



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council meeting
Thursday, April 6, 2023, 6:00 PM
City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 Pine Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Asbridge and Council Members Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte and Chris Mundy

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Assistant City Clerk Nancy Rodriguez, Planning Director Rich Atkinson, Public Works and Utilities Director Bill Whidden, Finance Director Matt Hamby, Deputy Police Chief Todd Templeton, and City Attorney Karen Thomas.

Absent: Council Member William McDaniel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

There was a motion made to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Joseph Mezzanotte

AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Consider Resolution 23-006, A Proposed Ninety-Day Moratorium on the acceptance of any applications or requests for Annexation, Rezoning, or Conditional Use Permits.

Planning Director Atkinson presented Resolution 23-006, a proposed ninety-day moratorium on the acceptance of any applications or requests for annexation, rezoning or conditional use permits. The purpose of the resolution is to look at our current zoning ordinance and make changes as necessary.

Council held a discussion with Director Atkinson regarding Resolution 23-006.

Task Order with ESG Engineering for Design Services for a New Roadway Roundabout at the Intersection of McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road.

City Manager Parrish presented a Task Order with ESG Engineering for design services for a new roadway roundabout at the intersection of McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road. The task order is for \$150,000 and would come out of our local resources fund.

Council held a discussion with City Manager Parrish regarding the roadway roundabout and the design concept.

Change Order to Archer Western Contract for the Project, “Interim Improvements – Wastewater Treatment Plant”

City Manager Parrish presented a Change Order to Archer Western contract for the project, “Interim Improvements – Wastewater Treatment Plant.” During a recent major storm event, the area above the existing aeration header (buried) was inundated with storm water. As city operators inspected the flooded area during the event, major air leaks were noticed throughout the area between the blower house and the treatment process showing that the aged pipeline is no longer operating properly. The original pipeline materials are not typical for this type of use and therefore further investment in the existing pipe is not recommended. A new stainless steel aerial pipeline will be constructed and will have a considerably longer service life than the original buried iron pipeline.

Council held a discussion with City Manager Parrish and Pavel Mayfield from Archer Western regarding the change order to the Archer Western Contract.

Establishment of an Investment Portal through Multi-Bank Securities, INC. (MBS) and eConnect Direct.

Finance Director Matt Hamby had a discussion regarding establishing an investment portal through Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (MBS) and eConnect Direct. In this current rising rate environment, it is prudent that the City explore different options to invest idle cash to maximize its return. To ensure City funds are generating a maximum return, City staff looked at several options to help invest idle cash in accordance with the City’s Investment Policy. It was determined that Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (MBS) and eConnect Direct provide the best option. MBS will help us invest idle cash in a ladder approach to ensure liquidity is available and the eConnect Direct portal will allow us to manage these investments. All investments will be in accordance with the City’s Investment Policy and there will be no cost to the City for this portal or management service. The finance department will provide updates of investment earnings on a quarterly basis to Council.

Council held a discussion with Director Hamby regarding establishing an investment portal.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report:

City Manager Parrish gave an update on the new businesses on Main Street. She updated the paving on Main Street has been temporarily put on hold due to the paving machine being broken. The paving on Main Street will resume as soon as repairs are made to the machine. She also advised that Railroad Avenue will be a one-way street in front of the Depot, once the paving is complete. Finally, the parking area on the side of Antebellum has angled parking spaces but that will be changed to be parallel parking spaces in the near future.

Finance Department Report:

Director Hamby updated the finance department is working on the final review stages of the budget.

Public Works & Utilities Report:

Director Whidden reported the sewer plant is going great with only some small tweaks needed to be worked out. He thanked Pavel Mayfield of Archer Western for his help at the sewer plant. He also reported the water tower is up but there is final work to do on the inside of the tower. The old water tank will be taken down once the new tank is operating. This process will take several more months before final completion.

Council Report:

Council Member Anglin reported the vacant lot on the corner of Church Street and Chestnut Street looks nice.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 6:33 p.m.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Charles Mull, 5918 Mitchell Street, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542

Mr. Mull wanted to express his gratitude to the City for the improvement of the outside smell around the City. He suggested commissioning a local artist to paint the new water tower and expressed his desire to keep the Flowery Branch logo on the water tank.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Consider March 16, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider March 16, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- Consider March 2023 Per Diem for Mayor Asbridge

There was a motion made to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Oliver McClellan

AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider Resolution 23-006, A Proposed Ninety-Day Moratorium on the acceptance of any applications or requests for Annexation, Rezoning, or Conditional Use Permits.

There was a motion made to approve Resolution 23-006, a proposed ninety-day moratorium on the acceptance of any application or requests for annexation, rezoning, or conditional use permits.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Chris Mundy

AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Task Order with ESG Engineering for Design Services for a New Roadway Roundabout at the Intersection of McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road.

There was a motion made to approve Task Order with ESG Engineering for design services for a new roadway roundabout at the intersection of McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan

SECOND: Joe Anglin

AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Change Order to Archer Western Contract for the Project, “Interim Improvements – Wastewater Treatment Plant”

There was a motion made to approve the change order to the Archer Western Contract for the project, “Interim Improvements – Wastewater Treatment Plant” in an amount not to exceed \$79,926.52.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan
SECOND: Chris Mundy
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

Establishment of an Investment Portal through Multi-Bank Securities, INC. (MBS) and eConnect Direct

There was a motion made to approve authorizing the City Manager and Finance Director to sign all necessary documents for an investment portal through Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (MBS) and eConnect Direct.

MOTION: Chris Mundy
SECOND: Oliver McClellan
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was a motion made to enter executive session for matters related to the acquisition/disposition of real estate, for matter related to certain personnel issues, and for matters related to pending or potential litigation at 6:38 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: Chris Mundy
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

There was a motion made to exit executive session at 7:59 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: Oliver McClellan
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan

SECOND: Joe Anglin

AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Edward R. Asbridge, Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper, City Clerk