

City Council Meeting
10 N. Public Square
September 3, 2020
6:00 P.M. – Work Session
7:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

I. OPENING MEETING

Invocation by Council Member Cooley

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Hodge

The City Council met in Regular Session with Matt Santini, Mayor presiding and the following present: Kari Hodge, Council Member Ward One; Jayce Stepp, Council Member Ward Two; Cary Roth, Council Member Ward Three; Calvin Cooley, Council Member Ward Four; Gary Fox, Council Member Ward Five; Taff Wren, Council Member Ward Six; Dan Porta, City Manager; Julia Drake, City Clerk and Keith Lovell, Assistant City Attorney.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. August 20, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, and August 27, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the August 20, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, and August 27, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Council Member Stepp and seconded by Council Member Cooley. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

B. APPOINTMENTS

1. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Randy Mannino, Planning and Development Department Head stated that the terms of two Historic Preservation Commission members will expire on September 7, 2020. Becky Carr (has served since September 2017) and Larry Gregory (has served since September of 2011) are both willing to continue to serve if reappointed. Their new terms will expire September 7, 2023. Your approval of these reappointments is recommended.

A motion to approve the reappointment of Becky Carr and Larry Gregory until September 7, 2023 was made by Council Member Fox and seconded by Council Member Wren. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

A motion to add an item to the agenda for the Creation of an Ethics Board was made by Council Member Cooley and seconded by Council Member Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

2. ETHICS BOARD

Mayor Matthew Santini stated the need for an Ethics Board to be created explaining that the Mayor appoints a member and the Council will appoint a member. Once this is complete, the two appointed Members will then appoint a third, and final, member for this Board. This will be a 2 year term serving through September 3, 2022.

Mayor Santini appoints new Board Member Dr. Maurice Wilson and the Council appoints Bobby Walker.

A motion to approve the creation of the Ethics Board and the appointment of Ethics Board Members Dr. Maurice Wilson and Bobby Walker was made by Council Member Fox and seconded by Council Member Stepp. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

C. PUBLIC HEARING – 2nd READING OF ZONING/ANNEXATION REQUESTS

1. AZ20-03 Faith Lane Annexation

Mr. Mannino stated the property owners of all seven (7) lots of Brook Ridge subdivision have requested annexation into the city for the school district. The subdivision is located on Faith Lane at Jones Mill Rd. and contains approximately 31 acres. The requested zoning is R-20. Planning Commission recommends denial due to lack of cost information for maintenance of the Pettit Creek Bridge. The City would be responsible for bridge maintenance if annexation occurs.

Planning Commission recommends denial, 3-2.

Mayor Santini opens the Public Hearing for the Zoning portion of the case for anyone who wishes to come forward and speak for or against this item.

Mr. Frank Johnson, of Cartersville, came forward to speak on behalf of the homeowners in favor of the item.

With no one else in attendance to come forward to speak for or against the item, Mayor Santini closed the Public Hearing for the Zoning portion of the hearing.

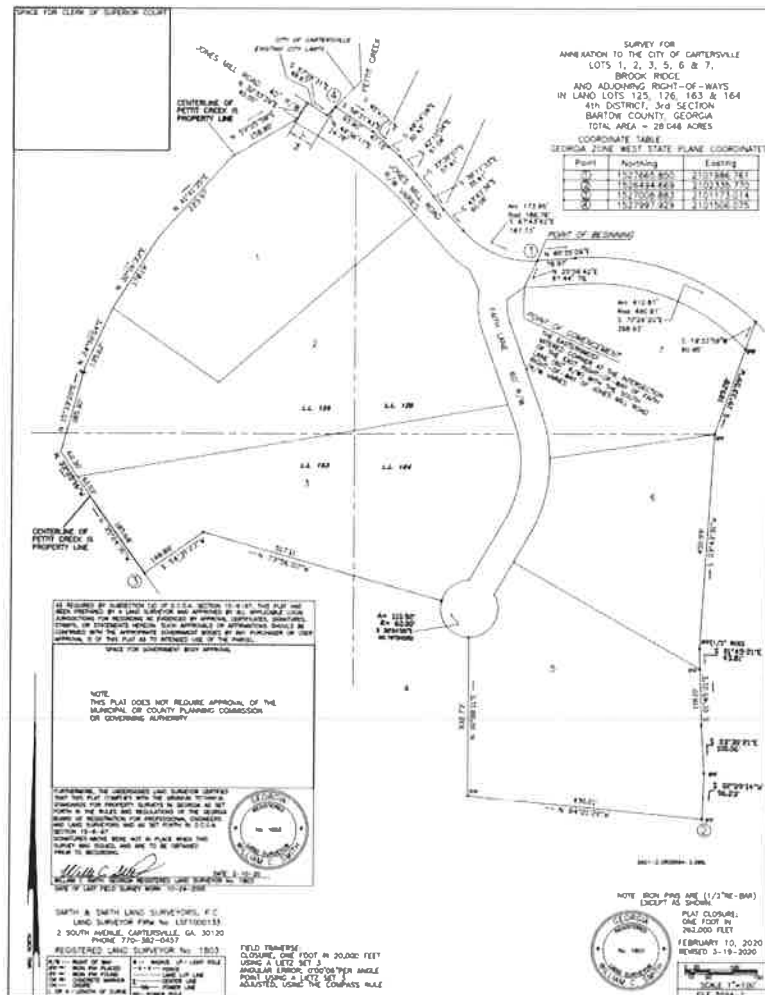
Mayor Santini opens the Public Hearing for the Annexation portion of the case for anyone who wishes to come forward and speak for or against this item.

Wade Wilson, City Engineer, stated there are no major structural concerns of bridge, however there are some maintenance items that will need to be addressed in the near future to include the cleanup of sediment build up, guardrail repair, removal of lead based paint, including repainting of the bridge and the expenses of maintenance if annexation is approved. Mr. Wilson also stated that Bartow County has agreed to pay 50% of the maintenance of the bridge.

With no one else in attendance to come forward to speak for or against the item, Mayor Santini closed the Public Hearing for the Annexation portion of the hearing.

This is the second reading.

A motion to deny Annexation of AZ20-03 Faith Lane was made by Council Member Stepp and seconded by Council Member Hodge. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0



2. Z20-03 175 E. Main St.

Mr. Mannino stated the applicant requests this item be tabled until the September 17, 2020 Council Meeting to allow

A motion to approve tabling Z20-03 175 E. Main Street until the September 17, 2020 Council Meeting was made by Council Member Fox and seconded by Council Member Wren. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

3. AZ20-04 175 E. Main St.

Mr. Mannino stated the applicant requests this item be tabled until the September 17, 2020 Council Meeting to allow

A motion to approve tabling AZ20-04 175 E. Main Street until the September 17, 2020 Council Meeting was made by Council Member Fox and seconded by Council Member Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

4. T20-02 Infill Overlay Districts

Mr. Mannino stated in 2019, the City Council enacted a moratorium on new subdivisions, demolitions, certain variance types and rezoning applications in the West End and Cherokee-Cassville Historic Districts to address citizen concerns. Fourteen (14) items were identified for staff to address. A committee was established to review staff recommendations. All (14) items have been resolved, addressed by the proposed Text Amendment, or expected to be addressed as a future update to the historic district design standards. The Text Amendment creates two new overlay districts with additional requirements for infill development in these districts.

Planning Commission recommends approval, 5-0.

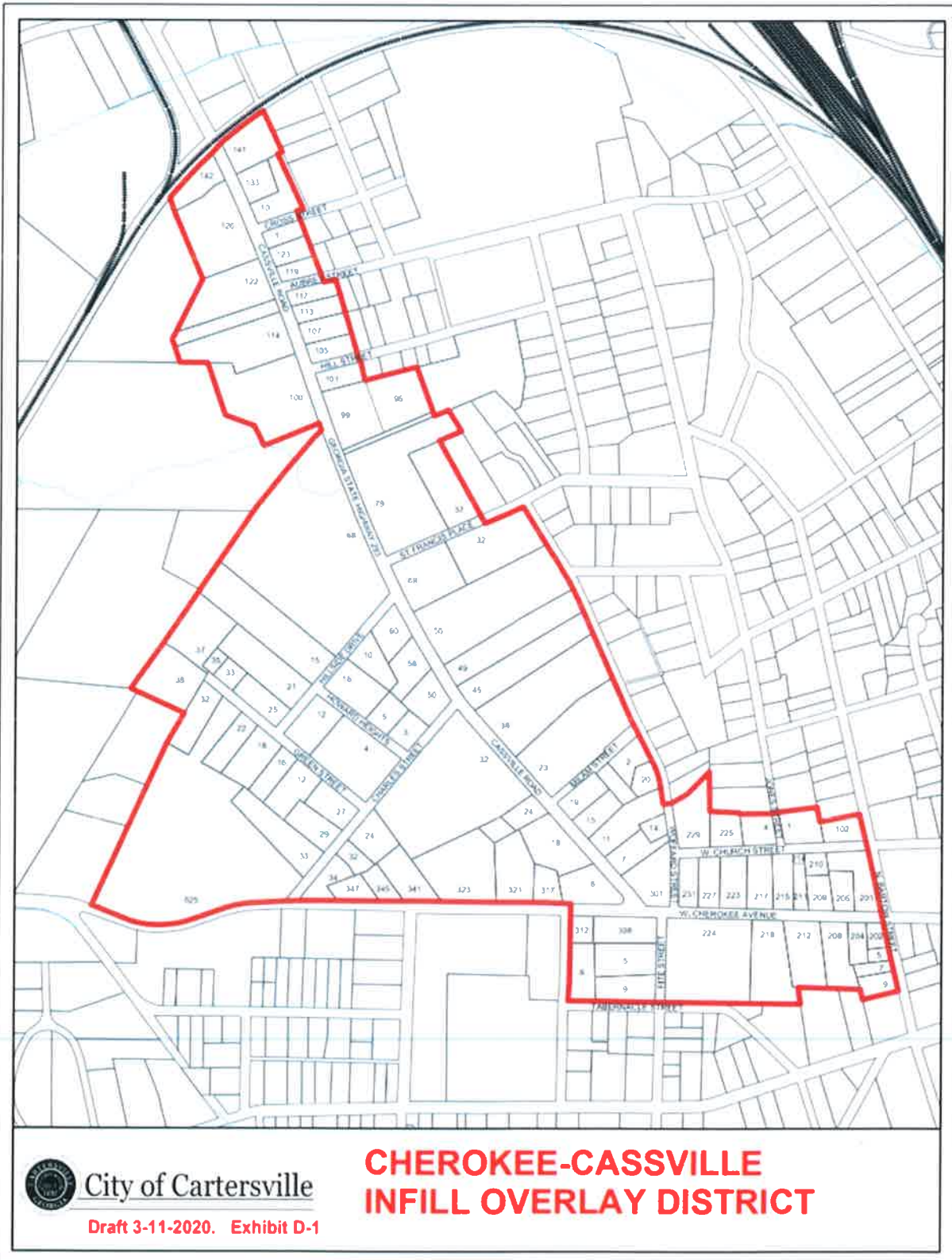
Mayor Santini opens the Public Hearing for anyone who wishes to come forward and speak for or against this item.

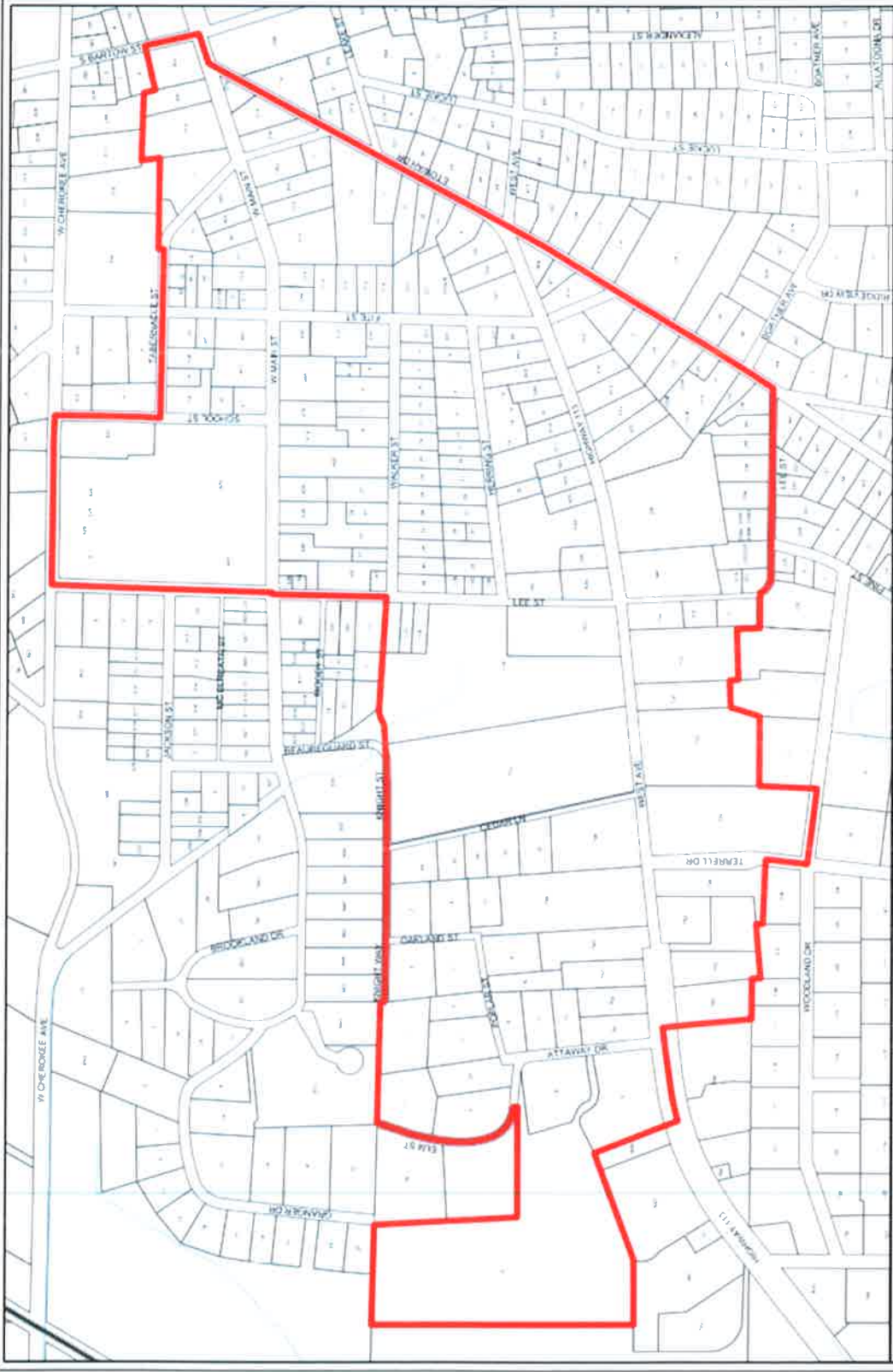
Boyd Pettit, 21 Hillside Dr., came forward to speak for the item.

With no one else in attendance to come forward to speak for or against the item, Mayor Santini closed the Public Hearing.

This is the second reading.

A motion to approve T20-02 Infill Overlay District was made by Council Member Fox and seconded by Council Member Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0





**WEST END
INFILL OVERLAY DISTRICT**



City of Cartersville

Draft 3-11-2020. Exhibit D-2

D. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

1. Alcohol Text Amendment - Expansion of Specialty Shop Use

Mr. Mannino stated David Holt has applied for an amendment to the newly established “Specialty Shop” section of the alcohol ordinance. He is requesting a modification to one of the standards that limited the “Specialty Shop” category to the downtown business district (DBD). The business model he explained to the Alcohol Control Board (ACB) included the package sale of wine at his proposed restaurant, Largos, located at 214 E. Cherokee Street. The restaurant received approval from the ACB to serve alcohol. The text amendment would expand beyond the DBD to include the area within 500 feet of N. Tennessee Street between Main Street and Church Street.

ACB does recommend approval of the proposed text amendment.

Mayor Santini opens the Public Hearing for anyone who wishes to come forward and speak for or against this item.

With no one else in attendance to come forward to speak for or against the item, Mayor Santini closed the Public Hearing.

This is a second reading.

Council Member Kari Hodge requests to be removed from voting considering that she used to be employed by Mr. Holt and feels that it is a conflict of interest.

A motion to approve the Alcohol Text Amendment – Expansion of Specialty Shop Use to Stonewall Dr. was made by Council Member Stepp and seconded by Council Member Fox. Vote: 4-1-1. Roth opposed. Hodge abstained.

E. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

Dan Porta, City Manager, stated Mauldin and Jenkins, the city's external auditor has employees that can conduct Cyber Security Assessments. The cost for the security assessment should not exceed \$35,000 and the assessment is attached for your review and approval.

A motion to approve the Cyber Security Assessment was made by Council Member Cooley and seconded by Council Member Fox. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

F. CERTIFICATION

1. Community Rating System Recertification

Mr. Wilson stated the City of Cartersville continues to participate in the Community Rating System in order to qualify for reduced flood insurance rates from the National Flood Insurance Program for properties within the city limits. We are requesting the Mayor's signature on the attached annual recertification application with CRS to continue participation in this on-going program. In addition, this application will be attached to our five-year CRS Crosswalk which will be completed on September 11, 2020.

A motion to approve the Community Rating System Recertification was made by Council Member Roth and seconded by Council Member Fox. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

G. BID AWARD/PURCHASES

1. Traffic Signal Upgrades

Derek Hampton, Electric Department Head, stated this is the 2nd year of our 3-year plan to upgrade the City's traffic signals. Under the previous budget, we completed the signals on Old Mill Rd at Erwin St, Etowah Drive and Douthit Ferry Rd. For the current budget year, we are planning to address Erwin St at West Avenue, Cherokee St at Gilmer St, and the signal at the Jones Mill Tunnel. We will be using CBK as our contractor again.

This is a budgeted item with an allocation of \$90,000, and we are requesting your approval of a cost not to exceed that amount.

Motion to approve the Traffic Signal Upgrades was made by Council Member Roth and seconded by Council Member Fox. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

H. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. June 2020 Financial Report


Mr. Rhinehart came forward to go over the financial funds comparing June 2019 to June 2020.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Stepp and needing no second. Motion carried unanimously. Vote 6-0

Meeting Adjourned

/s/ 
Matthew J. Santini
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ 
Julia Drake
City Clerk

