

CITY COUNCIL
GIL MCDUGAL, MAYOR
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SHIRLEY MARCHMAN
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 | 6:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Gil McDougal)

Mayor Gil McDougal called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Gil McDougal, Mayor Pro Tem Danny Carter, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, Councilman Matthew Momtahan, Councilwoman Leslie McPherson, and Councilman Michael Young.

Invocation (Pastor L. M. Spear)

Pastor L. M. Spear gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance (Hannah Andrews)

Villa Rica High School Senior Hannah Andrews led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

- Villa Rica High School Senior Hannah Andrews was recognized for being accepted into the United States Military Academy with a \$40,000 scholarship and a member of the West Point track and field program.
- Employee Anniversaries:
 1. Darmessia Boykin – 5 Years of Service
 2. Brian Finley – 20 Years of ServiceDarmessia Boykin was recognized for 5 Years of Service with the City and Brian Finley was recognized for 20 Years of Service.
- Carroll County Commissioner Chair Michelle Morgan gave a presentation on the 2020 Census.

Adoption of Agenda (Mayor Gil McDougal)

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution naming a portion of a highway after a Villa Rica citizen, and placing the item under Governing Body as #B3. No one seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to adopt the prepared agenda.

RESULT:
MOVER:

ADOPTED (VOTE: 4-0)
Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman

SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Carter, Young
ABSTAINED: McPherson

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

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Mayor Gill McDougal stated that he had received interesting information about social media and what is put on social media, and one of the things he sees is misinformation and people talk about how you cannot get information from the City of Villa Rica. Massachusetts Institute of Technology did a research of transparency of government for the State of Georgia. They evaluated all of the cities through their criteria and they were able to grade the city. He would not mention any cities but said there are cities right around us who received B's and F's. The City of Villa Rica received an "A". That is the transparency we have here and we want to be as open as possible.

Councilman Matthew Momtahan stated our position to push participation with the 2020 Census is on board. Councilwoman Leslie McPherson reported that the Villa Rica Police Department is doing a stellar job and cooperating and networking with Douglasville and Carrollton. Also, she spoke on speed cameras hitting the news in Atlanta and has been adopted in a city close to us. There are controversies to the speed cameras due to the way it passed state legislature and due to other reasons.

A. Consent Agenda (Mayor Gil McDougal)

Mayor Gil McDougal presented the following Consent Agenda Items for approval.

1. Training Requirements for Volunteer Board Meetings
2. Vendor Recommendation for July 3rd Sound and Lighting
3. Vendor Recommendation for July 3rd Fireworks
4. Recreation Advisory Committee Appointment of Sharon Somerville-Thomas
5. Emergency Replacement of Bay Springs Lift Station Pump #2
6. Service Agreement Renewal with Datamatx for Printing and Mailing of Utility Bills
7. 2019 Budget Amendments

Councilman Michael Young made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

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

B. Governing Body (Mayor Gil McDougal)

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020
Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020.

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

C. Finance (Sarah Andrews, CFO)

1. Financial Update: January 2020

CFO Sarah Andrews presented the January 2020 Financial Update.

D. City Manager's Report (Tom Barber)

City Manager Tom Barber gave an update of City Projects.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman and seconded by Councilman Danny Carter. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned.



Alisa Doyal, City Clerk



Gil McDougal, Mayor