

The Mayor and Council of the City of Villa Rica met on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom, 101 Main Street to conduct the business of the city. In attendance was Councilman Rusty Dean, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, Councilman Verland Best, Councilman Patrick Henrickson, Mayor Jay Collins, City Manager, Larry Wood, City Attorney David Mecklin, and City Clerk Barbara Daniell. Councilman Woody Holland was not present due to job obligations. There were other city staff and citizens in attendance totaling 38.

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Councilman Dean followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes for Council Meeting on May 3, 2011: Mayor questioned the incorrect word in motion by Councilman Dean in the April minutes which was a part of the May 3, 2011 minutes. Due to needed clarification the approval of the May 3, 2011 minutes will be brought back at the July meeting.

Financial update - present by City Manager, Larry Wood. For Current month: Cash Accounts, \$9.96 million; General Fund Revenues, \$387,248; General Fund Expenditures, \$627,234; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$374,388; Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$303,515; Capital Project Expenditures, \$16,120; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$10,594. Year to Date: General Fund Revenues, \$718,580; General Fund Expenditures, \$1,187,287; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$724,308; Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$578,649; Capital Project Expenditures, \$23,665; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$19,092.

The new West Water Reclamation Facility started up May 25, 2011, 6 months ahead of contract schedule. Project, under budget, earned to date, \$29.4 million, 96% complete, RTD request of \$880,00 retention leaving \$25,000.

Consent Agenda presented by City Manager Larry Wood. (Note: these items are budgeted items which have already been approved by council and are listed here to make council aware that this money is now being spent) – no vote necessary for these approved items.

Old Business:

CU-02-11 - Mount Olive Christian Church of Villa Rica, GA requests a Conditional Use for property located at 313 E. Montgomery Street, for the purpose of a church - Freeman - Best made motion to approve/Marchman seconded – 4/0 – motion carried

New Business:

Beautification Awards - Freeman presented plaques to Willowbrooke at Tanner for Commercial and Craig and Bernadette Patterson, 22032 Corkscrew for residential.

ORD-11-03-CCO – License Fee, Insurance – Freeman present this fee increase to Mayor and Council stating that because of the new census number, City grew from 4,134 to 13,956 the statute state the city can increase the insurance fee up to \$75.00. This is an increase from \$40 which was set in while population was at the 4,134 level. Council asked if other fees were going to be increased and Freeman stated that the council had the right to raise any fees they wished. Mecklin stated this is not just the city, but the state sets these limits on fees to protect the insurance companies because of cities who would otherwise charge a lot more. Best made motion to approve/Henrickson seconded – 3/1-Dean – motion carried

ORD – 11-04-CCO - Sunday Alcohol Referendum – Wood – Mayor and council felt hours on this referendum should be changed. After some discussion Dean made a motion to move this items to July meeting after council has had time to look at the referendum closer/Best seconded – 3/0- Marchman abstained from voting – motion carried

Appointment to Advantage Carroll Board –Mayor asked for volunteer from community to serve on this board.

City Redistricting – Mecklin read reason for redistricting and provision for this redistricting. The maps are here and are also posted in city hall for view. The wards are set by using the census blocks to reflect numbers that are as equal as possible in each ward. This was the first reading and will be brought back to council in July for second and final reading. Discussion on the changes in Wards, Best stated that we do work for our Wards but it all comes down to what is best for the entire city and we all represent the city. If you receive a call, even if you are not their council member, we should still talk to them and take care of them.

Sale of Surplus Vehicles – Wood presented the follow to be moved to surplus:

- a. PD #4227 2002 Ford Crown Victoria (mechanical repairs needed in excess of value)
- b. PD #2388 2004 Ford Crown Victoria (mechanical repairs needed in excess of value)
- c. WWTP #3977 2002 Dodge Intrepid (mechanical repairs needed in excess of value)

These vehicles will be sold through the GovDeals.com government auction service.

Best made motion to approve moving these vehicles to surplus/Henrickson seconded – 4/0 – motion carried
Resolution – acceptance of Watershed Protection Plan – Wood - Henrickson made motion to approve/Best seconded – 4/0 – motion carried

Resolution- Intent to Conduct a Waste to Energy Facility Feasibility Study – Wood introduced Doug Richback who explained this is just an approval for a feasibility study and that if this is approved and facility is built that there is not residue, smoke because there is no fire involved. It is also important to note that this waste would not go to landfills but would be turned into electricity that could be sold to the electrical companies. Best made motion to approve/Henrickson seconded – 4/0 - motion carried

Proclamation Honoring Reverend Potts of Mt. Prospect Baptist Church – Marchman – Dean made motion to approve/Best seconded – 4/0 – motion carried

Take Home Vehicles-Best – after much discussion and no agreement on what to do it was requested by council to get more details regarding those vehicles that were being taken home and to move this item to the July council meeting

ORD-02-11-UDC -an ordinance for the purpose of amending Article 3, Table 3-1, Land Use Matrix and Article 11, Definitions, of the Unified Development Codes, of the City of Villa Rica Code of Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes – Freeman – this ordinance would only allow crematories in categories LI and GI and not within 1000 ft. of a residential area, as stand along facility and cannot be located anywhere downtown. (Mayor stepped down due to conflict of interest regarding this Ordinance – Dean elected to take over meeting at this point) – Henrickson made motion to approve/Marchman seconded – 4/0 – motion carried (Mayor returned once vote was completed).

Payments Over \$5000.00:

United Rentals – Air Compressor - \$6,900 – Reid – Mayor found pricing which was not that much more than cost to replace with used machine and suggested that we purchase new rather than used – Reid will get new bids for new compressor and bring back to July meeting.

Consideration of Contracts:

Datamatx – not to exceed \$35,024.76 – Wood explained this new water bill would be an 8 ½ x 11, we can insert information, advertise events. We also have complaints that waters bills get lost, this will go into an envelope and therefore they will not be the small postcard which has a habit of sticking together – Henrickson made motion to approve/Best seconded – 4/0 motion carried

Georgia Power Contract – Wood explained that this is the contract to provide power to the WWRF at a rate below average commercial, about 5 cents per kilowatt hour - Dean made motion to approve contract/Best seconded – 4/0 – motion carried

Douglasville-Douglas County Water & Sewer Authority – Wood explained that WSA will charge the city \$1.60 for each service they bill, this is good for us because the first amount of payment goes to sewer which means sewer will always be paid this way is if someone owes them they can then go and cut off their water, if we bill this we cannot cut off someone's sewer – Henrickson made motion to approve/Best seconded – 4/0 – motion carried

Georgia Department of Transportation – Memorandum of Understanding PI 0010457, Villa Rica Trailhead – Wood DOT agreed by this understanding for Trailhead and states we will pay 20% (\$120,000) – Dean made motion to approve/Best seconded – 4/0 – motion carried

City Update: Wood want to have presentation on options on water quality issues at the work sessions and ask your indulgence for a couple more weeks.

West plant is 96% complete and in operation; Signed the sewer contract for Turano with Gordy Construction this week for \$783,996.00; East/West sewer transfer has been submitted and waiting on comments from EPD, they asked for some more information which has been submitted; waiting comment from EPD; North Loop project according to the grape vine is now part of the regional transportation plan which I hope is a good sign.

Public Comment:

John Hannabach, 3106 Golfers Way, why do we need to do a feasibility study for the waste to energy project; Collins explained to his knowledge that there was all the technology for this project but we need to do a study to be sure it will all come together and work.

Suzanne Zoda, 3002 Catamaran Cove, just wanted to thank mayor and council for providing the recycling program and that it is a great benefit which has already decreased her amount of garbage but is sad that more people are now using this benefit. How many are actually using, Wood stated we have just under 1000 using the program.

Jim Pack, 111 Berkley Place, when are we going to get AMTRACK to stop here, Henrickson state we are just waiting on the railroad; Also feels that only essential employees should take home vehicles.

Councilwoman Marchman asked that some type of trail be place on the East Side of town and that Darden Street be widened.

Mayor Collins asked if the pet crematories where prohibited as well, Freeman replied yes.

Executive Session – no executive session needed

Adjourn : Dean made motion to adjourn/Marchman seconded – 4/0 – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

J Allen Collins – Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Daniell - City Clerk