



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, August 4, 2022, 6:00 PM
City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 W. Pine Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Edward Asbridge called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Asbridge and Council Members Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte and Chris Mundy.

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Downtown Director Renee Carden, Finance Director Matthew Hamby, Planning Director Rich Atkinson, Police Chief Chris Hulse, and City Attorney Ron Bennett.

Absent: Council Member Oliver McClellan

INVOCATION:

Pastor Tyler Flowers, United Methodist Church, prayed the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

There was a motion made to approve the adoption of the agenda.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Joe Anglin

AYES: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

A Public Hearing to consider a request from Sparrow Acquisitions, LLC. to rezone three properties totaling 14.55 +/- acres from Highway Business (HB) to Residential Multi-Family (R-3).

Planning Director Atkinson stated the applicant would like to have the public hearing tabled until September 1, 2022, Council Meeting because they are changing site plans.

There was a motion made to table the request from Sparrow Acquisitions, LLC. to rezone three properties totaling 14.55 +/- acres from Highway Business (HB) to Residential Multi-Family (R-3) until September 1, 2022.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: William McDaniel

AYES: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - WORK SESSION:

Work Session Discussion regarding Ordinances 665 and 666 - Requests from Chattahoochee Construction Managers, LLC/MQ Development, LLC to Rezone two tracts of land from Residential, Detached Single-Family, Moderate-Density District (R-2) to Residential Multi-Family District (R-3). Tract one is a 3.52+/- acre tract of land identified as 5674 Mulberry Street, tax parcel number 08116 000023, tract two is a 4.7+/- acre tract of land identified as 5740 Mulberry Street, tax parcel number 08116 000022.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding landscaping, setbacks, length of driveways, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and garage sizes. There was also a discussion regarding a contribution to the improvements of the traffic on Phil Niekro and Mulberry Street.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Consideration of Flowery Branch Police Department K9 Program.

Police Chief Hulsey presented a request for a K9 Program at the Flowery Branch Police Department. Chief Hulsey stated he has seen an increase in missing persons and some of those had Dementia or Alzheimer's. He stated the K9 Program will be a great resource to the City. He explained the need for the K9 Program and gave several examples. He detailed the research into the program that spanned over six months and hundreds of hours of research in vendors, training, and the different options of canines. Officer Charlton has donated over seventy hours of his personal time and money for hands on training with other agencies. The cost of the program is estimated at \$21,770 before any donations or grants are received. Multiple grants have been applied for and the police department is awaiting response and notification of those applications.

Donations from Georgia Police K9 Foundation to include:

- Vehicle Equipment: K9 Kennel, Partition, Partition (2/3 Kennel/Transport Cage), K9 Heat Alarm, K9 Heat Alarm Fan, K9 Heat Alarm Door Pop, K9 Heat Alarm Monitoring System
- Estimated Equipment Valued at \$5,510
- Estimated Savings \$5,510

Donations from Georgia Police K9 Foundation to include:

- Ballistic Protection Vest \$1,500
- K9 Medical Kit \$150
- Estimated Savings of \$1,650

Costs after Donations:

- Vehicle Equipment Installation \$1,500
- At Home Kennel \$1,804
- Police Department Kennel \$1,804
- Veterinarian Exam/Treatments \$571
- Handler/K9 Equipment \$881
- Police K9 \$10,000

Estimated Total \$16,560 (After Donations)

Chief Hulsey and Officer Charlton spoke to three different vendors in three different states. Southern Coast K9 was highly recommended so they traveled to Florida to meet four canines. Officer Charlton chose K9 Jini who is a one year and four-month-old German Sheppard and is trained in tracking and narcotics detection.

Council Member Mezzanotte stated this is a great idea.

Council Member Anglin asked if the dog would reside with Officer Charlton and Chief Hulsey stated that K9 Jini would reside full time with Officer Charlton.

Council Member Anglin asked how long Officer Charlton has been with the police department and Chief Hulsey stated that Officer Charlton has been with the police department for four years.

Council Member Mezzanotte asked how long the process for Officer Charlton to become a certified K9 Handler and Chief Hulsey stated K9 Jini will be ready in six weeks to track and Officer Charlton and K9 Jini will go through a four-week training session.

Consider approving Resolution 22-013 to purchase real property and wells at 4755 Atlanta Highway (Lots 1-4), Flowery Branch, Georgia.

City Manager Parrish presented Resolution 22-013 to purchase real property and wells at 4755 Atlanta Highway. The City currently operates three wells. One well inadequately produces water at a rate of 16,000 gallons per day (gpd). The other two wells produce approximately 131,000 and 175,000 gpd. Soon, the City will need 450,000 - 500,000 gpd to serve its expected water utility customers. When purchased, these two wells will accomplish that future need. By using four to five of these wells regularly, a maximum of 500,000 gpd could easily be available for the citizens to use without compromising the source or having to buy additional water from another entity. The City of Flowery Branch is currently permitted to draw 750,000 gpd of water from the aquifer. The funding for this item is from the GEFA loan the City of Flowery Branch currently has for water projects. City Manager Parrish has been working with the State of Georgia who owns the property. The State's appraisal is lower than the City's appraisal and the fair market

value is \$660,000. City Manager Parrish asked the State if they would take into consideration a credit for the work the City has done on the well such as the digging of the well and testing of the well water to make sure it is a viable source of water for the City. The state has agreed to credit the City so the requested purchase amount is \$445,000.

Council Member Anglin stated that the City has been working on this for about two years. He stated City Manager Parrish has done a great job working on this deal.

Council Member Mundy asked the total acreage of the property and asked if there was any other use of the land other than the wells.

Council Member Anglin inquired about the funding City Manager Parrish stated that the funds will come from the existing GEFA loan for water.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Downtown Director Report:

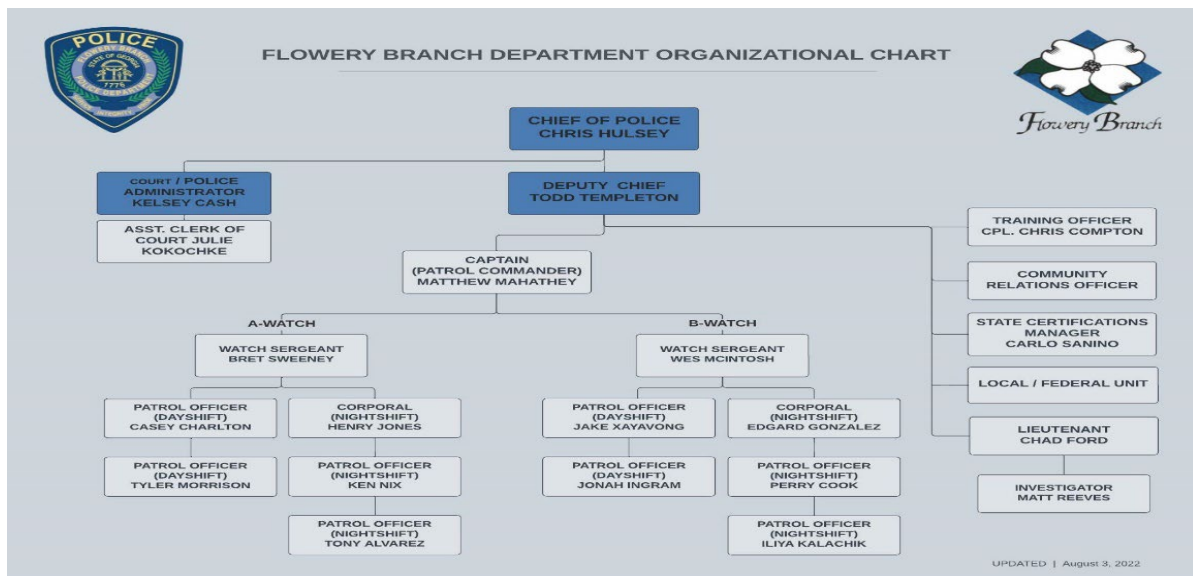
Downtown Director Carden reported the Back-to-School Block Party was a great success with Cherokee Bluffs, West Hall and Flowery Branch High Schools attending. She reminded residents of the next Block Party on September 1, 2022, with the Swingin' Medallions performing. She also advised that Main Street will be closed starting Monday, August 8th for a couple weeks for repaving. Main Street businesses and sidewalks will be open.

Finance Director Report:

Finance Director Hamby reported that the Grant Administrator position is still open.

Police Chief Report:

Police Chief Hulsey reported a new organizational chart that shows current promotions and open positions.



Council Report:

Council Member Anglin stated he is very impressed with the number of rentals in the Community Room.

Mayor Asbridge stated that the City is growing and the importance of Community Policing and he is happy with how involved the police department is with the community.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Asbridge closed the work session at 6:58 p.m.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 6:58 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kelly McLincha, 5628 Church Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Mr. McLincha congratulated the City with getting the wall going on Mitchell Street. He stated the wall looks great.

Meg McLincha, 5628 Church Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Mrs. McLincha wanted to thank Mayor Asbridge and City Manager Parrish for meeting her at the coffee shop and she stated she is excited about the new K9 Program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Consider July 21, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider Mayor Asbridge Per Diem for June 2022 and July 2022

There was a motion made to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: William McDaniel

AYES: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consideration of Flowery Branch Police Department K9 Program

There was a motion made to allocate \$20,000 from the General Fund to the K9 Program.

MOTION: William McDaniel
SECOND: Joe Anglin
AYES: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

Consider approving Resolution 22-013 to purchase real property and wells at 4755 Atlanta Highway (Lots 1-4), Flowery Branch, Georgia

City Attorney Bennett read the caption for Resolution 22-013.

There was a motion made to approve Resolution 22-013 offering to purchase real property at 4755 Atlanta Highway (Lots 1-4), wells, and water rights for \$445,000 with funding to be provided by a GEFA loan.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: Chris Mundy
AYES: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session held.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: William McDaniel
AYES: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

Ed Asbridge, Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper, City Clerk