

CITY OF CORNELIA
MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 5, 2018

The Cornelia City Commission met in a Workshop Session on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room at City Hall, Cornelia, GA. Mayor J.C. Irby, Jr. called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Commissioners Don Bagwell, Tony Cook, Wesley Dodd, Jr., and Janice Griggs. Also present: City Attorney Steve Campbell, City Manager Donald Anderson, Human Resource Manager Diane Feorino, and Secretary to the City Commission/City Clerk Janie N. Henderson.

Courtney Reich and Ed DiTommaso, of the Ecological Planning Group (EPG), were present to go over the 2018-2028 Comprehensive Plan, which they have been working on for the City. They have also been looking at our current Zoning Ordinance and provided some maps for review and suggested some future changes.

The Commission adjourned to the Municipal Room at approximately 6:55 PM.

Janie N. Henderson, City Clerk

J.C. Irby, Jr., Mayor

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The Cornelia City Commission met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6 PM in the Municipal Building, Cornelia, GA. Mayor J.C. Irby, Jr. called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Commissioners Don Bagwell, Tony Cook, Wesley Dodd, Jr., and Janice Griggs. Also present: City Attorney Steve Campbell, City Manager Donald Anderson, Human Resource Manager Diane Feorino, and Secretary to the City Commission/City Clerk Janie N. Henderson.

Commissioner Bagwell gave the invocation. Mayor Irby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda - Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve the June 5, 2018 Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Bagwell. Approved 4 - 0.

Commissioner Bagwell made the motion to approve the May 1, 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 4 – 0.

Community Development Report - Community Development Manager Jessie Owensby gave her report for May and highlighted accomplishments for the month. A copy of her report is made an integral part of these minutes.

City Manager Donald Anderson presented his May Monthly Report. A copy of his report is made an integral part of these minutes.

Public Forum - Carol Lonergan, Arbor Gate Resident, stated she has 3 issues: (1) Un-mowed Vacant lots in her subdivision. She said everyone is working hard to keep their yards mowed but the vacant lots are not being maintained. She said there doesn't seem to be an Ordinance which addresses this matter. City Manager Anderson said there is and he will check into it. (2) At the entrance to Arbor Gate you have to pull out almost into the road to be able to see, the bank on Chase Road needs to be cut back. City Manager Anderson said that the entrance is not in the City Limits, so we will have to check with County., and (3) She wanted to know when the run-off issue is going to be resolved. She said we are charging all these fees and nothing is being done. City Manager Anderson said it is in this years' budget to be repaired.

Old Business:

Ordinance for Early Retirement – City Manager Anderson explained that there will be 8 employees eligible for the early retirement. Assuming that all 8 take advantage of this opportunity our annual pension cost would increase by \$234,564, but the savings in salary and benefits would be \$583,339 over this 5 year period for a total savings of \$290,134. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to adopt the Ordinance to offer Early Retirement to the 8 eligible employees; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 4 – 0.

Public Hearings – City Attorney Steve Campbell opened the Public Hearing for the 2018-2028 Comprehensive Plan. Ed DiTommaso, Ecological Planning Group, came forward and presented a slide show outlining the plan draft, which is ready to be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs for their review. The plan has to be adopted by October 2018. Ms. Lonergan asked where the funding will come from for the proposed projects. Mr. DiTommaso explained that when each project is addressed then funding options will be reviewed and spelled out, i.e. General Fund, Special Funds, Grants, Loans, etc. There were no further questions, so Attorney Campbell closed the Public Hearing.

Consent Agenda – No items.

Resolution to Transmit Comprehensive Plan – Commissioner Bagwell made the motion to adopt the Resolution to Transmit the 2018-2028 Comprehensive Plan to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 4 – 0.

Bids for Mini Excavator – City Manager Anderson explained that in 2017 our mini excavator, that we purchased used in 2011, finally reached the point where the cost to repair it was greater than the value of the tractor, so we decided to surplus it. Over the past year we have placed several pieces of equipment into surplus that we no longer use on a regular basis. He recommended using these funds to purchase a new Mini Excavator, which we use on a regular basis for all sorts of jobs. He said we have quotes on 3 different types of excavators with the low bidder being a Kubota KX080-4S from James Short Tractor in the amount of \$81,630.00. Commissioner Cook made the motion to approve the purchase of the Kubota KX080-4s Excavator from James Short Tractor for \$81,630.00; seconded by Commissioner Dodd. Approved 4 – 0.

GEFA Loan for Wayside Street Project – City Manager Anderson advised that we have been approved for a GEFA Loan in the amount of \$2,986,000 for the Wayside Street Sewer and Drainage Project. We do qualify for \$500,000 in Principal Forgiveness and we have been approved for a \$750,000 CDBG Grant. So as long as the project stays within budget the amount of the loan could be reduced to \$1,736,000. The loan is to be paid back over 10 years with an interest rate of 1.25%. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to authorize Mayor Irby to execute the GEFA Loan Agreement on behalf of the City; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 4 – 0.

Hodges Street Sewer System Improvement – City Manager Anderson explained that in 2015 we found out the sewer main that runs from Irvin Street to Hodges Street runs underneath the building located on the corner of Wells Street and Hodges Street. We found out because the sewer overflowed into the building. Since that time we have been performing routine cleaning of this line to make sure that this problem does not occur again. Our engineers have designed a plan to re-route this sewer line from under the building. We prepared a RFP for the work and received 1 bid for the project from Griffin Brothers for \$40,393.40. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to award the Hodges Street Sewer Project to Griffin Brothers for \$40,393.40; seconded by Commissioner Bagwell. Approved 4 -0.

Commissioner Dodd made the motion to enter into Executive Session at approximately 6:55 PM to discuss Real Estate; seconded by Commissioner Bagwell. Approved 4 – 0.

Commissioner Dodd made the motion to close the Executive Session and open the meeting at approximately 7:05 PM; seconded by Commissioner Bagwell. Approved 4 – 0.

Mayor Irby stated that Real Estate Matters were discussed, but no action was taken.

Commissioner Bagwell made the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:20; seconded by Commissioner Dodd. Approved 4 – 0.

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY HABERSHAM
CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA

AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDING OFFICIAL(S) FOR A CLOSED PUBLIC MEETING

While in Regular Session, the motion was made to enter into an Executive Session to discuss certain matters in a closed session.

- () To discuss with council pending and/or potential litigation, settlement claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions, which is exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1).
- (x) A meeting to discuss the purchase, disposal of, or lease of property; authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent public vote, which is excluded from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- () A meeting discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, which is excluded pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- () Discussion in Executive Session of Records that are otherwise protected from disclosure under the Open Records Act as pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3- (b)(4).

 X The subject matter of the Executive Session of the Regular Session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law.

 Because of events occurring during the closed session, I am unable to affirm the subject matter of the Executive Session of the Regular Session was devoted to only matters within the exceptions provided by law.

James C. Irby, Jr., Mayor, City of Cornelia

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
___ day of _____, 20 ___.

Notary Public