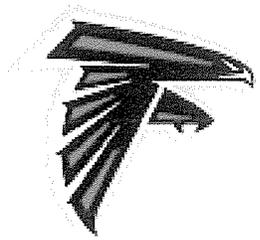




**CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
COUNCIL MEETING VOTING SESSION
Wednesday, January 17, 2007,
9:30 a.m.**



OPEN MEETING: Mayor Hirling opened the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Hirling, Council Members Jim Herold, Pat Zalewski, Mary Jones and Jan Smith. Also in attendance were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk Melissa McCain, City Planner James Riker and City Attorney Ron Bennett.

CONSENT AGENDA:

01-03-07 Special Called Work/Voting Session Meeting Minutes

There was a motion made to approve the 01-03-07 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION: Jim Herold
SECOND: Pat Zalewski
AYES: Jim Herold, Mary Jones, Pat Zalewski and Jan Smith
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Allen Bryans
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion Town Hall Meetings and Dates

City Manager Andrew advised the Council that due to some interest in hosting informational Town Hall Meetings the following quarterly dates are being proposed. It was further noted that the meetings would be held at night from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at City Hall – 5517 Main Street.

1. March 29, 2007
2. June 28, 2007
3. September 27, 2007
4. December 6, 2007

There was a consensus of the City Council to approve the proposed Town Hall Meeting Dates and to forward said information to the press and include said information on the monthly utility billing.

Resolution 07-001 – Set qualifying fees for 2007 General Election

Attorney Bennett read Resolution 07-001.

There was a motion made to approve Resolution 07-001 as read.

MOTION: Pat Zalewski
SECOND: Jan Smith
AYES: Jim Herold, Mary Jones, Pat Zalewski and Jan Smith
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Allen Bryans
Motion carried.

Approval of Professional Planning Services Contract with Jerry Weitz & Associates

City Planner Riker summarized the agreement prepared for the contracting of Jerry Weitz and Associates for professional planning services.

Attorney Bennett advised that the contract is worded to have the Council approve task orders for services and that the contract could be written to allow for the City Manager to sign all task orders within the limits set forth by the purchasing policy.

There was a motion made to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract with Jerry Weitz and Associates as presented, with the amendment to page 3 section 2.2 giving authorization to the City Manager to approve task orders within the monetary limits set forth in the City of Flowery Branch Purchasing Policy.

MOTION: Jim Herold
SECOND: Pat Zalewski
AYES: Mary Jones, Pat Zalewski, Jim Herold and Jan Smith.
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Allen Bryans
Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Community Home Improvement Program (CHIP)

Manager Andrew advised that the program allows municipalities to apply for funding up to \$300,000 for low income housing down payment assistance as well as funds for the renovation of older homes. The renovations would assist low income families with bringing their homes into compliance with current building codes.

The application requires a public hearing to be held to discuss the program. It was also noted that there is no requirement for Cities to match any of the loan amount.

There was a consensus of the Council to hold a public hearing regarding the Community Home Improvement Program on February 8, 2007 at 6:00 pm at City Hall and proceed with the application.

It was further noted that this item would be discussed and voted on at the Special Called Work/Voting Session Meeting scheduled for February 21, 2007.

Tax Allocation Districts

Manager Andrew advised that this item has already been approved but that it was being requested that the Resolution be signed by the entire Council and not just the Mayor.

Local Assistance Grant

Manager Andrew reviewed the Local Assistance Grant Request that will be forwarded to the 2007 Legislation once approved.

Manager Andrew advised that language had been added to state the funds would be for economic development.

There was a motion made to submit the request to the 2007 Legislator James Mills with the discussed amendments.

Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

Manager Andrew advised that the City currently has two members active on the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization, Mr. Ron Petrie and Mr. Mack Jones. Mack Jones term has currently expired and the Council needs to re-appoint Mr. Jones or nominate a new person for the position.

It was noted that a response and nominee would be needed prior to the February 22, 2007 meeting of the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization. Council will have nominee requests for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

No report

CLERK REPORT

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING

No report

COUNCIL REPORT:

Councilwoman Mary Jones advised that she would be out of town for the February 7, 2007 Work Session.

Councilwoman Zalewski advised that she would also be out of town for the February Council Meeting.

Councilman Bryans advised that he would not be available for the February 7, 2007 meeting.

There was a consensus of the City Council to cancel the February 7, 2007 Council Meeting Work Session as there will not be quorum.

There was a consensus of the Council to schedule a Special Called Work/Voting Session on February 21, 2007.

Councilman Herold advised that there would be a meeting this afternoon with the City's Geologist regarding the well site at the Flowery Branch Baptist Church. Councilman Herold advised that the testing of the water has returned and that the purity of the water has passed inspection.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was a motion made to adjourn the Voting Session at 10:09 am and enter into Executive Session for Personnel Issues and Pending Litigation.

MOTION: Jim Herold
SECOND: Mary Jones
AYES: Jim Herold, Mary Jones, Pat Zalewski and Jan Smith.
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Allen Bryans
Motion carried

RECONVENE OPEN VOTING SESSION:

There was a motion made to exit Executive Session and enter the open voting session at 11:05 am.

MOTION: Jim Herold
SECOND: Pat Zalewski
AYES: Jim Herold, Mary Jones, Pat Zalewski and Jan Smith.
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Allen Bryans
Motion carried

There was a motion made to approve the contract between the City of Flowery Branch and City Planner James Riker.

MOTION: Jim Herold
SECOND: Pat Zalewski
AYES: Jim Herold, Mary Jones, Pat Zalewski and Jan Smith.
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Allen Bryans
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 am.

MOTION: Jim Herold
SECOND: Jan Smith
AYES: Jim Herold, Mary Jones, Pat Zalewski and Jan Smith.
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Allen Bryans



City Clerk - Melissa McCain

2/22/07
Date



Mayor Diane Hirling