

Flowerly Branch

**CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Council Meeting
Work Session Minutes
Thursday November 7, 2013 6:00 PM**



OPEN MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Mike Miller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Mike Miller, Mayor Pro tem Joe Anglin, Council Members: Damon Gibbs, Mary Jones, Fred Richards and Tara Richards. Also in attendance were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Attorney Ron Bennett, City Finance Director Jeremy Perry, City Director of Planning and Community Development John McHenry and Chief of Police David Spillers.

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Anglin

PROCLAMATION: Recognition of Flowerly Branch Junior Falcons coaches

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion – Draft Council meeting minutes from October 17, 2013

- City Clerk Burney indicated that she had sent out the minutes and received no comments.

Discussion - Declaration and Sale of Surplus Property

- Police Chief David Spillers stated that the City purchased 13 new firearms from Smyrna Police Distributors at a cost of \$409 each for a total amount of \$5317. Smyrna Police Distributors has offered to buy back the 13 weapons that are to be replaced at a cost of \$300 each for a total amount of \$3900. This would make the net cost for the 13 new firearms be \$1417.
- Police Chief Spillers is requesting that the Council declare the 13 older weapons to be surplus property so that they can be sold back to Smyrna Police Distributors.

Discussion - Probation Services Contract

- Police Chief David Spillers stated that the City currently has a contract with Sentinel Offender Services which is rather outdated. The request is to renew the contract with Sentinel Offender Services. The contract has been reviewed by the City Attorney and he has no concerns.
- There is no direct cost to the City. The fees for Sentinel are paid for by the probationer. The contract would be for one year and the City has about 200-250 persons currently on probation

Discussion – First Reading of Ordinance 479 - Allow City Manager to waive the annexation application fee

- City Director Planning and Community Development John McHenry stated that there would be an interest in waiving annexation fees to advance the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Allowing the City Manager to waive annexation fees would encourage annexation of commercial property into the City which would help to increase the City tax base.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report None

City Finance Director Report None

City Director Planning and Community Development Report

- The emergency sirens that were installed by the City are all installed and working. The City has received the reimbursement check for \$25,000 from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Each siren can be heard in a 2 mile radius.
- There have been \$10,000 in development fees received for October. The total amount collected so far is \$51,000, which is higher than the amount budgeted.
- The application for the Lights Ferry Road Connector has been submitted with a request for \$950,000 as a loan/grant. Hall County and the City of Gainesville have also submitted applications for other projects.

City Clerk Report None

City Attorney Report None

Council Report

- Council Member Damon Gibbs congratulated all of the Council Members that won their bid for reelection on Tuesday and it sends a clear message that the citizens are happy with the direction that the Council is going.

- Council Member Mary Jones: None
- Council Member Fred Richards: None
- Council Member Joe Anglin congratulated the other three Council members that were up for reelection. Council Member Anglin presented a book of photographs of the City to the Mayor that was completed by students in a photography class at Spout Springs Elementary
- Council Member Tara Richards: None
- Mayor Mike Miller stated that the Wisdom Project had a successful meeting at the Depot which was attended by the Hall County Mayors and the Chairman of the Hall County Commission. There was also a great turnout for the final public input meeting regarding the City Redevelopment Plan.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION: Work session adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Council Meeting
Voting Session Minutes
Immediately following Work Session
Thursday November 7, 2013



OPEN VOTING SESSION: Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Draft Council meeting minutes from October 17, 2013

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Tara Richards
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Declaration and Sale of Surplus Property

Motion to declare 13 weapons as surplus property and approve the buy back offer with Smyrna Police Distributors: Tara Richards
Second: Fred Richards
Unanimous

Probation Services Contract

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Sentinel Offender Services: Joe Anglin
Second: Mary Jones
Unanimous

First Reading of Ordinance 479 – Allow City Manager to waive the annexation application fee

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 (BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS), ARTICLE V (FEES), SECTION 17-155 (ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES BY RESOLUTION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH, GEORGIA TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE ANNEXATION APPLICATION FEES REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR ALL OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

Motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 479 authorizing the City Manager to waive annexation fees: Tara Richards
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session for Land Acquisition/Disposition, Personnel Matters and Pending/Potential Litigation

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. for the purposes of Land Acquisition/Disposition, Personnel Matters and Pending/Potential Litigation: Tara Richards

Second: Fred Richards
Unanimous

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.: Tara Richards
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the separation agreement with Leonard Poole: Mary Jones
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

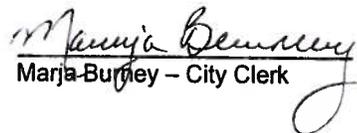
Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the separation agreement with Lewis Duncan: Damon Gibbs
Second: Mary Jones
Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the voting session at 7:21 p.m.: Tara Richards
Second: Fred Richards
Unanimous


James "Mike" Miller - Mayor

11/21/2013
Dated


Marja Burney - City Clerk