City Council Meeting
10 N. Public Square
February 5, 2015
6:00 P.M. – Work Session 7:00 P.M.

I. Opening Meeting

Invocation by Council Member Tate

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Hodge

The City Council met in Regular Session with Matt Santini, Mayor presiding and the following present: Kari Hodge, Council Member Ward One; Dianne Tate, Council Member Ward Five; Lori Pruitt, Council Member Ward Six; Sam Grove, City Manager; Connie Keeling, City Clerk and David Archer, City Attorney. Jayce Stepp, Council Member Ward Two; Louis Tonsmeire, Sr., Council Member Ward Three and Lindsey McDaniel Council Member Ward Four were absent.

II. Regular Agenda

A. Council Meeting Minutes

1. January 22, 2015

A motion to approve the January 22, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Council Member Tate and seconded by Council Member Pruitt. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

Mack Parnell, Field Representative for Congressman Barry Loudermilk came forward and addressed the Mayor and Council.

B. Resolutions

1. Time Change for Civic Youth Day April 2, 2015

Sam Grove, City Manager stated that this is an annual occurrence allowing the City Council to accommodate Civic Youth Day. This year Civic Youth Day is scheduled for April 2, 2015 so the time of the meeting is changed from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. Mr. Grove recommended approval.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 04-15 was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Council Member Pruitt. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

Resolution No. 04-15

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Cartersville and its inhabitants and their general health, safety and welfare to reschedule the below referenced meeting of the Mayor and City Council pursuant to the authority provided by the CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA; and

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville that the meeting of the Mayor and City Council scheduled on the 2nd day of April, 2015 at 7 PM in pursuant to Section 2-17 of the City of Cartersville Code of Ordinances is hereby rescheduled to the 2nd day of April, 2015 at 9 AM.

NOW BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED.

ADOPTED this February 5, 2015

/s/ Matthew J. Santini
Matthew J. Santini

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ <u>Connie Keeling</u>
Connie Keeling
City Clerk

C. Appointments

1. DDA Board

Tara Currier, DDA Director stated that the Cartersville Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors is requesting the reappointments of Nancy Jackson and Lara Jeanneret. Mrs. Currier stated that if reappointed the terms will expire February 18, 2019 and recommended approval.

A motion to approve the reappointments to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors was made by Council Member Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Tate. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

D. Contracts/Agreements

1. Main Street MOU with Department of Community Affairs

Tara Currier, DDA Director stated that the City of Cartersville has been a member of the Georgia Main Street Program since 1987. To remain in good standing of that program both the DDA Board and the City must sign a yearly Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The term of the agreement is for 2015 with an ending date of December 31, 2015 and Mrs. Currier recommended approval.

A motion to approve the Main Street MOU with Department of Community Affairs was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Council Member Tate. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

E. Bid Award/Purchases

1. Installation of Guard Rail on North Erwin Street

Don Hassebrock, Electric Department Director stated that within the last five years the pole on North Erwin Street just north of Porter Street has been broken by drivers running off the road. These accidents have caused lengthy power outages as well as inconveniences to a significant amount of customers. Mr. Hassebrock stated that he had consulted with Tommy Sanders and the consensus is to install a guard rail in this area. Mr. Hassebrock stated that bids were received and recommended approval of the low bid from Martin Robbins Fence Co., Inc in the amount of $7,996.75.

A motion to approve the low bid from Martin Robbins Fence Co., Inc. was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Council Member Pruitt. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

2. Email Archive

Dan Porta, Assistant City Manager stated that the current archiver is seven (7) years old and there are no more updates available for this appliance. Staff has solicited bids and has recommended the Barracuda Archiver 610 for $20,112.30 including the first year of support. Mr. Porta recommended approval.

A motion to approve the purchase of the Barracuda Archiver 610 was made by Council Member Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Tate. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

3. Fiber Relocation Services

Dan Porta, Assistant City Manager stated that due to road construction being done on Highway 20, the Fiber Department must relocate 3,600 feet of city fiber. Mr. Porta recommended approval for this work to be done by Parker Systems, LLC at a cost of $8,700.00.

A motion to approve the Fiber Relocation by Parker Systems, LLC was made by Council Member Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Hodge. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

4. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles

Scott Carter, Fire Chief stated that currently the fire department has seventy one (71) air bottles that are due to be taken out of service by FY 2017-18. Chief Carter stated that in order to prevent this many bottles being replaced at one time he is replacing them in stages to stagger the expiration dates and recommended approval to purchase thirty (30) bottles from the low bidder MES/Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. at a cost of $885.00 each for a total of $26,550.00.

A motion to approve the purchase of thirty (30) air bottles from MES/Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Council Member Tate. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

F. Change Order

1. Center Road 24-inch Gravity Sewer – Final Change Order

Bob Jones, Water and Sewer Superintendent stated that Phase I of the Center Road 24 inch Gravity Sewer Project is complete. As originally scoped, this project was not phased and included approximately 2,200 feet of 24-inch pipe replacement, however due to field conditions, regulatory changes and a desire to construct the line in such a manner to promote ease of future maintenance, approximately 1,200 feet of pipe is being omitted from the current phase. Mr. Jones stated that it is the intention of the department to redesign approximately 500 feet of the omitted line and finish the project in Phase II. Mr. Jones stated that the result of omitting the 1,200 feet of pipe is a reduction to the original contract in the amount of $251,643.87. This change will result in a Phase I construction cost of $166,611.74 and recommended approval.

A motion to approve final change order for Phase I was made by Council Member Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Tate. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

G. Easements

1. Easement Acquisition for Highway 20 Road Project

Bob Jones, Water and Sewer Superintendent stated that this easement pertains to the relocation of the City's 24 inch and 36 inch water mains along Highway 41 in support of DOT Road Improvements in that area. Mr. Jones stated that a total of three (3) separate easements which total 10,419 square feet are required from Edsel and Phillip Dean. Mr. Jones stated that Mr. Dean has agreed to accept the appraisal price of $26,100.00 and recommended approval.

A motion to approve the easement purchase as presented was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Council Member Tate. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

H. Discussion

1. RFP – Architect – Engineering – Design Services Park Facilities Improvements (This item was removed from the agenda)

I. Other

1. Visioning Retreat Summary. (This item was removed from the agenda)

Mayor Santini stated that there was one item to be added to the agenda. A motion to add an item to the agenda was made by Council Member Tate and seconded by Council Member Hodge. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

J. Added Item

1. HB170 Transportation Funding Act.

Sam Grove City Manager stated that this resolution pertains to legislation currently under consideration at the State. The three main components of HB 170 that would affect Georgia's local governments are (1) the removal of all local sales taxes on the sale of motor fuel and increase of state excise tax from 7.5 cents to 29.2 cents per gallon (2) will allow cities and counties to impose a 3 cent per gallon local motor fuel excise tax by action of the governing authority, (3) will allow cities and counties to impose an additional 3 cents per gallon local motor fuel excise tax by voter referendum. Mr. Grove stated that the impact to the City of Cartersville is a reduction of current SPLOST and LOST revenues in Cartersville by $1,576,590.37 or 20.6% annually (based upon current revenue) and the financial impact of the addition of 3 cents and/or the additional 3 cents per gallon tax referendum is unknown. Mr. Grove recommended approval of this Resolution.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 03-15 was made by Council Member Pruitt and seconded by Council Member Tate. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

Resolution No. 03-15

WHEREAS, the Joint Study Committee on Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding will soon issue a report aimed at helping the State of Georgia raise additional revenue to address transportation needs;

WHEREAS, the Joint Study Committee may recommend a reduction to local governments in sales tax collected on the sale of motor fuel taxes for non-transportation purposes;

WHEREAS, in 2013, local governments in Georgia collected $516 million in local sales taxes (LOST, SPLOST, ELOST, ESPLOST, HOST, MARTA and Atlanta's MOST) from the sales of motor fuel;

WHEREAS, if motor fuel is removed or exempted from local sales taxes, the Georgia Municipal Association estimates that Bartow County could lose approximately 12.2 million annually, including proceeds to the City of Cartersville, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia and the City of Cartersville School System;

WHEREAS, in 2013, the total amount of SPLOST funds spent on transportation was $746 million;

WHEREAS, any suggestion that Georgia's local governments are not making substantial investments toward transportation project is inaccurate;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council urges the Joint Study Committee on Critical Infrastructure Funding and our local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly to strongly oppose any recommendation or measure to reduce allocation of sales tax funding to local governments.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES: We hereby urge the Joint Study Committee on Critical Infrastructure Funding and our local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly to strongly oppose any recommendation or measure to reduce allocation of sales tax funding to local governments. Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of February 2015.

/s/ Matthew J. Santini
Matthew J. Santini
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ <u>Connie Keeling</u>
Connie Keeling
City Clerk

After announcements a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Pruitt and needing no second. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

Meeting Adjourned

/s/ ___________________________
Matthew J. Santini
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ ______________________________
Connie Keeling
City Clerk