

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Centralhatchee met in regular session Monday, **February 6, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall with Mayor Barbie Crockett presiding.

Council present were Eley Loftin, Julia Hand, Pepper Jackson, Barbara Norwood, Walt Wiggins, and Clerk, Linda Rogers.

Visitors present: Mike Crockett and Renai Brock.

1. Mayor Crockett called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

2. Public Comments

Renai Brock, new President for the Heard County Chamber of Commerce was in attendance. She was introduced and provided information about herself, to include she was raised in Hogansville, moved to the North Georgia Mountains when she married, and now she and her husband have returned to this area now that their children are grown. Ms. Brock stated it was her desire to meet everyone, attend monthly meetings when possible, and be there to assist in the county anyway she could. Ms. Brock opened the floor for questions and answer.

Questions pertaining to our upcoming “Pickin in the Park” event were asked. Ms. Brock indicated she would pull some information together, get it to us and would assist with this event anyway she could.

3. Minutes from January 9, 2017, meeting approved as presented. There was a motion and second (E. Loftin/ J. Hand). The vote was unanimous.

Old Business

New City Hall Updates

a. Mike Crockett provided an update on the following:

1. Sidewalks and curbing are 95% completed
2. Windows are in and outside doors are being installed
3. Epoxy on bathroom floors will go on later this week
4. Inside painting has started, second coat and touchup will be necessary
5. Outside has received 1 coat of paint
6. Estimated completion date is first or second week of March, however; they are working diligently to complete it in February.

Sheriff's Office Alliance

b. Sheriff's Report for January has not yet been received. Mayor Crockett reported on a couple of issues identified at the park:

1. Trash bags from can at large Pavilion are being taken and an image of the individual involved has been found on camera system.
2. Potential drug pickup witnessed from trash can at children's playground.
3. Increased amount of activity at the Park between the hours of 12 midnight and 2 a.m. has been noticed.

These issues have been discussed with Ross, as well as, Deputy Brandon Wiggins. Deputy Wiggins will be attending Drug Task Force and K-9 Training during the month of February. Deputy Wiggins indicated he would like to utilize our City Park to further train his drug dog when he returns to duty.

Veterans Memorial Repairs

- c. Mike Crockett reported the monument company arrived on Friday and replaced the cracked stones on the Veterans Memorial. The stone slipped and dropped during the replacement process, which caused some scratches they were able to buff out.

In addition, the Navy bench was not ready and will be replaced when complete.

Safety Balls at Fire Station

- d. Mike Crockett reported he had spoken with Joanna, our Georgia Power representative, and she indicated they were unable to locate used safety balls making it necessary to order 2, which should be installed by the end of the month.

Helipad

- e. Mike Crockett reported water from heavy rain drains from Convenience Center Drive to the helipad area. Councilman, Wiggins, indicated he would discuss this issue with Darold and have it corrected.

Right-of-Way

- f. Mike Crockett reported he talked with the Tax Assessor's Office and Darold regarding the right-of-way for the Town of Centralhatchee city limits and found all documentation stops at the city limits signs. Following a lengthy discussion, the Clerk will check with Tammy Teal to ascertain if any right-of-way easements have been recorded before we go to the expense of a survey.

New Business

Landscaping Bids

- a. The following bids were received to cover landscaping needs for the New City Hall:

1. Alternative Environments Landscape Management, Inc. - \$14,061.00
2. J & W Lawn Care Service - \$9,965.00

Note: Both bids include the following:

- Planting Bermuda and Fescue grass (includes seed and fertilizer)
- 3 Gal. Knockout Roses
- 1 Gal. Variegated Liriope
- 3 Gal. Dwarf Nandinas
- Mulch / Edging
- Watering sod and plants for a period of 1 month after planting
- Material and labor

There was a motion and second (E. Loftin/B. Norwood) to award the landscaping project for the New City Hall to J & W Lawn Care Service. The vote was unanimous.

Grounds Maintenance Bids

- b. The following bids were received to cover our Grounds Maintenance needs beginning April 1, 2017:

1. Alternative Environments Landscape Management, Inc. - \$48,032.00
2. J & W Lawn Care Service - \$25,500.00

Note: Anyone wishing to bid on this project picked up an information packet from City Hall, which provided specific details on the ground maintenance needs for Centralhatchee.

There was a motion and second (P. Jackson/E. Loftin) to award the grounds maintenance contract to J & W Lawn Care Service. The vote was unanimous.

Donation of Tables and Chairs to School

- c. Mayor Crockett made the suggestion to donate old tables and chairs from the Community Center to Centralhatchee Elementary School, as new tables and chairs are being purchased for the new facility. Everyone was asked their thoughts and all indicated they were in agreement to the suggestion.

There was a motion and second (J. Hand/B. Norwood) to donate old tables and chairs to the Centralhatchee Elementary School. The vote was unanimous.

Old Picnic Tables at Park

- d. Mayor Crockett reported there are 4 old picnic tables at the City Park in need of work and asked for suggestions on how to dispose of them. Following discussion, a suggestion was made that anyone who wanted the tables could remove them from the Park and make a donation to City Hall.

There being no other business to discuss and on motion and second (E. Loftin/B. Norwood) the meeting adjourned. The vote was unanimous.