

City of Cornelia
Minutes of Commission Meeting
June 4, 2019

The Cornelia City Commission met in a Workshop Session on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Community House, Cornelia, Ga. City Manager, Donald Anderson, introduced Engineer Marty Boyd, Carter & Sloope, who reviewed the progress of the Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Boyd reviewed the letter he submitted regarding the status of the project. He explained that the contractor requested a contract extension and that is being reviewed. He explained about the status of the effluent tank and about the construction administration services. He informed the commission about the cost of the additional administration will be deducted from the final payment to Heavy Constructors. He also explained that the liner issues have been corrected.

Mr. Anderson explained the request from Ms. Betty Gober's son to do a proclamation for her eightieth birthday. He requested that this be added to the agenda as item twelve.

Mr. Anderson explained about the history of Alston Ridge and how when the City was approached about accepting the subdivision in 2003, it was stated that they would not ask about the roads. City attorney, Steve Campbell, explained the history of the situation. Mr. Anderson explained that he had our engineering firm look at the roads and that yes they need to be fixed; but we could fix the worst sections at this point. Mr. Anderson explained that there was no more money in the budget for roads. He explained what had been budgeted and spent. He explained that the only way we could fix these now would be to not do the work on other projects.

City Attorney, Steve Campbell, explained that he had reworked the Ordinance regarding panhandling. He explained as there is a safety focus, it needed to explain the difference in aggressive and passive panhandling. He explained the ordinance we significantly changed so his advice would be to repost it.

The workshop ended at approximately 5:58 pm.

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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, June 4, 2019 in the Community House, Cornelia, Ga. Mayor Pro tem, Don Bagwell, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and the following members were present: Commissioners Tony Cook, Wesley Dodd, Jr., and Janice Griggs. Also present: City Attorney Steve Campbell, City Manager Donald Anderson, Jr. Downtown Development Manager Jessie Owensby and Human Resource Manager Diane Feorino. City Clerk Janie Henderson was absent.

Commissioner Bagwell gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda – City Manager requested that Item #12 be changed to a Proclamation for Mrs. Betty Gober. Commissioner Cook made the motion to approve the June 4, 2019 Agenda with the recommended modifications; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0

Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve the April 30, 2019 Special Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 – 0

Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve the May 7, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0

Community Development Report – Jessie Owensby, Development Manager, came forward and presented her report for May 2019. A copy of her report is made an integral part of these minutes.

City Manager gave his report for the month of May 2019. A copy of his report is made an integral part of these minutes.

Mayor Pro tem, Bagwell opened up the Public Forum and Jake Kennedy from Alston Lane, came forward to discuss their request to have the Alston Ridge Subdivision roads re-paved. He explained that they had submitted a petition to the City signed by twenty-eight residents. He stated that the roads were 30 years old and that they are uneven and dangerous to walk on. He said the City had applied crack sealer last year, but the roads needed to be repaired.

No one else spoke during the public forum so it was closed by Mayor Pro tem Bagwell.

Old Business:

Mr. Andersons explained that Ordinance # 05-19-01 had been revised to better clarify the differences in aggressive and passive panhandling and how the ordinance is about safety. Mayor Pro tem, Bagwell asked City Attorney Campbell if his recommendation was to repost and Mr. Campbell replied that it was. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to repost the ordinance, seconded by Commission Cook. Approved 3 – 0.

Mr. Anderson said that Ordinance #05-19-02 has been posted; we sent information to all companies who would be affected by the ordinance, and have received no comments for or against. Commission Dodd made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commission Cook. Approved 3 – 0.

New Business:

Mr. Anderson explained that we had received a petition from 28 residents of the Alston Ridge Subdivision requesting that their roads be repaved. He had the city engineers evaluate the roads and to properly re-construct the roads would be approximately \$395,135. The roads were never built to the City's specifications. He explained that the money budgeted in SPLOST has already been spent and this was not budgeted for this year. He explained that to fix the worst areas , approximately 15 spots, we would have to find the money from other paving projects. He said that if we do not pave the City Park basketball courts and Hoyt street due to sewer improvement project, we would have approximately \$56,394 to use to repair the roads. Mayor Pro tem Bagwell explained that we have not raised the mileage rate trying to keep our taxes low so we would have to take a step approach to fixing the roads. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to use \$56,394 to repair the worst areas of the roads; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 – 0

Mr. Anderson read the proclamation to make June 6, 2019 Betty Gober day in Cornelia. Motion was approved by Commissioner Dodd; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 – 0

Mayor Pro tem Bagwell stated that this concluded all the items for the meeting. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to close the meeting at approximately 6:40 pm seconded by Commission Griggs.

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