



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 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 6:02 p.m.

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

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Community Relations Director Renee Carden, Police Chief Chris Hulse, Public Works & Utilities Director Bill Whidden, Human Resources Director Krystle Hightower and City Attorney Ted Baggett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

There was a motion to remove the Public Hearing to Consider a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Park Mini-Storage, LLC.

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

There was a motion made to approve the amended agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Consider Resolution 23-011: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Property Owned by the City of Flowery Branch.

Chief Hulsey presented Resolution 23-011: A Resolution authorizing and directing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Flowery Branch. The City has two (2) 2014 Dodge Chargers with blown engines and we are asking permission to sell on GOVDeals.com.

There were no questions.

Supporting Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant Acceptance

Accounting Manager Elias Gobble presented an acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$50,000 from the Supporting Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program. There were six hundred forty-five applicants, and the City of Flowery Police Department was one of two hundred sixty-five departments that was awarded a grant for body-worn cameras in the amount of \$50,000.

Council held a discussion with Manager Gobble on the grant acceptance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report:

City Manager Parrish advised that Director Carden does an amazing job and is a joy to work with.

City Clerk Report:

City Clerk Cooper advised citizens Early Voting is taking place October 16 through November 3, 2023, and include two Saturdays October 21 and October 28. Early voting hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The General Election will be held on November 7, 2023, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at City Hall. There have been ninety-three voters by the close of today.

Community Relations Report:

Director Carden introduced Bailey Ramsey who works in the Community Relations Department. She stated her team promotes engagement, cultivating economic growth, and planting lasting memories in the hearts of Flowery Branch's citizens. She updated the rentals at the Depot and the Community Room. The Depot rentals in 2022 were 28 and to date this year there have been 73 rentals. The Community Room rentals in 2022 were 14 and to date there have been 39 rentals. She advised the followers on Facebook and Instagram have increased largely due to Bailey. Her department empowers the community through event production like the weekly farmers market, monthly block parties and the annual Christmas Festival. The Community Relations Department has added several new events like the St. Patrick's Day event, Yoga on the Lawn, Monthly Music in the Branch, Back to School Giveaway and the Christmas Wishes

Lantern Parade. Looking into 2024 will launch a new website, new Welcome sign, Winter Farmer's Market, live theater in the Branch, Christmas festivities, 150 Year Celebration, Farm to Table Dinner, New Latino Art Festival, and the opening of three new retail businesses.

Public Works & Utilities Report:

Director Whidden reported the painting has started on the new water tower.

Council Report:

Council Member Mundy reported he voted today, and it was a quick and easy process.

Council Member Mezzanotte invited citizens to come out and vote to have their voice heard. He also stated that Facebook may not be the best place to find answers and he invited all citizens to send an email to any of the Council Members if you have questions.

Council Member Anglin complimented the new banners in the City.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 6:20 p.m.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 6:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- *Consider September 2023 Per Diem for Mayor Asbridge*
- *Consider October 5, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes*

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

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Joseph Mezzanotte

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider Resolution 23-011: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Property Owned by the City of Flowery Branch.

There was a motion made to approve Resolution 23-011: to authorize the Mayor, Finance Director, and City Manager to transfer the title and ownership of said vehicles to the highest and best bidder on GOVDeals.com.

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

Supporting Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant Acceptance

There was a motion made to accept the Supporting Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant award, comply with the grant conditions, and authorize the Mayor and staff to execute necessary documents to comply with the grant requirements and conditions.

MOTION: Chris Mundy
SECOND: Joe Anglin
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, 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 the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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

Edward R. Asbridge, Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper, City Clerk