

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Centralhatchee met in regular session Monday, **January 8, 2018**, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall with Mayor Barbie Crockett presiding.

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

Visitors present: Mike Crockett, Pam Lyle, William and Melissa Faulk.

1. Mayor Crockett called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Walt Wiggins led the pledge.
3. Public Comments - Pamela Lyle introduced herself, stating she and her husband, David Posey, purchased the News and Banner. She stated this is a learning experience for them and they look forward to serving Heard County and its residents.
4. Minutes from December 4, 2017, meeting approved as presented. Motion and second (E. Loftin/W. Wiggins) received. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business

Library Renovations Update

- a. Mayor Crockett reported we are waiting on the West Georgia Library System, stating their inspector asked questions about the building formerly being an open-air pavilion and whether it was inspected and found sound. It may become necessary for Centralhatchee to have an engineer look at the building before they will proceed. Lee Dollar stated he would let us know what they feel must be done.

Sheriff's Office Alliance Monthly Report

- b. Normal patrol duties were performed along with security checks at school, churches and businesses. There were 2 traffic stops for minor traffic violations reported for December.

Nuisance/Noise Ordinance

- c. Mayor Crockett reported she reviewed the ordinance and did not find anything wrong. She stated if we don't have a noise ordinance in place nothing can be done should an issue in the community arise. For example, we will provide the Sheriff's Office with a copy of the ordinance, so they can assist with enforcing it when necessary.

Mayor Crockett stated she would like for everyone to look over the ordinance once again and mark anything they have a question about, so it can be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk will mail a copy of the ordinance to the Council members.

Road Signage

- d. Mike Crockett reported Acro Signs ordered supplies for the directional sign project. They plan to relocate north end Welcome Sign next week, weather permitting, repaint both Welcome Signs and install the directional signs. He further stated Georgia Power has been contacted and will move the LED light for the sign to the new location.

Spelling error on the city limits sign mentioned. Clerk will contact William Yearta regarding this.

Other Old Business

Right-of-Way Markers

- e. Mike Crockett stated Georgia & West asked if we would like “Centralhatchee” stamped on the right-of-way markers to better distinguish them from GDOT markers. The response by all to this inquiry was “YES”.

Veteran’s Memorial Cracks

- f. Mike Crockett reported Keith Giles is reaching out to the monument company regarding the replacement of the cracked monuments and will provide an update when received.

Sheriff’s Satellite Office

- g. Mike Crockett reported the old bathroom has been torn out, framing for the new bathroom and door has been completed. Tile samples for the flooring will be provided. Main water line was not located; therefore, new bathroom was tied into to the previous line used.

Convenience Center

- h. LaGrange Sanitation has notified Lee Boone that effective February 1st they will no longer be serving Heard County due to their work load in Troup County. It is our understanding, Lee is searching for a replacement sanitation company to serve the needs of Heard County.

Intergovernmental Agreement

- i. Clerk reported she attempted to reach Brenda Jennings, Magistrate Judge, regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement, but was unable to speak with her due to illness.

Pawn Shop RV

- j. Clerk reported she spoke with Clark Carmichael regarding the RV behind the Pawn Shop. Clark indicated he would be moving the RV to his house by the end of the month and if things did not change, the Pawn Shop would be closing.

Warranty Issues - Sheetrock

- k. Mike Crockett reported we are working with a Tomco representative regarding our continued issues with cracks in the sheetrock. He stated they checked both levels of the building earlier today and identified 33 cracks, 2 of which had already been repaired twice. In addition, due to the problems we continue to experience, we have requested an extended 1-year warranty on the sheetrock.

Small Pavilion Gutter Damage

- l. Mike Crockett reported the gutter on the new pavilion damaged during the snow has been repaired.

New Business

2018 Budget - Vote

- a. The 2018 Budget was reviewed and discussed.

There was a motion and second (P. Jackson/B. Norwood) to adopt the budget as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Ordinances

- b. Clerk/Zoning Administrator reported the Planning Commission Team met at 6 p.m. to discuss the City Ordinances and have agreed they are ready to be turned over to the City Council for final review and approval. Workshop meeting scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2018, at 7 p.m. to review the ordinances.

Chamber Annual Dinner

- c. Mayor Crockett reported the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2018, at 6 p.m., at Heard County Middle School Gymnasium. If you are interested in attending and bringing your spouse or a guest, please let us know. The RSVP deadline is Friday, January 19th.

Other New Business

February Council Meeting

- d. Mayor Crockett reported she would not be in attendance for the February meeting as they would be cruising the Panama Canal, returning on February 19th. Mayor Pro Tem, Eley Loftin, will be in charge during her absence.
- e. Mike Crockett reported he received a proposal from Georgia & West for engineering and surveying services for Nutt Road in the amount of \$17,900.00. Following a lengthy discussion, the decision was made to wait and see if SPLOST 5 passed before moving forward on this project.
- f. Mike Crockett reported a safety issue was identified at the City Park detention pond, where a deer fell in the drain and died. Photos of the area were distributed for review. Following a discussion on how best to correct this problem, the subject was tabled to the next meeting.

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