



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2020 6:00 pm
City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 Pine Street, Flowery Branch GA, 30542**



CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Mike Miller called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Present: Mayor Mike Miller and Council Members Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin and Leslie Jarchow.

Absent: Council Member Amy Farah

Also present were Bill Andrew, City Manager, Vickie Short, City Clerk, Ron Bennett, City Attorney, and Alisha Gamble, Finance Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Mike Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC MEETING:

Public Meeting: Wastewater Plant Expansion and Water System Improvements Projects

Bob Troxler with Infratec Consultants, Inc. presented the Water and Sewer System Expansion Project details. The projects were outlined below.

Near-term Water Projects

- Debbie Lane Water Line
- Continue Water System Hydraulic Model Effect
- West Side Replacement Water Tank
- Acquisition of Railroad Avenue Wells
- Improve Reliability of Roberts Drive Pump Station

Water Projects (2021 – 2025)

- Railroad Avenue Well House
- Gainesville St. Water Line
- Lights Ferry Water Line – Gainesville St. to McEver Rd.

- Hog Mountain Rd. Water Line
- Third Railroad Water Line Crossing

Wastewater Projects

- Doubling current plant capacity to 2.2 MGD
- This will include, but not limited to building new:
 - Clarifiers (qty-2)
 - Carrousels (qty-2)
 - Influent Pump Station
 - New screening and grit removal
 - Pre-equalization Basin
 - Ultraviolet Light Disinfection
 - Effluent Pump Station and Reuse Storage Tanks

Geotechnical Issues

- Additional effluent pipe
- Redundant and Emergency Operation equipment
- Ground Water at Approximately 10 feet
- Settlement of Major Structures is a Concern
- Possibly Preload Site to Consolidate Soils

Robert Sills with Nelsnick Enterprises presented the Waste System Improvements Project. This presentation highlighted the need for Rate Structure and Rate Revenue Requirements. The main components for increase in revenue are the increase of sludge expenses as well as an increase in Georgia Power utility rates.

FY 21 Rate Requirement Recommendations

- Removing the minimum bill
- The simplifications of rate structure tiers
- Generate 5% Water and 7% Wastewater additional income

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT PUBLIC MEETING: Mayor Miller adjourned the public meeting at 6:42 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - WORK SESSION:

Second Reading Ordinance 595 to Establish a Speed Limit of 25 MPH for the Entirety of East Main Street

Mr. Andrew presented Ordinance 595 to establish a Speed Limit of 25 MPH for all of East Main Street. East Main Street has approximately 149 homes under construction. The Residential Group has 325 apartments under construction at the corner of Phil Niekro Blvd and Thurmon Tanner Pkwy. The City desires to foster connectivity with these population centers. Lowering the speed limit will allow the City to amend our Personal Transportation Vehicles Plan to eventually allow for PTVs to use East Main to Mulberry Street and to Spring Street to cross Atlanta Highway. In addition to allowing for the expansion of our PTV route, a lower speed limit will foster a safer driving environment for this corridor.

Mr. Anglin asked whether there would be a warning period of time before tickets would be issued. Mr. Andrew said the City will be placing signage and flags prior to change in speed limit.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

First Read of Ordinance 447-B: The City of Flowery Branch Speed Zone Ordinance

Mr. Andrew presented Ordinance 447-B. GDOT requires re-certification of all of our radar enforced speed zones at least every 7 years. This listing of roads has not been modified from our 2013 list. The City may only use radar on the road sections listed within this Ordinance. Radar use is limited to the proper sight distance and where a road is relatively level. Mr. Andrew pointed out that there are some discrepancies in the mapping information. He has reached out to GDOT.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report

Mr. Andrew briefed the Council on a potential rezoning application to be presented. The applicant is asking for a quicker response than the normal 90 day review for approval. It was determined the process could be altered for this potential rezoning.

Finance Director Report

Ms. Gamble said the City's budget books are available to Council as well as to the public for review at City Hall. She also pointed out the plans for the Wastewater Plant Expansion and Water System Improvements Projects are available for review this evening.

Mayor Report

Mayor Miller pointed out the Governor's Emergency Orders for COVID-19 cannot be less or more restrictive. This point was a concern regarding the requirement of wearing face masks.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION: Mayor Miller adjourned the working session at 7:07 pm.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA:

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER: Mayor Miller called the voting session to order at 7:07 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Consider April 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- Consider May 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- Consider Per Diem-Mike Miller

There was a motion made to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Ed Asbridge

AYES: Joe Anglin, Leslie Jarchow, Ed Asbridge, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Second Reading Ordinance 595 to Establish a Speed Limit of 25 MPH for the Entirety of East Main Street

Mr. Bennett read the caption to Ordinance 595.

There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 595 to Establish a Speed Limit of 25 MPH for East Main Street.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Chris Mundy

AYES: Joe Anglin, Leslie Jarchow, Ed Asbridge, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

First Read of Ordinance 447-B: The City of Flowery Branch Speed Zone Ordinance

Mr. Bennett read the caption to Ordinance 447-B: The City of Flowery Branch Speed Zone Ordinance.

There was a motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 447-B: The City of Flowery Branch Speed Zone Ordinance.

MOTION: Ed Asbridge
SECOND: Chris Mundy
AYES: Joe Anglin, Leslie Jarchow, Ed Asbridge, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn.

MOTION: Chris Mundy
SECOND: Ed Asbridge
AYES: Joe Anglin, Leslie Jarchow, Ed Asbridge, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried