

The Council of the City of Villa Rica met in a special, called meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2008 in the Council Chambers at 101 Main Street, Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom. Those present were Mayor J Collins; Councilmembers Perry Amidon, Verland Best; Woody Holland, Joey Kelley and Shirley Marchman; City Manager Larry Wood; City Clerk Reedell Saxon; and City Attorney David Mecklin. Approximately 8 people were in attendance.

Collins called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. immediately following the Public Facilities Authority meeting. Amidon provided the invocation. All recited the pledge of allegiance.

Due to the entire Council being on the Authority, Council agreed there was no need to review the information provided at the Authority meeting. In that meeting the Authority was updated on the status of municipal bond issuances and on the bid results for general contractor on the building of a new wastewater treatment plant.

Community Development Manager Taurus Freeman presented three resolutions for approval. These each represented authorization for application to the Department of Natural Resources regarding a grant for connecting trails projects. While these would actually be competing against one another, the City would have a greater chance of receiving funds for one of the projects. The three resolutions were for a continuation of the walking trail connecting Mirror Lake with the Downtown area, a continuation of the golf cart/walking trail on Stockmar Road to the Gold Museum, and a lighted walking trail around the perimeter of the Villa Rica Civic Center and Sports Complex. The grant, if won, would reimburse eighty percent of the project costs up to \$100,000. The City would be responsible for the remaining twenty percent. Marchman noted that the twenty percent, which would be \$20,000, would pay for one of the two police cruisers vetoed last month. After further discussion, Holland moved to approve the resolutions, seconded by Kelley. Motion carried 4/1 with Marchman opposed.

Collins opened the floor for Public Comments. There being none, the floor was closed.

With no further business, Best moved to adjourn, seconded by Amidon. Motion carried 5/0. Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

J Allen Collins – Mayor

ATTEST:

Reedell Saxon – City Clerk