

CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, July 9, 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 Captain Blake Terry, Villa Rica Police Department

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Blake Terry, Villa Rica Police Department

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

1. Recognition of Villa Rica Police Officers Responding to Medical Emergency on April 28, 2024
2. Introduction of new K9 Zafir
3. Proclamation for 175th Anniversary of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
4. Retirement Recognition for Alisa Doyal, Main Street Manager

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
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. John Hannabach- wants the Council more involved with the Planning and Zoning Committee and believes 2-year terms are too short.

2. Kristi Chastain- mentioned she is thankful for Jeff Resse returning. She also researched and shared the past work session schedules from previous years. She wants the work session on a different day from the meeting.
3. Doug Lang-mention Villa Rica Parkway and wants to know if the city is working with Fuqua as well as the citizens to find alternatives.
4. Pam Whyte- she wants to make it clear the Cleghorn community has animosity with the city not the people of Mirror Lake. She mentioned a Facebook post about “thugs” she believes is untrue and wants increased patrols by the Villa Rica Police Department. She also questioned why Councilman Momtahan mentioned he was a Republican at the last meeting?
5. Peg Taylor-mentioned the no left hand turn sign on Villa Rica Parkway and would also like double yellow lines painted on the road.
6. Charlotte Evans- wants the work session moved to a separate day. She mentioned the Clearview Street bumps are working to slow the speeding, but now she has tandem construction trucks to deal with and there is too much traffic on her road.
7. Joshua Evans- claims he is good at what he does. He mentioned grease and trash juices running into a detention pond and creek that cows drink from needs to be looked at. He mentioned 3 manhole covers that were off for over 3 weeks. He also mentioned stormwater maintenance agreements are not being honored, and the citizens will not pay for a stormwater utility.
8. Aleeta Farmer- speaking on behalf of the Cleghorn Community, and that communication with the city has not improved. She mentioned private projects the city signed off on without her knowledge. She wants the projects to stop if it is going to require the city to purchase more water.
9. Linda Parish- wants to know with all the new projects and growth how does this affect the schools. She feels there was no planning from the city and traffic is horrible.
10. Brent Steele-mentioned lack of planning by the city. Also, cutting through Cleghorn Street is not the answer.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilman Matthew Momtahan- Congratulated Parks and Recreation for a job well done on July 3, 2024. He addressed Pam Whyte as to why he mentioned he was a Republican. He believes in the Constitution and as a real estate lawyer he believes in the 5th amendment. As such, that means the government cannot take your property without just compensation, and this was the point of his comment.

Mayor McPherson- spoke about traffic on Punkintown and Parkway Circle. She mentioned that she thinks the Council does need more information from Planning and Zoning Commission. She mentioned the Clearview Street speed will not be adjusted. She is also concerned about growth, hence the moratorium that is currently in place. She also stated that the school system does meet with the city.

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. Appointment of Luz Morales to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Ward 1
2. Appointment of Julie Cepin to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Ward 2
3. Villa Rica Parkway Final Plat to rename Mirror Lake Connector to Villa Rica Parkway
4. Approval of Watermist II B Final Plat
5. Firearm Disposition and Purchase of Pistols with Red Dot Sight
6. No Left-hand Turn Sign on Punkintown Rd in front of Publix.
7. Approval of the execution of the agreement with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for the delegation of review and approval of sanitary sewer system extensions.
8. Execute work order with Brennan Jones to design a replacement for Hickory Falls Lift Station
9. Approval of addendum to master services agreement with Carter & Sloope to design water main extension along Highway 61.
10. Approval of addendum to master services agreement with Carter & Sloope to design a water pump Station on Highway 61

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

1. Villa Rica Parkway Resolution

Councilman Danny Carter moved to adopt the Resolution for the connector project.

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

2. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2024, Work Session

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve the minutes as presented.

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

3. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2024 City Council Meeting

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the minutes as presented

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

4. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2024

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve the minutes as presented.

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

B. Public Works (Hal Burch, Director)

1. Cleghorn Stop Signs

Councilman Danny moved to approve the addition of three stop signs at Villa Rica Parkway and Cleghorn Street.

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

C. Finance (Jennifer Hallman)

1. Financial Update May 2024

Finance Director Jennifer Hallman presented financial update for May 2024

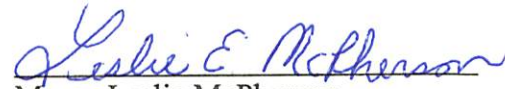
D. City Manager's Report (Jeff Reese, Interim)

Interim City Manager Jeff Reese provided update on current projects and mentioned he would provide each Council member with the same statement in writing.

Adjournment (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter 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

