CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Council Meeting
Work Session Minutes
Thursday April 18, 2013 6:00 PM

OPEN MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Mike Miller, Mayor Pro tem Joe Anglin, Council Members: Damon Gibbs, Mary Jones and Fred Richards. Also in attendance were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Attorney Ron Bennett and City Finance Director Jeremy Perry

ABSENT: Council Member Tara Richards

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the bombings in Boston

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:
Draft Council meeting minutes from March 21, 2013

- No comments received.

Lease of 5318 Railroad Avenue to JDEMDOG Enterprises, LLC

- Mr. John Dempsey is a licensed gun dealer and would like to use the location for his business. Due to new gun law requirements, he needs to have a commercial address.
- Lease is for 3 years with rent of $500 month for first year, $625 month for second year and $750 month for third year.
- City will provide maintenance and pay for water to the building.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report

- There have been some calls received regarding the slow trains in the downtown area. Norfolk Southern indicated that 2 culverts that are outside of City limits have collapsed and that the train tracks are sagging. Due to this

issue, the trains are limited to a 10 mile per hour speed limit. The government relations office of Norfolk Southern feels that the speed could be raised back up to 25 miles per hour within about 6-8 weeks with temporary repairs. Trains should be able to go through town at the normal speed of 50 miles per hour in about 6 months after permanent repairs are made. The government relations office will notify the City with updated information which will then be forwarded to the press and put on the City website.

City Clerk Report None

City Attorney Report None

Council Report

- Council Member Joe Anglin: None
- Council Member Fred Richards: None
- Council Member Mary Jones: None
- Council Member Damon Gibbs: Asked about the Best Buy property and City Manager Andrew indicated that no one had been in recently to discuss reopening a convenience store at that location.
- Mayor Mike Miller: Stated that the Joint Municipal Association Meeting will be on Monday, April 22 at 5:30 at the Gainesville Civic Center in the Chattahoochee Room.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION: Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Voting Session Minutes
Immediately following Work Session
Thursday April 18, 2013

OPEN VOTING SESSION: Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:
Draft Council meeting minutes from March 21, 2013

Motion to approve consent agenda: Fred Richards
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:
Consider – Lease of 5318 Railroad Avenue to JDEMDOG Enterprises, LLC

Motion to approve and authorize Mayor to sign lease with JDEMDOG Enterprises, LLC for the use of the City's property at 5318 Railroad Avenue: Joe Anglin
Second: Mary Jones
City Manager Andrew indicated that once 5318 Railroad Avenue has a tenant, the downtown block will be fully occupied. City Manager Andrew would like to have a block party for the downtown area business owners. City Manager Andrew would also like to see about creating a "Heart of Flowery Branch Business District" group that would help to communicate to the City the issues that downtown business areas are having.
Unanimous

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Executive Session for Land Acquisition/Disposition
Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of land acquisition/disposition: Joe Anglin
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

Motion to exit Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.: Damon Gibbs
Second: Fred Richards
Unanimous

- Council discussed having Pond do a study of a road connection between Lights Ferry and Snelling. The CIP has $100,000 budgeted for Lights Ferry Road connection
- There is already a contract with Pond, pursuing a study would be within the budgeted amount and would only need to be a work order which would not need Council approval.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion to adjourn the voting session at 7:08 p.m.: Damon Gibbs
Second: Mary Jones
Unanimous

James "Mike" Miller - Mayor	5/2/13 Dated	Marija Burney – City Clerk