

City Council Meeting
10 N. Public Square
Special Called Meeting
December 8, 2011
4:00 P.M

I. Opening Meeting

Invocation - Mayor Santini asked for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Santini

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

II. Regular Agenda

A. Discussion

1. Review of Electric Cost of Service Study

David Myers, Electric Superintendent stated that due to a wholesale cost increase he had request a cost of service study to determine the new electric rates for 2012.

Steven Jackson with MEAG Power came forward and gave a review of projected power costs and the factors that have initiated these projections. Mr. Jackson stated that there were three basic factors fueling the rates for 2012.

- Fuel Costs – With Coal up 6% Annually; Gas up 7% Annually and Nuclear costs up 6% Annually
- Environmental Compliance – any new environmental regulations have not been calculated into this study but all current regulations have been.
- Market Sales – Market Sales were down due to the economy

John Lansing with Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) stated that the City of Cartersville has had the same base rate for the past six (6) years and with the proposed increase the City Electric Rates will still be less than the competition. Mr. Lansing suggested dropping the PCA to zero and increasing the rates as shown in the cost of service study presented to council.

Mayor Santini opened the floor for comments and Steven Castracane with Linde Gas and Mike Staed with Anheuser Busch both came forward for comments on the rate change. Mayor Santini thanked all parties for their comments and recommended that Mr. Myers forward this

information to all council members and concerned parties present.

B. Other

Mayor Santini stated that the next item was necessary due to a mistake made at the December 1, 2011 City Council Meeting. Mayor Santini stated that “ this Veto action was done in concert with council and not in conflict with council. Council was notified and in agreement with this veto before it was filed”. Mayor Santini further stated that “this was not a mistake that was caused by a lack of ethics, as a lack of respect for the responsibilities of elected office, or out of a lack of love for the City of Cartersville. It was simply a mistake.” With that being said Mayor Santini proceeded to the next item.

1. Consideration of Mayor’s veto of Council action taken on December 1, 2011 as related to renewing of Health Insurance, specifically with regards to City Council Coverage.

Mayor Santini stated that this veto is to correct the motion from the December 1, 2011 meeting pertaining to the inclusion of city council members to be covered under the health insurance plan. David Archer, City Attorney stated that council has two choices, to either accept the veto or override the veto; however it takes 5 votes by council to override a Mayor’s Veto and there were only four council members present at this meeting.

A motion to confirm (or accept) the Veto was made by Council Member Tate and seconded by Council Member McDaniel. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

VETO

Pursuant to City of Cartersville, Georgia Charter Section 2.05, I, as Mayor of the City of Cartersville, Georgia hereby veto the order and/or resolution of the City of Cartersville, Georgia City Council resulting in the renewal of the health insurance with United Health Care and any and all related matters included in said action of the City Council passed by Motion, Second, and vote thereon during the City Council Meeting on December 1, 2011.

This the 5th day of December 2011.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Connie Keeling
Connie Keeling
City Clerk

2. Consideration of Employee Health Insurance

Mayor Santini stated that since renewals are taking place this week the Employee Health Insurance needed to be approved. Mayor Santini asked that the council approve the renewal of the policy with United Health Care and to accept the 15/12 option on the insurance.

A motion to renew the policy with United Health Care and accept the 15/12 option on the insurance was made by Council Member Tonsmeire and seconded by Council Member Tate. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Tonsmeire and needing no second. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 4-0

Meeting Adjourned

/s/ _____
Matthew J. Santini
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Connie Keeling
City Clerk