

The Council of the City of Villa Rica met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 in the Council Chambers at 101 Main Street, Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom. Those present were Mayor J Collins; Council members Rusty Dean, Verland Best, Woody Holland, Patrick Henrickson and Shirley Marchman; City Manager Larry Wood, and City Attorney David Mecklin. Approximately 51 people were in attendance.

Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman. All recited the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of minutes for Called Council Meeting, July 27, 2010 were presented. Marchman made motion to approve minutes/Best seconded. 5/0 motion passed.

Approval of minutes for Regular Council Meeting, August 3, 2010 were presented. Holland made motion to approve minutes/Dean seconded. 5/0 motion passed.

Approval of minutes for Called Council Meeting, August 12, 2010 were presented. Best made motion to approve minutes/Marchman seconded. 5/0 motion passed.

Financial update was present by City Manager, Larry Wood. For Current month: Cash Accounts, \$7.7 million; General Fund Revenues, \$256,756; General Fund Expenditures, \$524,141; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$571,207; Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$237,593; Capital Project Expenditures, \$132,600; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$283,229. Year-to-Date: General Fund Revenues, \$1,599,417; General Fund Expenditures, \$3,237,644; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$1,691,757; Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$1,343,751; Capital Project Expenditures, \$583,108; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$588,749.

General fund revenues, under budget \$68,361 YTD with LOST receipts up from last month but over budget \$11,490 YTD. All departments continue to run under budget.

Currently have five (5) vacant positions: Water Treatment Plant Operator, Library Manager, Recreation Maintenance; Police Department Patrol Position; and Court Clerk.

West WWTP 5 days ahead of two year schedule and should see substantial completion by year end. Project remains under budget, with total earned project to date, \$26.7 million.

Old Business

Mayor Collins swore in Tosh Tasova to the DDA Board.

Approval of Villa Rica Library Advisory Board nominations: (1) Julie Hall (2nd term through June 2013); (2) Nanette Folsom (2nd term through June 2013); (3) Craig Ford (2nd term through 2012). (Existing board members remain intact.) Best made motion to approve/Dean seconded. 5/0

Approval of appointment of Larry Wood to the Carroll County Library Board through June 30, 2013. Dean made motion to approve/Marchman seconded. 5/0

Wood made request of council to approve the new Industrial Sewer Surcharge to Industrial business with the following changes: approve two rates presented at the August council meeting of \$.40 per pound for BOD exceeding 250m per liter and for TSS in excess of 250m per liter. This complies with our Industrial Pre-Treatment Policy. Holland asked if we needed to put this in form of resolution. David Mecklin, city attorney, stated this could act as that and council could vote on this item tonight. Holland made motion to approve based on Mecklin's statement/Best seconded. 5/0

Henrickson presented map indicating location of the animal exhibit at the Gold Mine Museum property and ask for a special use condition for this area. Holland stated as a point of order that council had to first vote to over ride Mayor's veto, open for discussion and bring item back to October meeting. Holland made motion to override Mayor's veto/Dean seconded. 3/2 (Henrickson/Best). Motion failed. Mayor asked Mecklin if we could just direct staff to limit size of exhibit. Mecklin stated yes, however you cannot vote on this tonight. Henrickson made motion that we make the designated property an animal exhibit via a special use permit /Mecklin stated you are basically directing Freeman to prepare the application to be brought back to the October council meeting/Holland seconded. 5/0 motion carried

Freeman present to council VH-01-10, Amma and Kent Scott, Vehicle for Hire Permit, for the purpose of an after school transportation company. Staff provided information from the Georgia Crime Bureau regarding request from last month on reason for Mr. Scott's license suspension. Staff recommends approval of this request. Holland made motion to approve/Henrickson seconded. 5/0

Probation Contract – Discussion – Mansour spoke to each council member regarding position and only one applicant may qualify and asked council if this could put this off for one year if this man does not qualify. Holland would rather have a qualified company handle this process and Best agrees we should enter into a 1-year contract with InterTech. Best made motion for Mayor and City Manager to negotiate a new 1-year contract with Mr. Payne/Holland seconded. 5/0 (Note: Mecklin stated we should get an agreement for a vote, but you can vote to go into a contract with InterTech. Mayor and City Manager will work with InterTech to negotiate contract.)

New Business

Recognition of Villa Rica Beautiful Awards - Freeman presented commercial award to The Preserve at Mirror Lake, 9400 Conner Road; Residential to Christie Kreyer, 700 Magnolia Street.

Smith present to council the proposed "Change is Purchasing Policy, Advertised Bids". Major changes would be changing bid process for public works and construction, street and water project be move from a required sealed bid process from \$25,000 to \$100,000 which is in keeping with state bid process. This will still require 3 bids and council approval. Other items, i.e. supplies, vehicles, equipment, materials would remain under the \$25,000 process. Holland stated there was also a clause stating we would be going to a paperless process as well, so there are other changes other than just the sealed bid process. Dean suggested possibly getting yearly cost commitments rather than raising the bid cut off amount. Holland agreed with that process and asked that Smith look into that and bring this back to council in October. Best made motion to move this item to October meeting/Dean seconded. 5/0 motion carried (note: Holland suggested that some type wording be put in place to hold off on purchase until after the 10 day veto process.)

Abundance of Life Fellowship, Thomas K. Dodson is requesting that council approve having his water turned on and allowing him to hold services at his location until his hearing before the Zoning Board in October. Mecklin stated that the council did not need to vote on this it is something that could be handled by staff. Item moved to October meeting

Freeman present to council CU-03-10 – James Butler of Villa Rica, GA, requests a Conditional Use, 309 Elm Drive, parcel number V05-015-0073, Land Lot 161 of the 6th District in Carroll County for the purpose of keeping poultry for personal pleasure. The property consists of 0.31+/- acres. Ward 1. Zoning Board postponed this item at their September meeting. Best made motion to postpone and bring back after the Zoning Board meeting in October/Henrickson seconded. 4/1 (Holland- against postponing this item) motion carried.

Consideration of Contracts

T.J. Lyle & Company, Inc., Sewer Line Extension - \$77,000.00 – Reid explained to council that because we had to add the Bond to this items it raised the amount of the project because they want a high percentage upfront. City can do this project itself, but would have to contract out bore at a cost of approximately \$9,000 and this would be a slower process with us doing this job. We could save approximately 80% of the cost of doing these ourselves. Best asked about why we do bond, Wood said we do not have anything in place, Mecklin stated the state only requires a bond for project over \$100,000. Holland made motion that we do this project in house w/exception of boring/Dean seconded. 5/0 Motion carried.

Wood present the revision to ARC/Turano Grant by Georgia and West Inc. to re-engineer the Turano project to run force main to west and tie into gravity feed line and send to new w plant with the max being \$27,500.00. (This was engineered by them because they did the original design.) Holland made motion to approve up to \$27,500.00/Dean seconded. 5/0 motion carried.

Freeman present the Arcadia Publishing, Villa Rica pictorial book council and explained this would be a historical photo book that would represent the City of Villa Rica and would be sold as well as the city receiving a number of the books for their own purpose. This publication would be at no cost to the City. Holland made motion to move forward with this publication/Dean seconded. 5/0 motion carried.

Payments over \$5,000

Wood presented proposal to Triple "B", Inc., for a generator Installation at Bay Springs at a cost of \$6,000. We have had this generator for the past 2 years and would like to move this to the Bay Springs lift station as a backup generator, which would kick on in case of power outage. Best made motion to approve/Henrickson seconded. 5/0 motion carried.

Reid presented proposal to purchase from Dean Grading, Man Hole Replacements at a cost of \$14,448.00. This is for the sewer line of the rehab behind the school and when we cored manholes and they collapsed. We need to replace these as a safety issue and will be in place in the long run. Holland made motion to approve this in the amount of \$14,448.00/Dean seconded. 5/0 motion carried.

Reid present proposal to council to work with Dean Grading in replacing 350 ft. of Clay pipeline at a cost of \$5,250.00. Holland made motion to approve/Henrickson seconded. 5/0 motion carried.

Mansour presented to council the purchase of two digital cameras from Watch Guard at a cost of just over \$9,000.00 which is needed for the new police vehicles. Marchman made motion to purchase video cameras/Dean seconded. 5/0 motion carried.

Wood presented to council payment to Patrick Kelly Electric, Inc. for labor/materials for Bivin's Road project in the amount of \$5,940.00. Installation which has been delayed on Bevin's Road pump station, having operated this station for 2 years and need to go ahead and put in electrical connection and soft start. Holland made motion to approve spending \$5,940.00/Henrickson seconded. 5/0 motion carried.

Henrickson made motion to amend agenda to add Asphalt paving cost of \$14,850.00 for parking lot next to the amphitheatre/Marchman seconded. 5/0 motion carried.

Wood explained they received cost of \$14,850.00 for the paving, but there is no money in the budget for this project and stated the only place he could find this money was in the contingency fund.

Henrickson made motion to approve spending \$14,850.00 for paving of parking lot and asked City Manager to find money for this project since it is not a budget item/Dean seconded. 3/2 (Holland/Best). Motion carried.

Best requested that staff look into the water loss and bring report before council and Wood stated staff would work on this and bring back information to council at the October council meeting.

City Update – No city update given**Public Comment**

Mike Williamson, 3411 Doves Ct., Villa Rica-questions regarding Stockmar Park and approval of animals.

Rochel Carter, 84 Cross Creek Ct., Villa Rica-in support of animals at Stockmar Park

Jim Peck, 111 Berkley Dr., Villa Rica – question regarding grant for building in downtown Villa Rica – Mayor-still in the works, also question regarding water loss

Executive Session

Holland made motion to adjourn and to go into executive session to discuss pending legal matters, land acquisition, and personnel matters/Dean seconded. 5/0 motion carried.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

J Allen Collins – Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Daniell - City Clerk