



CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday January 6, 2010
9:30 A.M.



CALL TO ORDER:

Clerk McCain called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Diane Hirling and Council Members Kris Yardley, Chris Fetterman, Mike Miller, Craig Lutz and Tara Richards. Also in attendance were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk Melissa McCain and City Attorney Ron Bennett.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Clerk McCain administered the oath of office to Mayor Elect Diane Hirling, Councilmember Elect Kris Yardley, Mike Miller and Tara Richards.

NOMINATION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Clerk McCain reviewed the position of Mayor pro-tem by stating that the Mayor Pro-tem would be responsible for representing the City in the absence of the Mayor and further would be a signer on all bank accounts including checking accounts and CD accounts.

Councilman Chris Fetterman nominated Councilman Craig Lutz.

There were no objections and this item was placed on the January 6, 2010 Consent Agenda for further consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

Clerk McCain adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.



CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
Wednesday January 6, 2010
9:30 A.M.



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hirling called the meeting to order at 9:42 am.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Diane Hirling and Council Members Kris Yardley, Chris Fetterman, Mike Miller, Craig Lutz and Tara Richards. Also in attendance were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk Melissa McCain and City Attorney Ron Bennett.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: -

Ed Lezaj – 5612 Newberry Point Drive, Flowerly Branch, Ga. 30542

Mr. Lezaj approached the Council and made the following statement:

I would like to say a few words about the newly sworn in Council. Congratulations. I have said this privately to the Mayor, she has done a terrific job of continuity the last four (4) years of her tenure and I hope she continues to do that, Keep up the good work. You took over a dysfunctional particular City Council that I unfortunately happen to be a member of and stabilized the City and that is commendable.

The one thing that I would like to mention to the Council, I don't know if you have heard the vicious rumors going on right now but it's very obvious to certain elements in the City, which I believe the Mayor can read right through me, that the council is predominately from one particular location and we all know what that location is. Just remember that you serve the entire city all city members. It's not this side of the tracks or more specifically this side of 985 verses that side of 985 and I know Mayor Hirling will do a good job unifying everybody so when you are looking at issues remember that you are sworn in to serve all members of the community. This is a side joke for one particular member of the Council when I asked the question, just keep that mileage rate down and if you do that you have done a commendable job because other communities have not done that namely Gwinnett. Thanks very much and good four years of tenure and keep up the good work.

UNFINISHED:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion December 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes

There were no changes noted.

This item was placed on the January 6, 2010 Consent Agenda for further consideration.

Discussion - Ordinance 303-F - Meeting Dates and Times

Clerk McCain stated that the ordinance was created under the direction of the Council to conduct evening council meetings. The Ordinance sets the meeting times for the first and third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. The scheduled meeting will include a public hearing, when required, a work session and a voting session.

There was a consensus to place Ordinance 303 - F on the Voting Session Agenda for further consideration.

Discussion - 5511 Lease Agreement

City Manager Andrew advised that Kym Pritchett has approached the City as an interested leaser of 5511 Main Street.

Ms. Pritchett is interested in leasing the building for a pottery studio named "Paint it Yours"

The lease amount will begin with payments of \$800.00, \$835.00 the second year and \$875.00 the third year.

Manager Andrew further reviewed repairs being made to the building to bring it to leasable standards.

Councilman Lutz expressed some concerns with the historic preservation covenants and inquired if they should be incorporated into the lease agreement.

Attorney Bennett advised that it was not necessary as the tenant would be required to abide by the City regulations and that the tenant would need to bring any alteration before the City for consideration.

There was a consensus to place this on the January 6, 2010 Consent Agenda for further consideration and if approved would authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the lease agreement.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Council Report

Councilwoman Richards stated that the meeting that was being scheduled between the City of Gainesville and the new council members should also include invitations for the current council and that Gainesville staff could address the council at a council meeting as opposed to the Council going to Gainesville's facility.

Councilman Lutz stated that he felt the public might be interested in hearing the discussions and agreed that the information can be presented at one of the Flowery Branch Council Meetings.

Councilman Fetterman presented the new council members with their own copy of Roberts Rules of Order.

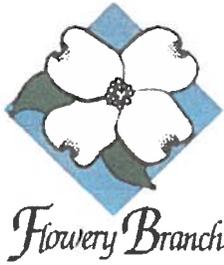
City Manager Andrew wanted to remind the council of the South Hall Business Coalition Meeting on January 14, 2010.

Manager Andrew advised the Council that they would need to appoint a member to the Solid Waste Committee.

There was a consensus to appoint Councilman Fetterman to the Solid Waste Committee.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Hirling adjourned the Work Session at 10:01 am.



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Council Meeting Minutes
Voting Session
Wednesday January 6, 2010
Immediately following Work Session



OPEN VOTING SESSION:

Mayor Hirling opened the Voting Session at 10:02 am.

Mayor Hirling announced that the Council will now vote by roll call voice vote as opposed to a show of hands. This change follows the City Charter voting procedures.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- December 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- 5511 Lease Agreement – Authorization for Mayor to sign and execute the lease agreement.
- Appointment of Craig Lutz as Mayor Pro-tem

There was a motion made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION: Chris Fetterman
SECOND: Kris Yardley
AYES: Craig Lutz, Chris Fetterman, Kris Yardley, Mike Miller and Tara Richards.
NAYES: None
Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- *Discussion - Ordinance 303-F – Meeting Dates and Times*

Attorney Bennett read Ordinance 303-F.

There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 303-F

MOTION: Craig Lutz
SECOND: Chris Fetterman
AYES: Craig Lutz, Chris Fetterman, Kris Yardley, Mike Miller and Tara Richards.
NAYES: None
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 am.

MOTION: Craig Lutz

SECOND: Tara Richards

AYES: Craig Lutz, Chris Fetterman, Kris Yardley, Mike Miller and Tara Richards

NAYES: None

Motion carried



Mayor Diane Hirling

1-21-10

Date



City Clerk Melissa McCain