

CITY OF CORNELIA  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

The Cornelia City Commission met in a Workshop Session on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 5 PM at the new Cornelia Municipal Building Conference Room, 181 Larkin Street, Cornelia, GA. Mayor John Borrow called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Commissioners Don Bagwell, Wesley Dodd, Jr., Tony Cook and Janice Griggs. Also, present: City Attorney Steve Campbell, Community Development Manager Jessie Owensby, City Manager Donald Anderson, Human Resource Director Diane Feorino, IT Director Jeremy Dundore and City Clerk Janie N. Henderson.

City Manager Anderson introduced Mike McGannon with Engineering Associates, who was present via the internet, to discuss the 911 Service Feasibility Study which they have completed for the City. Mr. McGannon stated they were hired to perform the Feasibility Study for the City and had been working closely with the City Manager, IT Director, Fire Chief and Police Chief during this process. He said they have looked at the following: How do we improve the way services are provided to achieve efficiencies in service and cost?, Do we outsource to private business to provide the service or share with other local municipalities? Gail Lane with Engineering Associates spoke about the staffing and operational costs if we were to do our own 911 Center. She said it will cost approximately \$1,571,000 per year. City Manager Anderson said he would be in touch with them.

City Attorney Campbell provided a draft change to the Alcohol Ordinance in reference to the CBD area Downtown. He asked that they consider amending the agenda and adding this item.

City Manager Anderson went over the other items on the agenda briefly.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM and everyone moved to the Court Room.

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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, September 1, 2020 at 6 PM at the new Cornelia Municipal Building Court Room, 181 Larkin Street, Cornelia, GA. Mayor John Borrow called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Commissioners Don Bagwell, Wesley Dodd, Jr., Tony Cook and Janice Griggs. Also, present: City Attorney Steve Campbell, Community Development Manager Jessie Owensby, City Manager Donald Anderson, Human Resource Director Diane Feorino, IT Director Jeremy Dundore, and City Clerk Janie N. Henderson.

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

City Manager Anderson requested the agenda be amended to add Item 12 under New Business, Ordinance 09-20-01, Amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve the September 1, 2020 Agenda with the addition of Ordinance 09-20-01, Amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance to New Business; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 4 – 0.

Commissioner Bagwell made the motion to approve the August 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 4 – 0.

Community Development Monthly Report – Jessie Owensby presented her August Report. A copy of her report is made an integral part of these minutes.

City Manager's Monthly Report – City Manager Anderson presented his August Report. A copy of his report is made an integral part of these minutes. He noted we are looking at October 19<sup>th</sup> as a possible date for the dedication of the new Water Plant.

Public Forum – No comments were heard.

Mayor Borrow said he and Dee met with representatives from Windstream last week downtown and they explained what they are working on and the improvements that are going to be taking place in the next couple of months. He said when this takes place it is going to make a huge impact on our Economic Development in our town. He said Mr. Brookshire has already completed a ton of work and it is very impressive.

Old Business – None heard.

Public Hearings – None heard.

Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included a Resolution Accepting a FEMA Grant for \$48,133.33 to purchase equipment for the Fire Department. Our match will be \$2,406.67 and is in the 2020 Budget.; and a Resolution accepting a FEMA Grant for \$333,333.33 to purchase a new Fire Truck. Our match will be \$16,666.67. Our plan is to use these funds along with the SPLOST Funds that have been earmarked for the purchase of 2 new fire trucks. If the SPLOST fails, then we will place these funds in the 2021 Budget in order to get a Fire Truck to replace one of our trucks that are slated to be surplus; seconded by Commissioner Dodd. Approved 4 – 0.

Agreement with Carter & Sloope for the Appletree Alley Project – City Manager Anderson stated this agreement will be for the design, bidding, and construction administration for the Appletree Alley Streetscape Project. Their fees for this project will be \$179,161.25. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to approve the Engineering Agreement with Carter & Sloope for the Appletree Alley Project for \$179,161.25; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 4 – 0.

Bids for Hampton Inn Lift Station Project - City Manager Anderson said we received 5 bids for this project. He explained that instead of just accepting the low bid we established an evaluation process for this project based on the cost, experience, and references. Based on the points system Carter & Sloope are recommending that we accept the bid from Lanier Contracting in the amount of \$290,918. The budget for this project is \$459,000, so we are well within budget. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to award the contract to Lanier Contracting in the amount of \$290,918 for the Hampton Inn Lift Station Project; seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Approved 4 – 0.

Ordinance 09-20-01, Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance – Attorney Campbell introduced the amendment and explained that Section 6-140 (b) a licensed premises located within the bounds of a designated Entertainment District and which is zoned CBD shall not be required to limit ingress and egress to the patio or open spaces only through the main licensed premises; Section 6-144, Addresses the noise and allows for outside musical entertainment as long as it does not violate any applicable noise ordinances enacted by the city.; and Section 149, Allows for Sidewalk Cafes. Commissioner Dodd made the motion to post Ordinance 09-20-01, Amendments to the Alcohol Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 4 – 0.

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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