

CITY OF CORNELIA
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 1, 2022

The Cornelia City Commission met in a Workshop Session on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 5 PM in the Cornelia Municipal Building Conference Room, 181 Larkin Street, Cornelia, GA. Mayor, John Borrow, called the meeting to order and the following Commissioners were present: Tony Cook, Janice Griggs, Jeff Wilson, and Don Bagwell was absent. Also, present: City Attorney, Steve Campbell, City Manager, Donald Anderson, Human Resource Director, Diane Feorino, Community Development, Jessie Owensby, IT Director, Jeremy Dundore, and Debbie Turner, City Clerk.

Faith Bryan from Georgia Mountains Regional Commission updated the Mayor and Commissioner's on the 2020 Census State Redistricting Data. Due to a population increase in our city by 361 residents, she explained that the wards would need to be updated. She provided a map outlining where the wards would be increased, mostly in Ward 4. After discussion, it was decided that she would come back to the March meeting with a new map.

City Manager, Donald Anderson went over the items on the agenda, He said the amendment to Chapter 38 making it unlawful to place leaves in storm drains, culverts and top of catch basins has been posted and no comments have been made for or against it. City Manager also explained that we would like to purchase 2 reader sign boards with radar capability and 2 portable radar signs that can be mounted on a power pole, at a cost of \$38, 870.62

The Mayor and Commission adjourned the workshop at 5:50 PM.

Debbie Turner, City Clerk

John Borrow, Mayor

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The Cornelia City Commission met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6 PM in the Cornelia Municipal Building Court Room, 181 Larkin Street, Cornelia, GA. Mayor, John Borrow, called the meeting to order and the following Commissioners were present: Tony Cook, Janice Griggs, Jeff Wilson, and Don Bagwell was absent. Also, present: City Attorney, Steve Campbell, City Manager, Donald Anderson, Human Resource Director, Diane Feorino, IT Director, Jeremy Dundore, and Debbie Turner, City Clerk.

Commissioner Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Borrow gave the invocation.

Commissioner Cook made the motion to Approve the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Approved 3 -0

Commissioner Wilson made the motion to approve the January 10th minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0

City Manager Anderson gave his monthly report, he stated that our Public Works department did a great job clearing the roads during the snowstorm Izzy in January. The water plant did lose power for about 27 hours, but the backup generator was able to handle it and we only had to use about 400 gallons of fuel. Mr. Anderson said that the city received a Visionary award in Atlanta from Georgia Municipal Association and Georgia Trends Magazine. We are only one of 9 cities in Georgia that received this award. He also explained that our Historic District is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of his report is made an integral part of the minutes.

Public Forum-Joni Mabe owner of Loudermilk boarding house came forward to request her home be included in the Entertainment District. Mayor Borrow gave an overview of what the entertainment district was explaining that a business would need to be in the Central Business District and that it would need to be posted for 30 days. City Manager Anderson said she would need to have the property rezoned to Commercial, Ms. Mabe said it is zoned Commercial. Christy Lewallen came forward to say they were leaves in the ditches and all over on Yonah Street, City Manager Anderson told her that the Commission would be voting on an ordinance tonight that would prohibit that.

Old Business-Ordinance #01-22-01, Amendment to Chapter 38 of the Municipal code. City Manager explained that this ordinance would make it unlawful for citizens to place leaves in culverts, storm drains and on top off catch basins. Commissioner Griggs made the motion to adopt the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 – 0

Public Hearings-City Attorney Steve Campbell opened the Public Hearing to amend the Boundary of the entertainment district. City Manager Anderson said that the request is coming from the DDA as well as other business owners. If approved it would include South Main Street, Larkin Street and Oak St. Louie Cody owner the Habersham Hardware building came forward to ask that his business be included. Mr. Cody said he thinks it would help attract businesses and more people to the area. Alice Dover came forward to speak for her and her mother who own Farm & Lavish. Ms. Dover explained that she would like to coordinate with other businesses such as Borrowed and Blue and Common Ground to maybe have wedding showers and have brides to come in and register for their upcoming wedding or shower.as well as other events happening in downtown. Joni Mabe came back before the Commission to request that parking strips been repainted on Foreacre Street. She said there was parking places there before it was repaved. Mayor Borrow said we would look into it. Attorney Steve Campbell closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Wilson made the motion to amend the Entertainment District by passing a resolution that has been proposed by City, seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 – 0

Consent Agenda- Annual Planting Agreement and Fire Protection Agreement with Mt. Airy
Commissioner Cook made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by
Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0

Agreement with GMRC for ARC Grant- City Manager Anderson said that the City would like to apply for ARC grant for the rails to trails project. This agreement will be for the preparing and to administer the grant if we receive it. The cost is not to exceed \$30,000.00. Commissioner Cook made the motion to enter into the agreement with Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0

Bids for Water Tank Decommissioning-City Manager Anderson explained that we have received 4 bids for decommissioning the small Chenocetah water tank. The low bidder is Iseler Demolition at a cost of \$17,700.00. Commissioner Wilson made the motion to award Iseler Demolition the project, seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0

Bids for 2022 Paving Project-City Manager Anderson said we have received 2 bids for this project, it will include resurfacing Berry St. and Wells St. The low bidder is Garrett Paving at a cost of \$170,668.60. Commissioner Cook made the motion to award Garrett Paving the bid, seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0

Agreement with Carter & Sloop for Grant Administration- City Manager Anderson said that we have received a CDBG grant of \$750,000 for infrastructure improvements at Oak Grove trailer

Park, Galloway Court Apartments and Sunshine Circle. Carter and Sloope prepared the application but at the time didn't include the grant administration fee of \$45,000. Commissioner Wilson made the motion to approve the agreement with Carter & Sloope, seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 – 0

Bids for New Rood on the Maintenance Shop- City Manager Anderson explained that we have budgeted \$20,000 to replace the roof on the maintenance shop. We received two bids with United Roofing being the low bid of \$14,581.16. Commissioner Griggs made the motion to award United Roofing the bid, seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 3 – 0

Bids for Reader Board Signs- City Manager Anderson said we have budgeted to purchase 2 new reader signs with radar capability. Mr. Anderson said we would like purchase 2 portable radar signs that can be mounted on a power pole. We only received 1 bid from K & K systems in the amount of \$38,870.62, SPLOST funds will be allocated for Public Safety for reader boards. Commissioner Cook made the motion to approve the purchase from K & K, seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 3 – 0

Commissioner Cooke made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Approved 3 - 0

The Mayor and Commission adjourned the regular meeting at 6:40 PM.

Debbie Turner, City Clerk

John Borrow, Mayor