

City Council Meeting
10 N. Public Square
January 20, 2022
6:00 P.M. – Work Session
7:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

WORK SESSION

Mayor Matthew Santini opened Work Session at 6:02 P.M. Council Members discussed each item from the agenda with corresponding Staff Members.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to go into closed session for the purposes of Personnel and Property. Council Member Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0

Mayor Santini closed Work Session at 6:49 P.M.

OPENING MEETING

Mayor Santini called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Invocation by Council Member Roth.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Fox.

The City Council met in Regular Session with Matthew Santini, Mayor presiding and the following present: Kari Hodge, Council Member Ward One; Jayce Stepp, Council Member Ward Two; Cary Roth, Council Member Ward Three; Calvin Cooley, Council Member Ward Four; Gary Fox, Council Member Ward Five; Dan Porta, City Manager; Julia Drake, City Clerk and Keith Lovell, Assistant City Attorney.

Absent: Taff Wren, Council Member Ward Six

REGULAR AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. January 6, 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Cooley to approve the January 20, 2022 Council Minutes. Council Member Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

APPOINTMENTS

2. Alcohol Control Board

Randy Mannino, Planning and Development Director, stated if approved, Patti Rogers will serve as the Ward 1 appointee on the Alcohol Control Board and will serve for the remaining term through June 3, 2024.

Council Member Roth made a motion to approve the Appointment for the Alcohol Control Board. Council Member Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

Council Member Hodge took a moment to thank Jennifer Smith for her time and commitment to the Alcohol Control Board.

3. Planning Commission

Mr. Mannino stated there are three board members with terms expiring this month. Travis Popham (Ward 1) and Greg Culverhouse (Ward 5) would like to continue serving and their new terms would expire January 31, 2026. Lamar Pendley would like to continue serving as the Mayor's appointee with a new term expiring January 31, 2024. In addition, there is an open seat for Ward 3. Fritz Dent has submitted his application and it was recommended to include him in the approval for the Planning Commission. Mr. Dent's term would expire on January 31, 2026.

Council Member Fox made a motion to approve the Planning Commission appointments. Council Member Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

4. Bartow-Cartersville Second Joint Development Authority

Dan Porta, City Manager stated Lamar Pendley is willing to continue serving as a board member of the Bartow-Cartersville Second Joint Development Authority with his new term expiring December 31, 2025.

Council Member Fox made a motion to approve the appointment for the Bartow-Cartersville Second Joint Development Authority. Council Member Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

5. Convention and Visitors Bureau Board

Mr. Porta stated two members of the Convention and Visitors Bureau board, Jeff Watkins and Tom Shinall, would like to continue serving. If reappointed, their new terms would expire December 31, 2023.

Council Member Fox made a motion to approve the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board appointments. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING – 1ST HEARING OF ZONING/ANNEXATIONS REQUESTS

6. AZ22-01: Adjacent to Litchfield St.

Mr. Mannino stated Parapet Partners, LLC, applicant, requests annexation and zoning of a portion of the property identified as Tax Parcel ID 0072-0345-001, located in Land Lot 345 of the 4th District, 3rd Section. The property contains 38.68 +/- acres. The portion to be annexed contains 24.7 +/- acres. Proposed zoning is R-7, Single Family Residential. Planning Commission recommended approval 1/11/2022.

Public hearing for the zoning portion was opened.

Leslie Crawford, 25 Litchfield St., came forward to speak against the request.

Tommy Sanders, Public Works Director, came forward to address some of Ms. Crawford's concerns for the streets of Atco.

Mike Howren, 164 Sullens Rd., Cartersville, came forward to state their intent is to not be a detriment to the area but to help the area. Furthermore, to address Ms. Crawford's concern of storm water run-off, the development being discussed will have its storm water run away from Litchfield.

Ms. Crawford returned to the podium to request clarification on the location of the proposed retention pond to which Mr. Mannino approached the map shown to point out its proposed location.

With no one else to come forward to speak for or against the application, the public hearing for the zoning portion was closed.

The public hearing for the annexation portion was opened and with no one to come forward to speak for or against the annexation, the public hearing was closed.

This was a first reading. Voting on this item will commence at the next Council Meeting scheduled for February 3, 2022.

7. SU22-01: 464 Bates Rd

Mr. Mannino stated Robert Berry, owner, requests a Special Use Permit to add an apartment to the 2nd story of a detached garage. If approved, the applicant will be required to obtain a variance to increase the allowed area from 650sf to 870sf. Planning Commission recommends approval 4-0.

Public hearing opened.

Robert Berry, applicant, came forward to state that there will not be anyone residing in the space initially. However, the apartment is to be built for future use in the event someone is needed to come in to help care for the owners as they age.

With no one else to come forward to speak for or against the application, the public hearing was closed.

This was a first reading. Voting on this item will commence at the next Council Meeting scheduled for February 3, 2022.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

8. T22-01: Planned Residential Project in DBD

Mr. Mannino stated Text Amendment to Chapter 26, Zoning, Article IX, Section 9.4, DBD downtown Business District, and to Article XVI, Section 16.4, Minimum Special Use Standards, to add "Planned Residential Project" as an allowed use with a Special Use Permit. This amendment is intended to promote residential development in the DBD.

The public hearing was opened and with no one to come forward to speak for or against the text amendment, the public hearing was closed. This was a first reading. No vote was made.

BID AWARD/PURCHASES

9. General Municipal Election Invoice

Mr. Mannino stated Bartow County Elections has submitted their invoice for the services provided at the November 2, 2021 Municipal Elections. This is budgeted and recommended for approval.

Council Member Roth made a motion to approve the General Municipal Election Invoice. Council Member Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

10. Residential Garbage Carts

Mr. Sanders stated Solid Waste opened bids on residential garbage carts. The low bid was from Rehrig Pacific Company for \$37,367.69. This is for 637 (full truck load) EnviroGuard garbage carts.

A motion was made by Council Member Hodge to approve the Residential Garbage Carts purchase. Council Member Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

11. RAS Check Valve Repair

Sidney Forsyth, Water Department Director, stated On August 5, 2021 Council approved the repair of two – 30-inch check valves on the return activated sludge pumps at the Water Pollution Control Plant. This approval was for a not-to-exceed cost of \$25,000 for Goforth Williamson, Inc.

Upon issuance of the notice to proceed, the contractor significantly increased their price for the work due to material and labor price increases and other uncertainties.

The Water Department rebid the project and had only one responsive bidder with an updated proposal, Goforth Williamson, Inc. The revised price includes \$58,500.00 for valve repair labor and parts and \$2,975.00 for a blind flange to close the open-ended pipe while the valve is removed.

Approval was recommended to rescind the original approval of the not-to-exceed price of \$25,000, and approve the updated bid for Goforth Williamson, Inc. of \$61,475.00.

Council Member Fox made a motion to rescind the previous approval. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

Council Member Fox made a motion approve the new bid for the RAS Check Valve Repair. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

12. WTP Heat Pump Replacement

Mr. Forsyth stated the 7.5-ton heat pump at the Water Treatment Plant has quit working completely after several minor repairs this year. The repair quote is now \$2,700 with no guarantee this will fix the problem. This is a 12- year old unit, conditioning a 24 hour/day occupied space.

Three quotes for a replacement unit were received and it was recommended to proceed with the low bid from T&T Commercial Services, LLC for \$13,600.00. This is a budgeted maintenance expense and will be paid from account #505-3310-52-2350.

Council Member Fox made a motion to approve the WTP Heat Pump Replacement. Council Member Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

OTHER

13. Atlanta Regional Commission Payment

Mr. Forsyth stated On August 2, 2018, the City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) in order to be included in attorney client privileged meetings and discussions regarding water supply allocation by the Corps of Engineers in Lake Allatoona. The City's portion of the 2021 invoice is \$50,000. This is a budgeted item and will be paid from account 505-3310-54-2336.

Council Member Fox made a motion to approve the Atlanta Regional Commission Payment. Council Member Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

Council Member Hodge made a motion to add two (2) items to the agenda. Council Member Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

14. Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

Freddy Morgan, Assistant City Manager, stated a list of vehicles and equipment deemed as surplus by our departments were submitted for review. It was requested for this list to be approved as surplus in order to be sold on GovDeals.com.

Council Member Roth made a motion to approve the Surplus Vehicles and Equipment list to be sold on GovDeals.com. Council Member Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

ADDED ITEMS

15. Grant Resolution

Mr. Porta stated that Council had previously approved the application for grant funding for the Police Department to receive funding for extensive training in jiu-jitsu and de-escalation. Before the council now is the resolution to accept the funding of \$21,500.00.

Council Member Roth made a motion to approve the grant resolution. Council Member Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

RESOLUTION 02-22

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL TO EXPAND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU PROGRAM FOR DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

WHEREAS, the City of Cartersville has been awarded \$21,500 in grant funding from the State of Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program funding; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of said grant shall be to administer law enforcement training by expanding the police department's Brazilian jiu-jitsu program for de-escalation training; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Cartersville deems the Project to be in the best interests of the citizens of Cartersville; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Cartersville acting in his official capacity and on behalf of the Cartersville City Council is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the State of Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program in order to perform those activities specified within this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk of Cartersville is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to accompany said award documentation and to provide the State of Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council any and all Support Documentation which is considered to be part of said award process.


BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, this 20th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/


Julia Drake, City Clerk
City of Cartersville, Georgia

/s/


Matthew J. Santini, Mayor
City of Cartersville, Georgia



16. Employee Settlement

Mr. Porta stated that a settlement had been reached with a previous employee for \$50,000 and was recommending approval to settle and terminate employee.

Council Member Stepp made a motion to approve the Employee Settlement. Council Member Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

17. November 2021 Financial Report

Tom Rhinehart, Finance Director, came forward to review the November 2021 Financial Report comparing the numbers to November 2020.

Prior to closing the meeting, Mayor Santini asked if anyone had anything they would like to add.

With no other business to discuss, Council Member Stepp made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Matthew J. Santini
/s/ Matthew J. Santini
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Julia Drake
Julia Drake
City Clerk

