

CITY OF CORNELIA  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MAY 12, 2020

The Cornelia City Commission met in a Workshop Session on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Cornelia City Hall, 181 Larkin Street, Cornelia, GA. Mayor John Borrow called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Commissioners Tony Cook and Janice Griggs, Commissioner Don Bagwell and Wesley Dodd, Jr. were present via Zoom online. Also present: City Manager Donald Anderson and City Clerk Janie N. Henderson. City Attorney Steve Campbell and Human Resource Manager Diane Feorino were present via Zoom online.

City Manager Anderson went over each item on the agenda and asked if there were any questions. He said he needed to add the Bids for cleaning service for the new Municipal Building to the agenda.

SPLOST – Mayor Borrow gave an update on where we stand with the negotiations for SPLOST. He said he and City Manager Anderson met here at City Hall and he was on the Habersham County Commission Agenda to speak remotely on Monday, May 4, 2020. He was given his 3 minutes to speak and then they had their discussion. Commissioners Tench, Meador and Stamey voted against us and are in favor of strictly by the population method. Even though Stamey had sent him an email the weekend prior and said he would vote for our proposed method, even though he felt the fair method was population. Mayor Borrow said we are not giving up they still need at least half of the cities to agree to proceed. He feels we need to meet face to face and discuss the issue, but of course comply with the 6 feet apart and all other requirements. City Manager Anderson said the next morning they sent us a letter, like it's a done deal and stating they need a list of our projects. Mayor Borrow in turn sent them a letter saying we're not ready to accept their decision. He stated loosely figuring we generate at least 30% of the sales tax for the County. City Manager Anderson said that 52% of the Commercial Digest is made up of businesses located in Cornelia. Commissioner Bagwell asked what percentage did voters pass the last sales tax referendum? Mayor Borrow said it was 57% to 43%, but the one prior to that failed. Commissioner Bagwell said it's going to be a huge obstacle because of the current job climate.

The Mayor and Commission adjourned the Workshop for the Regular Meeting starting.

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Janie N. Henderson, City Clerk/Secretary  
to the City Commission

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John Borrow, Mayor

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The Cornelia City Commission met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6 PM at the Cornelia City Hall, 181 Larkin Street, Cornelia, GA. Mayor John Borrow called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Commissioners Tony Cook and Janice Griggs, Commissioners Don Bagwell, Wesley Dodd, Jr., were present online through Zoom. Also, present: City Manager Donald Anderson, and City Clerk Janie N. Henderson. City Attorney Steve Campbell and Human Resource Manager Diane Feorino were present via Zoom online.

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

Commissioner Bagwell made the motion to approve the May 12, 2020 Agenda with the addition of the Bids for Cleaning Services; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 4 – 0.

Commissioner Bagwell made the motion to approve the April 21, 2020 Minutes as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 4 -0.

Community Development Report – Community Development Manager Report was provided. A copy of her report is made an integral part of these minutes. Commissioner Bagwell stated for Item#17 he would like to know what the responses were from the 62 Cornelia Businesses she had contacted. City Manager Anderson said he would ask her to email them a summary on how our businesses are doing. Commissioner Cook asked about Item #16, what kind of affordable housing has she spoken to Jeff Herrin about. City Manager Anderson said he thinks it's apartments. Commissioner Bagwell was also interested on status of old Kmart Building. City Manager Anderson said we have a Planet Fitness going into a third of the building and they have applied for permits.

City Manager's Monthly Report – City Manager Anderson presented his April Report. He advised that Walmart will have COVID19 drive-up testing starting next Monday, Wednesday and Friday for several weeks. The testing is free, and it will be in front of the garden center. Also, there will be testing this weekend at the Health Department on Scoggins Drive, Demorest (you need to call and make an appointment). It was also noted that the new Water Treatment Plant should be completed on June 22, 2020. A copy of his report is made an integral part of these minutes. Commissioner Dodd asked what the procedure would be to bring the new plant online. City Manager Anderson explained that we will have to run both plants for 30 days and how this would be accomplished.

Public Forum – No comments were heard.

Ordinance 04-20-01 – City Manager Anderson explained this is an amendment to Chapter 38 of the Code making it illegal to dispose of Human Waste and Animal Waste in residential garbage cans. It must be placed in sealed garbage bags. The ordinance has been posted and we've received no response from the Public. Commissioner Cook made the motion to adopt Ordinance 04-20-01, Amendment to Chapter 38 of the Municipal Code concerning the disposal of Human and Animal Waste; seconded by Commissioner Dodd. Approved 4 – 0.

Public Hearings - None

Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda which included: (1) Hotel/Motel Tax Agreement with the Habersham Chamber of Commerce., and (2) Hotel/Motel Tax Agreement with the Hospitality & Tourism Board.; seconded by Commissioner Bagwell. Approved 4 – 0.

Property of Donald Cantrell, Jr. for Appletree Alley Project - City Manager Anderson stated we have been negotiating with Mr. Cantrell and we have reached an agreement to purchase the property for \$20,000.00. Mayor Borrow said the City has been working on the Appletree Alley Project for about 6 years and this will keep the project moving. The land is reflected on the attached survey. Commissioner Bagwell made the motion to purchase the property noted in the attached survey from Donald Cantrell, Jr. for \$20,000.00; seconded by Commissioner Dodd. Approved 4 – 0.

Bids for Cleaning Services – City Manager Anderson said we solicited bids for the cleaning of our city buildings in preparation of moving into our new building in June. He stated we budgeted to hire a fulltime janitor but then we decided it would be better to continue with a Janitorial Service. The amount budgeted for the fulltime position was \$38,297 for the year. We received 2 proposals to clean the Depot once a week and the new Municipal Building Monday thru Friday. The lowest proposal was \$30,680 from Extreme Cleaning, the company that currently cleans City Hall and the Community House. The other proposal was from Professional Clean Janitorial for \$35,000, which includes a guideline of the services they will perform, and that they will provide their own cleaning supplies. They requested a copy of the building floor plans, got the number of windows and came out and did a walk through several times before submitting their proposal. They have \$2 million in General Liability Insurance, Worker's Comp Insurance, which is very important, and they are bonded for \$50 million. He recommended going with Professional Clean Janitorial. City Attorney Campbell pointed out that there was not an RFP requesting sealed bids and that the proposals are not equivalent. He said the one proposal is best under the circumstances. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to accept the proposal of Professional Clean Janitorial for \$35,000 for cleaning services; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 4 – 0.

The Mayor and Commission adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 PM.

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John Borrow, Mayor

