

The Council of the City of Villa Rica met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 in the Council Chambers at 101 Main Street, Holt-Bishop Justice Center, and Municipal Courtroom. Those present were Mayor J Collins; Council members Rusty Dean, Verland Best, Woody Holland, Shirley Marchman and Patrick Henrickson, City Manager Larry Wood, and City Attorney David Mecklin. Approximately 28 people were in attendance. Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilmember Verland Best. All recited the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of minutes for the Council Meeting on December 7, 2010 were presented and voted on. Marchman made motion to approve/Dean seconded - 5/0 motion carried.

Election of 2011 Mayor Pro Tem – Dean made motion to re-elect Councilman Woody Holland/Best seconded – 5/0 – motion carried

Appointment of 2011 Standing Committees – Collins

Mayor re-appointed all committee members on same committee as for 2010 – no motion needed

Appointment to Carroll County Chamber – Henrickson made recommendation, Mayor has a couple of recommendation – will come back to February meeting with appointment – no motion needed

Financial update was present by City Manager, Larry Wood. For Current month: Cash Accounts, \$9.2 million; General Fund Revenues, \$1,289,629; General Fund Expenditures, \$683,736; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$334,030; Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$249,046; Capital Project Expenditures, \$22,965; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$60,610. Year-to-Date: General Fund Revenues, \$5,192,818; General Fund Expenditures, \$5,637,103; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$3,709,876 Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$3,083,024; Capital Project Expenditures, \$681,938; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$1,123,609.

Currently have five (5) vacant positions: Water Treatment Plant Operator, Library Manager, Recreation Maintenance; Probation Officer; and Court Clerk.

West WWTP is progressing 28 days behind their two year schedule. We should see substantial completion by February or March 2011. They remain under budget.

Holland asked if carrying this over to February/March would cost the city, Wood explained no in fact it would help because we would continue to draw interest on the money. Mayor also commented that there was no money budget in this year's budget for operations, Wood confirmed.

Mayor asked City Manager at 6:10pm if he had any plans for cuts or could we come back on budget from the \$332,145 year to date figure show us below budget. Wood stated that there was a plan in place which would make up this figure.

Consent Agenda – there were not items to be presented

Old Business

Swear in George Costas to DDA by Mayor Collins, unfortunately Mr. Costas is out of town and this item will be moved to the February council meeting.

ORD-03-10-UDC An ordinance for the purpose of amending Article 3, Table 3-1, and 3-1 A, Land Use Matrix, of the Unified Development Codes, of the City of Villa Rica Code of Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Freeman presented and read all the changes being made to the current Land Use Matrix to Mayor and Council. Mayor opened for public comment, there being no public comments reverts back to council. Mayor asked if someone had a business could they expand. Mecklin explain that as long as you were an allowable business within the matrix you could expand, if you were not an allowing business you could not expand. You can maintain and repair only. Holland made motion to approve changes/Dean seconded – 5/0, motion carried.

New Business

Foreclosure Registry Ordinance – Freeman presented the proposed ordinance to Mayor and Council. Mayor and council had many questions regarding this ordinance and felt there needed to be more discussion with Freeman before this was approved or voted on. Holland stated he had had discussion with Freeman regarding this ordinance and asked it be brought to council to have open discussion. Council decided since there were many questions that they should meet individually with Freeman to discuss concerns and suggestions and have Freeman bring this item back to the February council meeting.

Freeman presented the Planning Commission Appointments to Mayor and Council for their approval: Ward 1 - Robert Francis; Ward 2 – Kurt Kraft; Ward 3 – Bakari Turner; Ward 4 – Les Vogel; Ward 5 – Mike Gill. Holland made a motion to approve appointments/Henrickson seconded – 5/0, motion carried. (Members will be sworn at the next Planning Commission meeting)

Carroll Tomorrow Presentation – Kenney Taylor, 225 Old Drake Town Trail, Villa Rica opened the presentation by introducing Lloyd Howard with Tanner Hospital and Rocky Lipham with Community and Southern Bank. Rocky Lipham, 1745 Strickland Chapel Road, Carrollton briefly presented a short version of the Carroll Tomorrow 5-year plan for Economic Development which would bring jobs and businesses to the county and asked that Villa Rica be a part of this plant by making a donation to Carroll Tomorrow in the amount of \$50,000 per year for five years which would be a total donation of \$250,000. Upon making this request he turned the floor over to Lloyd Howard, 3640 Limb Lock Road, Franklin, GA, stated he wanted to applaud Villa Rica for its growth and a part of that growth with the Tanner System. He spoke of his support for this program and explained that this is a strategic plan for the county and asked that the city support this plan. Dean made a motion to table this for further discussion at a council work session/Holland seconded – 5/0, motion carried.

Southern Corrosion, Inc. Water Tank Management & Full Service Contract, cost \$24,914 per year, with agreement to not raise cost over a 10-year period (note we cannot lock in for 10 years, but if we stay with this company the price will not go up). Holland stated this company was 500 miles away, are we comfortable with that, Richard stated we were fine with the distance (not they do have local representatives). Dean made motion to approve contract/Holland seconded – 5/0, motion carried.

City Update- City Attorney David Mecklin addressed the legal point of the transfer station to be located in the Villa Rica Industrial park. After much research into local and state laws regarding this facility it was determined that by law the city has no legal right to refuse this particular company the right to do business in this location, as it is zoned for this type of business. It was also noted that if they (the company/business in question) does not follow the city as well as the state would take action against company.

Public Comments- no public comments

Executive Session- no executive session

Adjourn - Dean made motion to adjourn at 7:10p.m./Henrickson seconded – 5/0, motion carried.

J Allen Collins – Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Daniell - City Clerk