

**CHESNEE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2010**

Workshop:

Mayor Cash absent; Mayor Pro tem Mahaffey presiding; all Council present. Several visitors, Andrew with Cable, David with Tribune.

The Administrator explained the progress of the grant project and the sidewalk.

Council agreed to allow Kenny and Jeff to get mulch at the landfill and clean up the downtown with inmates this weekend.

Mayor Pro tem Mahaffey stated that Dean Jones was retiring after forty-six years, and he would like for the City to present him a key to the City. Council agreed.

Councilwoman Dawkins asked if Hospitality Tax could be used for advertising for the Head Start school to put on a wrestling match to benefit the school. The Administrator will check on this.

Councilman Pye asked if Hospitality Tax could be used to advertise a crusade and bring in a well known preacher. The Administrator will check on this.

The Administrator explained to Council that she was considering retirement in the future, and had begun looking for qualified people to learn the job.

Regular meeting:

Present: same as above with more visitors.

Mayor Pro tem Mahaffey called the meeting to order.

Councilman Pye gave the invocation.

Councilman Pye made the motion to approve last month's minutes; Councilwoman Dawkins second. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro tem Mahaffey welcomed the group and called for public comments.

Roger Campana, executive chef and restaurant manager told the group that he

would be opening the building presently occupied as Carolina Café, and that he planned to teach nutritional cooking classes. The classes would be free. He asked for a grant or funding of \$25,354. for expenses to start. Council told him that they would look into it, and let him know.

Verhonda Crawford stated that she would like to see the park renamed “General Stephan Twitty Park.”

Bobby Twitty thanked everyone who had a part in naming a portion of Highway 11 “General Stephan Twitty Highway”. He gave special thanks to the City and to Mrs. Alaree Dawkins who spearheaded this project.

Mayor Pro tem Mahaffey extended his thanks to everyone who participated in honoring General Twitty, and especially to Councilwoman Dawkins.

Vertie Crawford with the Planning Commission gave the following report:

- The egg hunt was a success; 200 – 300 people attended.
- JAG needs \$600. from Hospitality funds to beautify the park.

Councilman Pye made the motion to allow them the \$600; Councilwoman Dawkins second. Unanimous. Motion carried.

- The Summer Fest on May 21 from 6 PM – 10 PM and May 22 from 10 AM – 10 PM.
- Alfred Dawkins is getting an entertainment committee together, and will be planning music in the park this summer.
- Need at least 10 more tables and benches for events in the park. (Mayor Pro tem Mahaffey will get prices.)
- Need sound system for park.
- Clean Up Day in City on May 15. Volunteers needed.

The Administrator gave her report, stating that revenues and expenses were both down, typical for this time of year.

Barry Stapleton, plant operator stated that mission controls had been installed on both pump stations and were operating effectively. He explained the digester process, and stated that they were done with the cleaning process of it. He suggested replacing pump # 2 at the Bilo station when monies are available.

Councilman Pye made the motion, Councilman Johnson second to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. Unanimous.

Chief Smith stated that three burglaries had occurred in March in the City. The wrestling event on April 2 had been a success, and that two more wrestling events

were scheduled. On April 16th, the event will be held at the Chesnee Community Fire Department, with proceeds going to the Police Officers Vest Fund. An event on April 23 will be at the Head Start Center to raise funds for the school. A request of \$750 was approved (if approved by the state) by Councilman Pye making the motion, Councilwoman Dawkins second. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chief Smith stated that the patrol cars are wearing out, and that the department needed a new car. Council will discuss it at the budget meeting next week.

Ben Dodd, Victims Advocate stated that there seemed to be an upward trend in crime and violence since spring began. He assisted three victims in court for CDV in March. He will be attending the Victims Advocate's Convention next month, and will represent the City in the "Day of Prayer" put on by City of Spartanburg.

Councilman Pye made the motion to adjourn; Councilwoman Dawkins second. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Minutes _____ this _____ day of May 2010.

Mayor E. Max Cash

Administrator