

CITY OF CORNELIA
MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
October 1, 2019

The Cornelia City Commission met in a Workshop Session on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Cornelia Community House, 601 Wylly Street, Cornelia, GA. Mayor Pro Tem, Don Bagwell called the meeting to order and the following Commissioners were present: Tony Cook, Wesley Dodd, Jr. and Janice Griggs. Also, present: City Attorney Steve Campbell, City Manager Donald Anderson and Human Resource Manager Diane Feorino

City Manager Anderson introduced each item on the agenda and asked if further explanation was needed. Mr. Anderson also amended the agenda to add Firewall software addition.

City Manager Anderson summarized the draft of the 2020 budget with a short discussion regarding personnel and some of the larger purchase items.

There was a general discussion regarding our ordinances and how multifamily site approvals are processed. The discussion focused on eliminating the swimming pool requirement and if all of the requirements are met, should the developer have to come to the Commission for approval. After some discussion, the decision was made to do more research into the matter.

The workshop meeting was closed at 6:00 pm.

Janie N. Henderson, City Clerk
Minutes Prepared by Diane Feorino,
Human Resources Manager

Don Bagwell, Mayor Pro Tem

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The Cornelia City Commission met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Cornelia Community House, 601 Wylly Street, Cornelia, GA. Mayor Pro Tem, Don Bagwell called the meeting to order and the following Commissioners were present, Tony Cook, Wesley Dodd, Jr. and Janice Griggs. Also present: City Attorney Steve Campbell, City Manager Donald Anderson, Jr. and Human Resource Manager Diane Feorino,

Mayor Pro Tem Bagwell gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda –City Manager Anderson added Firewall Software under New Business on the Agenda. Commissioner Cook made the motion to approve as amended the October 1, 2019 Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Dodd. Approved 3 - 0.

Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve the September 3, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0.

Community Development Manager Monthly Report – Jessie Owensby was not available for the meeting but her report was included in the Agenda Packet. City Manager Anderson stated that the Big Red Apple Festival was a great success. He said there was a minor issue with parking but the crowds were good and the event was a success.

City Manager’s Monthly Report – City Manager Anderson presented his September Monthly Report. A copy of this report is made an integral part of these minutes. Mr. Anderson added that the Wayside project is coming closer to completion. Paving of the road is supposed to start Oct. 14th and be finished by the end of that week.

Public Forum – No comments were heard.

Old Business:

Ordinance 09-19-01, Amendment to Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code – City Manager Anderson explained that the language in Chapter 2-116 of the code was no longer correct since the Secretary of State now establishes the qualifying period for general elections and Habersham County is now in charge of our elections. Mr. Anderson stated that the ordinance has been posted and we have received no comments regarding the ordinance. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve Ordinance 09-19-01 Amendment to Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code, qualifying for general elections; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 - 0.

Ordinance 09-19-02, Amendment to our Alcohol Ordinance – City Manager Anderson reviewed the changes to address several items that have been brought to our attention by some of our business owners. He stated that the ordinance had been posted and we had received no comments and he asked for its approval. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve Ordinance 09-19-02, Amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Bagwell asked for approval of the Consent Agenda and Commission Cook made the motion to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Commission Dodd. Approve 3 – 0.

New Business

Ordinance 10-19-01 Amendment to Chapter 8 of the Municipal Code. Mr. Anderson explained that in our original animal control ordinance we prohibited having roosters within the city limits. When we adopted the County's ordinance this was omitted. The County will enforce our requirement when ordinance is passed. Mr. Anderson explained that this will need to be posted. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to post seconded by Commission Griggs. Approved 3 – 0.

Mr. Anderson explained that we have to select three public hearing dates for the setting of the millage rate. The dates proposed are Oct. 24th at noon, Oct. 28th at noon and 6 pm at which time the millage rate would be adopted. The meetings will be held at City Hall. Motion approved by Commissioner Dodd and seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approve 3 – 0.

Mr. Anderson explained that we held a bid opening for the Waste Water Filter Project and the low bid was Heavy Constructors for \$1,045,000 with the project being over budget by \$245,00 with part of the work being completed in 2020 the cost overage will be included in the 2020 budget. He explained that this is a requirement of the "Lake Lanier Initiative." Commissioner Dodd made motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 – 0.

Mr. Anderson explained about the need to update our firewall software as we like all other cities are being attacked by ransomware. We had a recent incident that shut down our billing software. Our current software is approximately 10 years old and needs to be updated. The proposal for software and support for 5 years would be \$29,947 and the funds would come from the R & E fund. Commissioner Dodd made the motion for approval seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 - 0.

Commissioner Dodd made the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:16 PM; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 – 0.

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