tom Barber presented his report on Funding Through Growth.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Leslie McPherson. The vote was unanimous.

Jeff Reese, Mayor

Alisa Doyal, City Clerk