

CITY COUNCIL
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DANNY CARTER, MAYOR PRO TEM
SHIRLEY MARCHMAN
MATTHEW MOMTAHAN
STEPHANIE WARMOTH
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City of Villa Rica



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, September 10, 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 Pastor John Lemmings, Journey Fellowship Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Officer Matt Hayes, Villa Rica Police Department

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

1. 15 Years of Service Recognition- Michelle Landrum
2. 10 Years of Service Recognition- Rhonda Gullledge

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to amend the agenda to delete item B 1 and D1 and adopt the agenda as amended.

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. Pam Whyte-Questioned what area of Villa Rica is considered the East Side Village? When was it created and by whom?

2. Josh Evans-Mentioned spending \$45,000 for an emergency repair seems wrong, when it could have been fixed prior. He has preached to the Council for a year about the stormwater issues and they have not listened. He thanked Jeff Reese for helping the Cleghorn Community.
3. Joseph Ludeman-Requested a copy of his conditional use permit that was approved. He stated Community Development could not locate his permit.
4. Aleta Farmer-Mentioned June 11, 2024 Council meeting that lasted 3 hours. During that meeting it was the will of the council to pause the new road. She wanted to know if the pause is completed and if Mayor McPherson will recuse herself when the Carroll Tomorrow item is handled.
5. Demeta Pritchett- Mentioned contractors on her mother's property. She questioned why the railroad crossing on Cleghorn St. is being closed. She wants everyone in the community to have the opportunity to give feedback and questioned if eminent domain will be used.
6. Peg Taylor-Mentioned implementing a task force for school shootings. She wants students to have mental health counseling and screenings. She also mentioned bullies and victims meeting together in a safe place to work through their problems.
7. Jackie Childress-Mentioned she almost ran over a family on their golf cart on the new parkway. She wants Avemore to start over with their applications and does not believe a data center is a good fit.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilwoman Warmoth mentioned on September 27th, 28th and 29th Reid Planation is having a community yard sale.

Councilwoman McCoy mentioned on September 28th and 29th Mirror Lake is having a community yard sale.

Councilman Carter mentioned the paving on Edge Rd. could begin next week depending on weather.

Councilman Momtahan wants staff to work on updating the golf cart ordinance.

Mayor McPherson mentioned she will not recuse herself from the Carroll Tomorrow item as she is a representative of Villa Rica and she does not receive any personal benefit from being on the board. She cannot answer the Darden St, question as she does not have firsthand knowledge, but the City Manager can address their questions tomorrow at the meeting that is scheduled.

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. Fullerville Lighting Installation
2. Ratification of WIC Building Move.

3. Club Bay Pump Replacement
4. North Wastewater Plant Generator Replacement
5. Emergency Stormwater Repair in Villa Trace Subdivision

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

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

A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

1. Approval of Work Session Meeting from August 13, 2024
2. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2024
3. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2024 Millage Rate
4. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2024 Budget
5. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2024 Millage Rate
6. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2024 Budget
7. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2024 Budget

Councilwoman Danny Carter moved to adopt all the minutes as presented.

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

B. Community Development (Nina Shabazz, Director)

1. Extension Rezoning for 55 and 63 Goldworth Road-Avemore (RA-06-18) and public hearing.

Applicant Mike Embry and Joe Fowler spoke

Susan Thompson Crane-mentioned Mike Embry told her he wanted no residential and only wanted a data center. Questioned what actually will be built. Wants the application process to start over.

Luz Morales- Wants application process to start over. Planning and Zoning had no site plan to use to make a decision. Multiple permit conditions issued have not been upheld.

Jackie Childress- Wants application process to start over.

Joseph Ludeman- He does not believe the Council ever knows what they are voting for. Wants the application process to start over.

Josh Evans- Agrees infrastructure could improve lift station daisy chain. Gray water is a good idea.

Charlotte Evans-Mentioned she will fight industrial rezonings and does not want data center close to the city limits.

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to extend the renewal of the Avemore PUD for an additional 12 months subject to the conditions as stated on the September 13, 2023 letter from Ronald Johnson and submittal of the updated review letter to the Three Rivers Regional Commission, an updated traffic analysis, and detailed plan of proposed move of the water tower would need to be submitted to the Community Development Department and the city engineer within 6 months from this Council meeting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES:	Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter
NAYS:	Warmoth

C. Finance (Jennifer Hallman)

1. Financial Update July 2024

Finance Director Jennifer Hallman presented financial update for July 2024

2. Adoption of FY25 Budget

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the revised 2025 Operating and Capital Budget as presented.

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

D. Deputy City Manager (Diana DeSanto)

1. Carroll Tomorrow Agreement

Councilman Danny Carter to approve the annual pledge payment amount of \$75,000 to Carroll Tomorrow.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES:	Marchman, Momtahan, Carter
NAYS:	Warmoth, McCoy

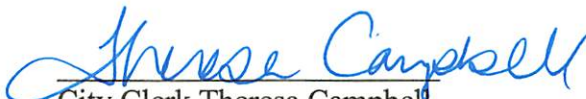
E. City Manager's Report (Jeff Reese, Interim)

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

Mayor McPherson announced that Deputy City Manager Diana DeSanto would be appointed Interim City Manager for 6 months and further steps will be taken after the 6 months are completed.

Adjournment (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Leslie McPherson adjourned the meeting.


City Clerk Theresa Campbell


Mayor Leslie McPherson

