

CITY COUNCIL
LESLIE MCPHERSON, MAYOR
DANNY CARTER, MAYOR PRO TEM
SHIRLEY MARCHMAN
MATTHEW MOMTAHAN
STEPHANIE WARMOTH
ANNA MCCOY

City of Villa Rica



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 | 6:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Mayor Leslie McPherson called the meeting to order

Present: Mayor Leslie McPherson, Mayor Pro Tem Danny Carter, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, Councilman Matthew Momtahan, Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth, Councilwoman Anna McCoy,

Invocation was led by Kevin Kersey

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Officer Victoria Hamilton, Villa Rica Police Department

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

1. 5 Years of Service- Samuel Theriault- Building & Project Maintenance Specialist

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to amend the agenda to table items B2 and B5 to March meeting and D1 to April meeting and strike item F1.

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

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.)

1. Robert Custer- Mentioned he had questions about the variance item on Berry Rd, and that signs were never posted.

2. Rich Meyberg- Spoke about the Industrial Rezoning on Highway 61
3. Josh Evans- Spoke about the speed limit on Clearview Street and complained there are no sidewalks for the children to use.
4. Charlotte Evans-Spoke about speed limit on Clearview Street has caused super speeders on the street. She is upset the apartment complex will have access to Clearview Street.
5. Leah Reeves- Concerned about Industrial rezoning. She mentioned Planning and Zoning Commission voted to deny request. She is requesting the Council to take care of their people and their community and deny the request.
6. Lisa Hewitt- Does not want the rezoning from Commercial to Industrial. She offered up other suggestions and wants the Council to stop tabling the item.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilman Danny Carter clarified why RA-05-23 was tabled

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth mentioned she does care about around schools

Mayor Leslie McPherson mentioned any property owner has the right to ask for variances and rezoning

Consent Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

The Consent Agenda is a single item that encompasses all things the City Council would normally approve with little comment. Each of these items were discussed at the Council Work Session, and it was the unanimous consensus of the Governing Body to place the following items on the Consent Agenda.

1. Nomination of 2024 GMA District 4 Officers
2. Appointment of Andrew Norton as Ward 3 Planning and Zoning Commissioner
3. Biometric Screening Agreement with Tanner Health System
4. The MILL Lease Agreement Revision
5. Appointment of Patronya Brogdon to Main Street Advisory Board
6. Appointment of Rita Wilson to Main Street Advisory Board
7. Appointment of Barbara Daniell to Main Street Advisory Board
8. 2024 Professional Services Contracts with RCS Productions, Inc.
9. Downtown Gateway & Directional Signage Project
10. Dual Purpose Police K9rom Arete Canine, LLC
11. Purchase of Texas Pride Equipment Tilt TrailerUTV (2023 Polaris Ranger)
12. Purchase of Tilt Trailer
13. Pine Mountain Gold Museum Train Undercarriage Rebuild
14. Select Revize as vendor for new city website
15. 2024 Roadway Paving Project awarded to E.R. Snell
16. Fuqua Road Amendment

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT:

ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

1. Standing Committee Assignments –

Mayor Leslie McPherson gave her 2024 Mayoral Standing Committee assignments. The Recreation Committee will be chaired by Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth with Councilwoman Anna McCoy and Councilwoman Shirley Marchman as members. The Housing Committee will be chaired by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman with Councilman Danny Carter and Councilwoman Anna McCoy as members. The Transportation and Traffic Committee will be chaired by Councilwoman Anna McCoy with Councilman Matthew Momtahan and Councilman Danny Carter as members. The Public Safety Committee will be chaired by Matthew Momtahan and Councilwoman Anna McCoy and Councilwoman Shirley Marchman as members. The Finance Committee will be chaired by Councilman Danny Carter with Councilman Matthew Momtahan and Councilman Stephanie Warmoth as members.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2024, Work Session and Council Meeting

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved approve the January 9, 2024, Council Work Session and Meeting Minutes.

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

3. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2024 Special Called Meeting

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to approve the January 8, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes

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

B. Community Development (Tracy Jarvis, Director)

1. Special Use Permit for Scholarship Event held by Georgia Food Industry at Mirror Lake Gold Club and Public Hearing.

Applicant Georgia Food Industry Education Foundation presented in support of the request.

No one came forward for Public Hearing

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the special event application and the issuance of a one-day limited pouring license, to the Georgia Food Industry Association Education Foundation

RESULT: **APPROVED**

MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Anna McCoy, Councilwoman
AYES: Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter
NAYS: Marchman

2. **VA-03-24 Special Exception Request: Place of Worship at 505 Berry Drive and Public Hearing**
Applicant Pastor Rodney presented in support of request.

Robert Custer- Confused on number of parking spaces provided, he wants to know if owner of the Property is aware of the use of the building; he asked if applications were filed and provided. He believes traffic will be an issue and infrastructure will suffer as it is overcrowded.

Councilman Danny Carter moved to table item until March.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

3. **VA-02-24 J & M Tank Lines Gravel Variance and Public Hearing**

Applicant Jeff Arledge presented in support of variance.

Luz Morales- wanted to ask how gravel would stay off the road, and why pressure treated concrete was not being used.

Councilman Danny Carter moved to table the requested variance to March

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

4. **TA-01-25- Text Amendment Maximum Parking & Layout and Public Hearing**

Councilman Danny Carter moved to untable TA-01-25 Text Amendment Maximum Parking & Layout and Public Hearing

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

Councilman Danny Carter moved to table TA-01-25 Text Amendment Maximum Parking & Layout and Public Hearing to March.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman

SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

C. Finance (Jennifer Hallman)

1. Financial Update November 2023

Finance Director Jennifer Hallman presented financial update for December 2023

D. City Manager (Tom Barber)

1. Stormwater Utility Proposals

Councilwoman Anna McCoy moved to table this item until March.

RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Anna McCoy, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

2. Approve a Proposal to Design Sewer Improvements along Conners Road

Councilman Danny Carter moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the proposal from Brennan Jones for sewer improvements along Conners Road for an amount not to exceed \$335,515.00.

RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Anna McCoy, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

E. City Manager's Report (Tom Barber)

City Manager Tom Barber gave an update on the North Bypass

F. Executive Session

Councilman Danny Carter moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:07 pm for the purpose of 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), to confer with legal counsel pursuant to attorney client privilege and to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)

RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman

AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

Councilman Danny Carter moved to reenter Regular Session at 9:51 pm

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

Councilwoman Anna McCoy moved to approve the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Gil McDougal as Deputy City Manager

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: Anna McCoy, Councilman
SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilwoman
AYES: Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy,
NAYS: Carter, Warmoth

Adjournment (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilwoman Anna McCoy moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Matthew Momtahan and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Leslie McPherson adjourned the meeting.


City Clerk Theresa Campbell


Mayor Leslie McPherson

