

CITY OF CORNELIA  
MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2019

The Cornelia City Commission met in a Called Meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 5PM at the Cornelia Community House, 601 Wyly Street, Cornelia, GA. Mayor Irby called the meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Don Bagwell, Tony Cook, Wesley Dodd, Jr., and Janice Griggs. Also present: City Manager Donald Anderson, Jr., Downtown Development Manager Jessie Owensby, and Janie N. Henderson, Secretary to the City Commission/City Clerk.

Approval of the Agenda – Commissioner Bagwell made the motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 4 – 0.

Ordinance Amending the City Retirement Plan – City Manager Anderson said this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Ordinance Amending the City Retirement Plan to include changes that have been made to Federal Law as well as changes adopted by the GMESB Board of Trustees. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending the City Retirement Plan; seconded by Commissioner Bagwell. Approved 4 – 0.

City Manager Anderson explained that the purpose of the meeting was to meet with the property owners to hear their concerns over the vacant/blighted property notice which they had received. He introduced Adam Hazell from GMRC who was going to serve as the mediator for the meeting. Mr. Hazell came forward to facilitate the meeting.

There were approximately a dozen property owners present for the meeting; Jeff Cantrell, Joe Goss, Herbert Head, Evelyn Welborn, Carol Lovell, Doug Fleming, Don Higgins, and several other men that their names weren't known. There were comments from several that don't think the letters were a good idea that the property owners should have been talked to personally that's the way it used to be done. Comments about the upkeep of the older properties are cost prohibitive that they are just trying to make a living. Also, there were some questions about the storm water fee.

Mayor Irby thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Bagwell stated we are just looking for solutions to make Cornelia a great place to do business. He said he doesn't see our downtown being a retail area, but we need to find a purpose that will benefit the City and the property owners.

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It was decided another meeting will be scheduled in approximately a month and we will let them know.

Commissioner Dodd made the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:30 PM; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 4 – 0.

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Janie N. Henderson, Secretary to the  
City Commission

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J.C. Irby, Jr., Mayor

