

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Centralhatchee met in regular session Monday, **November 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.

Visitor present: Charles Norwood, Tonnie Adams, Jimmy Adams, Lee Boone, Ami Greer, and Mike Crockett.

1. Mayor Crockett called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Walt Wiggins led the pledge.
3. Public Comments
  - a. Jimmy Adams offered the following:
    - i. He is proud of our town and is always hearing positive comments regarding the City Park.
    - ii. Traffic Concerns
      1. Speeding on South Bridge Road
      2. Speed limit sign missing on Favor Road
      3. Centralhatchee City Limits sign missing from South Bridge
      4. Bump in road on South Bridge, caused from a root. Response: This issue has already been addressed and repairs are scheduled to be made
      5. Nutt Road safety issue
  - b. City Hall newly hired assistant / janitorial custodian, Ami Greer, was introduced.
  - c. Lee Boone, Heard County Commission Board Chair, provided the following:

#### SPLOST 5

- i. Intergovernmental Agreement presented for review and approval. Mayor and City Clerk will sign 4 original copies, with 1 original being returned once all municipalities have signed.
- ii. Agreement was presented to the City of Franklin and City of Ephesus last Thursday and will be presented to Heard County on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Deadline November 30th
- iv. Encourage everyone to vote for SPLOST 5

There was a motion and second (W. Wiggins/B. Norwood) to approve the Agreement as presented. The vote was unanimous.

#### Heard County New Administration Building

- i. Moving in began last Friday
- ii. Phones transferred at 5 p.m. on Friday
- iii. County advertised when they would be closed and moving
- iv. No date has been set for Open House, but hope to schedule it before the first of the year, setting aside a full day for the Ribbon Cutting and Open House.

### Courthouse

- i. Architect reviewed the structure and integrity of the building and advised it would be cheaper to remodel than to tear down and start over. Building was built in 1964 and contains a fallout shelter.
- ii. Chief Superior Court Judge reviewed the plans and has made some changes, which has caused some delay.

### Plant Wansley/Georgia Power/Southern Company (f/k/a Atlanta Gas) Meeting

- i. Future of coal discussed - weather plays a part in this.
  - ii. Natural Gas is cheaper to use (75% natural gas / 25% coal)
  - iii. Question asked if they pay L.O.S.T. on this product - Response unknown
- d. Tonnie Adams - Voter Registrar  
Advertising guidelines for SPLOST 5 discussed.

### Minutes

1. Minutes from October 2, 2017, meeting approved as presented. There was a motion and second (E. Loftin/J. Hand). The vote was unanimous.

### Old Business

#### Library Renovations Update

- a. Mayor Crockett reported several meetings and changes had been made since our last meeting.:
  - Contractor selected has been unable to meet the bond and worker's compensation requirements.
  - Bid of \$121,000.00 from Southern Standards received and awarded. State will provide \$100,000.00 for the library renovations project, making us responsible for all monies over and above this amount.
  - Met with Kevin Johnson, Georgia Correctional Institute, to choose colors and furnishings for the building furnishings, which will be our responsibility. Quote will be provided later.
  - Upfront financial obligations for the library:
    - i. \$63,645.00, which includes \$25,000.00 for books
    - ii. Furnishings
  - Library personnel will consist of 2 PT individuals each working 19.5 hours per week.
  - The West Georgia Library System is attempting to get all libraries out of the red by adding a yearly fee of \$7,000.00.

#### Sheriff's Office Alliance Monthly Report

- b. There was 1 traffic stop reported for October, with a verbal warning issued. Mayor Crockett stated she planned to inform Jane we wanted tickets issued instead of warnings.

Tammy Teal, Clerk of Court, will be contacted for an update on the bathroom proceedings.

### Right-of-Ways on Centralhatchee Parkway

- c. Mike Crockett reported the estimated cost for establishing and marking the right of ways is as follows:

#### Centralhatchee Parkway

- \$6,000.00, title search included
- \$80.00 for each R/W monument marker to be set. Estimated approximately 15 markers would be needed. \$1,200.00
- \$1,500.00 management fee to oversee the markers set.

Total Estimated Cost: \$8,700.00

There was a motion and second (B. Norwood/P. Jackson) to proceed with the Centralhatchee Parkway right-of-way establishment project. The vote was unanimous.

#### Church Street / Nutt Road

- \$15,000.00, title search included
- \$80.00 for each R/W monument marker to be set. Estimated approximately 15 markers would be needed. \$1,200.00
- \$1,500.00 management fee to oversee the markers set.

Total Estimated Cost: \$17,700.00

Mayor Crockett stated Nutt Road and sidewalks were projects we included in SPLOST 5 and stated the right-of-way would change with the widening of Nutt Road. In addition, we are looking at Grants to also assist us with these projects as well, Safe Routes to School Grant. Dr. Dawn Bennett has been approached and is willing to assist in any way she can with the grants.

### Playground Equipment

- d. Mike Crockett distributed playground equipment quotes from Superior Recreational Products for review and comparison with those received from PRS Play Parks.

Following discussion, the group decided on Option #3 from PRS Play Parks, currently priced at \$18,415.00. The decision was made to hold off until Spring before installing the equipment, with the understanding the current pricing could not be guaranteed.

Fencing around the proposed playground area will be installed this week, weather permitting.

### Nuisance/Noise Ordinance

- e. Subject tabled to the next meeting to allow additional time to review.

### Road Signage

- f. Mike Crockett reported we received a tentative approval for the Hwy 27 directional signage and relocation of the Welcome Sign. GDOT requested additional information on the engineering drawing to show the right of way on the plan sheet and correct wording on the signage for the permit.

Quote obtained from Acro for signage in the amount of \$7,000.00.

## Other Old Business

### Speed Limit Sign on Loftin Lane

- g. Tonnie Adams reported there was a 45 MPH Speed Limit on Loftin Lane. Mike Crockett will take care of this.

### Blackmarks

- h. Councilman Wiggins reported Terry Cook is spinning tires and laying the black marks along Centralhatchee Parkway and this needs to be stopped.

### South Bridge Road

- i. Mike Crockett reported he met with Darold Wiggins, Eric Cook, and a GDOT Street Engineer to look at the South Bridge Road area at Andy Jackson's place and received the following information:
  - Leave area alone since there have been no accidents.
  - Erect a 45' concrete wall and install 3 pipes along the ditch area, at the cost of approximately \$25,000.00 on private property.
  - Guardrails are not an option due to insufficient footage on side of road.

Mike will give Andy all the information he obtained and advise we are not able to invest in the private property arena.

### Notnomis /Joe Cook Road Street Light

Mike Crockett reported a safety issue has been identified at the corner of Notnomis and Joe Cook Road where several vehicles over the last couple of months have missed the stop sign of driven across Notnomis and into the trees. Post with reflectors have been added and EMC has installed a street light in this area at no charge. Monthly charge for the light is \$10.00.

In addition, Mike stated he obtained a quote in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Bobby Reid Paving for installing speed breaks on Joe Cook Road in the event these safety measures do not correct the problem.

### Street Light Changes to LED Bulbs

- j. Mike Crockett reported he contacted Georgia Power and Carroll EMC about changing the street lights to LED bulbs and learned the following:
  - Georgia Power will be making plans for this change over during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2018.
  - Carroll EMC has not yet started this process, but hopes to change over within 6 months.

## New Business

### Closing SPLOST 3

- a. Mayor Crockett reported SPLOST 3 funds are low and suggested closing SPLOST 3, with any remaining dollars transferring to SPLOST 4 account.

There was a motion and second (P. Jackson/E. Loftin) to close SPLOST 3 transferring the balance to SPLOST 4 account. The vote was unanimous.

#### Pickin In the Park 2018 Event

b. Update for the 2018 Pickin In The Park Event provided as follows:

- Scheduled for Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- Local Bands:
  - Ugly Betty - \$1,350.00 (They will also provide sound and lights for the event from)
  - Final Answer - \$700.00
  - New River Band - \$600.00
  - Home Grown - \$2,500.00
- DJ services will be provided by Ricky Gore - \$200.00
- All events on lower field, no admission fees
- Number of vendors and fees

#### Budget 2018 Review

c. Councilmen Wiggins suggested scheduling a called meeting on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for the 2018 Budget Review. Subject tabled until Monday, November 13, 2017.

#### Other New Business

##### Voting Precinct Change Letter

d. Mayor Crockett reported it was necessary for a letter to be sent to the Heard County Voter Registrar notifying them of our desire to change the location of the voting precinct.

There was a motion and second (E. Loftin/J. Hand) to change the Voting Precinct location. The vote was unanimous.

##### Veterans Day Celebration

e. Veterans Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2017, at 10 a.m. Program will consist of welcome, prayer, pledge, laying of wreath, playing of taps, and Staff Sargent, John C. Starnes, speaker.

Bronze Boots should be installed, weather permitting, prior to the event.

##### Christmas Parade

f. Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and lighting of Christmas Tree in City Park. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be served under the pavilion.

##### Christmas Dinner

g. Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

##### Thank You

h. Received a card from Heard County 4-H for water donated to their Fall Lock-In Event.

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