

The Mayor and Council of the City of Villa Rica met on Tuesday, August 2, 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 were Councilman Rusty Dean, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, Councilman Woody Holland, Councilman Verland Best, Councilman Patrick Henrickson, Mayor Jay Collins, City Manager, Larry Wood, City Attorney David Mecklin, and City Clerk Barbara Daniell. There were other city staff and citizens in attendance totaling 44.

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order and the Councilman Henrickson gave the invocation. Following this the Mayor, Council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor presented all minutes from the July 5, 2011 council meeting for approval. Marchman made motion to approve minutes (Henrickson noted need for date change at top of page to July 5 from July 7)/Dean seconded – 5/0-motion carried

Financial update - present by City Manager, Larry Wood. For Current month: Cash Accounts, \$10.3 million; General Fund Revenues, \$385,273; General Fund Expenditures, \$508,981; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$664,453; Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$296,476; Capital Project Expenditures, \$21,913; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$43,934. Year to Date: General Fund Revenues, \$1,490,204; General Fund Expenditures, \$2,343,781; Water/Sewer Revenues, \$1,886,199; Water/Sewer Expenditures, \$1,223,933; Capital Project Expenditures, \$137,710; SPLOST Capital Expenditures, \$69,474.

Currently have two positions open: One Patrol Officer and one PD receptionist.

Consent Agenda presented by City – Chief added additional consent agenda item, council felt this item should have fallen under new business. Dean made motion to approve items/Holland seconded-5/0-motion carried

Old Business:

Road Dedication (Devonian Drive & Permian Way) – As requested by Council at the July 5, 2011 council meeting Freeman brought back this item to be dedicated into the City of Villa Rica's road network. He explained there are some areas that need attention; culvert with cracks but that these did not need to be repair immediately and that to get all areas taken care of would be a cost of around \$8,000 and can be taken care of over time. Mayor Collins felt we should not be responsible for any road/culvert repairs and that those repairs should be the responsibility of the developer. Mecklin did explain that it is the decision of the council to approve or not but if they voted no, the money for the tap fees would have to be refunded and the senior project would not be built. Henrickson explained the developer had everything in place and working condition, but someone hit the culvert and damaged it and is unknown to the developer. Holland felt the amount to repair was minor compared to the money the city would receive. Best agreed with Mayor that yes the developer should have made those repairs but also agrees with Holland that we should not let \$8000 stop us from receiving \$250,000 and that as a council we have voted to support this project. Holland made a motion to approve/Henrickson seconded-5/0-motion carried

Retirement Committee Appointments – Mayor appointed Councilman Holland and Dean to sit on the Retirement Committee-not vote required

Insurance – Wood Kaiser as the majority choice for the new city insurance which would save the city dollars as the approximately \$10,000 per month over Blue Cross/Blue Shield. With Kaiser employees will have two choices the HMO where you use Kaiser doctors or PPO Choice and you can continue to use your current doctor as long as they are listed on the Kaiser doctors listing. Wood feels that the majority of the staff will choose the PPO Choice for that reason.

Best made a motion to approve Kaiser as the new city insurance with the addition that they would be responsible for all intake/input work/Henrickson seconded-5/0-motion carried.

Dean made another motion that the first month's savings, approximately \$14,000+ would be put in a separate account and be used to cover the additional \$1000 in co-pays for employees to assist with the increased co-pay of \$2000. Holland wanted to clarify that this money would be paid only for out of office cost/Best seconded-5/0-motion carried (note: it was agreed to be sure all is clear on the stipulation regarding the \$1000 co-pay from the city that something would be written up and brought back to the city council at the September meeting for a vote.)

New Business:

Swear in Library Board Member, Bonnie Amidon & Clara Thomas – Mayor swore in Clara Thomas, Bonnie Amidon was not present and will be moved to September agenda

Beautification Awards – Freeman presented residential award to Charles & Valerie Wilhelm, 203 Peachtree Street; also presented the commercial award to East West Express, 662 Highway 61.

Resolution sets policy for the city regarding discrimination – Wood presented and explained to Mayor and Council that we did not have a resolution of set description for the city in regard to discrimination and felt it would be wise to have this as a resolution and to be placed in all city publications. We do document that we do not discriminate for hiring purposes but this includes prohibiting discrimination in its services, programs and activities. Holland felt we did not need this as this is a Federal law.

Best made motion to approve this resolution/Marchman seconded-4/1-Holland-motion carried

Resolution on Grant for the purpose of purchasing Crime Scene Investigation Kits & Portable Radios – Mansour explained these are kits and radio are being purchased through the 2011 JAG grant program and that they will be purchasing 4 of these items. Since this is Grant money the Mayor opened this item up for public comment, there being no public comment for or against, the public comment was closed. Marchman made motion to approve the resolution/Best seconded-5/0-motion carried.

Community Development Block Grant Program - \$300,000 – Wood informed the mayor and council that we had, after 3 attempts, been approved for the CDBG grant for \$300,000 for the expansion of the sewer line from the east plant to the west plant, also that this must be done to move the sewage. He also stated that should Turano not complete their expansion or jobs that the city would be responsible to pay this grant money back. This is a million plus project and the \$300,000 is about 25% of this project.

Holland made motion to approve Mayor to sign this grant document/Dean seconded-5/0-motion carried

Review of SPLOST projects – Wood presented the proposed list of projects which he put together after talking with some of the council members. He suggested that they look this over and make changes/suggestion/additions. They have a month to let Wood know of any changes to the list. It will be brought back to the September council meeting for a vote. No vote necessary tonight.

Signs for Rodeo – Mr. Clint Chance came forward and make a presentation to Mayor and council explain the dollars that this event bring into the city and the different non profits (i.e. VRHS and others) who use this event as a means to raise dollars to keep their programs going. Also informing mayor and council that they make donations to non profits, park & recreation and that this year because of budget they are arranging to let the VR Library has a booth at this event free of charge. His request was to place signage in the usual places he has placed them in the past within the city limits of Villa Rica. After much discussion the council decided this particular event was one that was very important not only to the city but to the merchants within the city, the non profits, our school system and some of our city departments. It was suggested that the city look into writing an ordinance to address this particular situation and to set standards for events of this type to be allow to place signage around town. (A copy of Mr. Chance's remarks is located in the council packet which is kept on file in City Hall.)

Holland made motion to approve/Best seconded-4/1-Dean abstained

Surplus Items for GovDeals.com – Wood presented items to council for surplus which consisted of non-working computers, electronic equipment, old desks, chairs and miscellaneous office equipment. Best made motion to approve/Holland seconded-5/0-motion carried

Consideration of Contracts:

Future Floodplain Mapping (Jacobs) – Wood explained the he and Jameson Green went and met with the Douglas County Water Department and worked with them to get the floodplain mapping which is required for the Douglas County portion of the city. Because Douglas County is using Jacobs, the city was able to get a deal and be included in that contract and get a good deal for only \$35,000. The Mayor feels that Douglas County should pay for this since these residents are in Douglas County. Wood explained that these are the maps insurance companies use to determine if you are in a flood plain or not. The only maps we currently have are old FEMA maps which are out of date. We have to redraw the maps and to do so we would have to hire an engineer which would cost more. Next year we will come back, if we have to continue, we will end up spending close to \$300,000 on this project. Mayor asked if the WSA serviced a portion of the residents in that area. Wood stated about 200 or so residents are served by the WSA and that is why we are getting this deal because they were already included in the around one million that this is costing the WSA. Holland made motion to approve/Dean seconded-5/0-motion carried

Classic Curb-Concrete Services (annual contract) and JW Contracting & Sales-Asphalt Services (annual contract) – Reese presented the two contracts and stated he brought this back because of a request from a couple of council members asking that we get an annual contract for concrete and asphalt service for the city. Holland made motion to approve both contracts/Dean seconded-5/0-motion carried

City Update: Wood presented city update. Commended the Road Crew for catching a truck backed up to one of our water hydrants getting water. Called PD and they responded immediately and sited 5 individuals for stealing water and each was fined \$250.00. Brag on police department for the grants they are writing and getting. They received a third grant from Carroll EMC they are going to be able to purchase a golf cart to be used in the Police Academy. The light at Mirror Lake and I-20 is now operational. Punch list at plant getting short and Fred has not yet gotten a counter offer. Turano project underway with boring under the railroad, then Conner Road and should be completed with that by November 1st.

Public Comment:

John Hannabach, 3106 Golfers Way. He stated he did not SPLOST, sees it as a slush fund, only for water, etc. does not use Recreation Facility so not a big fan of that, what to thank council for the change in the ordinance on property maintenance, where have seen improvement in our area. What is current status of the bypass? Mayor explained that he will be meeting with our State Representative in a few weeks and will get back with him on status of this project. See value of Industrial portion but not along Mirror Lake Blvd. Has the plan changed and are there still two houses being removed for this project? Mayor/Wood stated it is the same plan and the map has not changed in the last 4 years.

Michael Mansour, 101 Main Street, presented applications for the upcoming Police Academy to audience and encouraged those interested to apply.

Val Runyon, 2137 Van Wert Road. Presented her case regarding the discrimination she and her daughter received from their red hat club as well as Prissi and other members. Explaining that one was not accepted because she had tattoos and that rules were changed. Also that even though she has paid her dues that she and Prissi were told they could no longer be member of this club. She feels that since this was connected with the city via free use of the building, van, and other items. She is requesting that the city start charging for these services and distance themselves from this club.

Leslie McPhearson, 103 Chadwick Place. My house is one of those that will be demolished and if I was convinced that part of the by-pass was necessary and would benefit the community. I am not convinced of that.

Suzanne Zoda, 3002 Catamaran Cove. Want to also state we are frustrated about the bypass and getting updated information. I agree the north portion is needed and I urge you Mayor, Council and city staff. Do we have any influence and if not let us know. We know there have been public meeting and have heard there will be another. Our main concern is we have residential area that will be affected by this road and the fact there will be heavy truck traffic. If there is anything we can do to stop this, please let us know. I have heard if part is dropped it would stop the entire project. Mayor stated he is not sure where that came from. Suzanne stated that John got his information from DOT that it was up to city and some council members say it is not up to the city. Holland stated she had hit the nail on the head and this had been going on for about 20 years and we have heard many different stories, and we have done multiple studies and we are also frustrated.

Joyce Fein, 103 Bud Street. I wanted to thank the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Fullerville Jail committee for their support of this project and all they have done to preserve this historic site. Also want to thank you for the improvements to the Fullerville community, and as Mr. Bailey stated in his book the Mayor and Council will go down in history for their improvements which past Mayors and council have ignored. Just a quick update: currently have a balance in our account of around \$500, the VFW Post 70 donated a state and US flag to the jail site and we are in the process of getting a flag pole and with the city's help will get that placed on the site. Our current fund raiser is selling T-shirts to raise money to help preserve the jail. I want to thank the Mayor and council members who have purchased a t-shirt and supported this project.

Peggy Hicks, 1011 Buckeye. I wanted to ask a couple questions regarding statements made about the insurance council approved. It is my understanding you said about \$98,000 to be set aside for hospital deductible? Larry explained it was not a deductible but a co-pay where this is now a \$2000 co-pay. Peggy asked did Councilman Dean propose the city pay out \$1000 to employee when hospitalized and if so and those who don't need those services would not get anything, so this could be a reward. Suggest you think of putting these dollars in to a credit account for employee use.

Adjourn: Dean made motion to adjourn/Best seconded-5/0-motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

J Allen Collins – Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Daniell - City Clerk