

ROME CITY COMMISSION

Monday, March 14, 2022

The Rome City Commission met at 6:30 p.m. this date in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, 601 Broad Street. Mayor Stevenson presided with Mayor Pro Tem Cochran and Commissioners Bojo, Beeman, Doss, Quick, Askew, Collins, and McDaniel present. Mayor Pro Tem Cochran opened the meeting with prayer and led in the salute to the flag.

Minutes – February 28, 2022

The Minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting, as submitted in writing by the Secretary, were approved by an unanimous consent.

American Red Cross Month

Commissioner McDaniel presented a proclamation proclaiming March 2022 as American Red Cross Month in Rome. This proclamation was presented to local Red Cross Executive Director Carla Maton and five other local volunteers.

City of Ethics Resolution – Re-Certification

Commissioner Collins moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Rome's application to the Georgia Municipal Association to recertify as a GMA City of Ethics. Commissioner Doss seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Commissioner Collins explained that the City of Rome became a GMA City of Ethics when the program began in approximately the year 2000. The City of Rome also has an ordinance which outlines the operation of our Ethics Program.

SUP and Rezonings – First Readings

Secretary Smith announced that the following Special Use Permit request and rezoning application would be placed on First Reading:

- A) SUP22-03-03 – Request for a special use permit for a multi-family residential building on a property zoned Low Density Traditional Residential located at 202 E. 4th Ave., Floyd County Tax Parcel J14C-200. (Planning Commission recommends approval, 7-0)
- B) Z22-03-07 – Request to rezone from Community-Commercial to Muti-Family Residential for the property located at 44 Carter Ave., Floyd County Tax Parcel I13Z-199A. (Planning Commission recommends approval, 7-0)

Public Hearings for these matters are scheduled for the March 28th City Commission meeting.

Rome/Floyd County Development Authority

Mayor Stevenson announced that the Rome/Floyd County Development Authority will meet on Tuesday, March 15th at 10 a.m. in the Manis Business Center.

Chamber of Commerce – Washington, D.C. Trip

Mayor Stevenson thanked her fellow commissioners for sending her to Washington, D.C. on the annual Chamber of Commerce trip. During this trip, Mayor Stevenson met with both U.S. Senators – John Ossoff and Raphael Warnock.

Finance Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Cochran announced that the Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the Sam King Room.

Solid Waste Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Cochran announced that the Solid Waste Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 22nd at 8:30 a.m. in the Sam King Room.

Alcohol Control Commission

Commissioner Beeman announced that the Alcohol Control Commission will meet on Monday, March 21st at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Historic Preservation Commission

Commissioner Beeman announced that the Historic Preservation Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 16th at 2:30 p.m. in the Sam King Room.

Keep Rome/Floyd County Beautiful

Commissioner Beeman presented a report on the latest activities of Keep Rome/Floyd County Beautiful Commission. Specifically, she brought attention to the March 16th river cleanup event and a 2022 Great America Cleanup Grant that has been awarded to our community in the amount of \$8,960.

Library Report

Commissioner Beeman reported on news regarding the Library Board and the library's amended hours and their transition back to regular operations.

Tourism

Commissioner Doss announced that the Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Bureau will meet on Wednesday, March 23rd at 11:45 a.m. at the Rome Area History Center.

Landmarking Committee

Commissioner Doss reported that the Landmarking Committee has decided to focus on the five landmarking sites that were chosen in 2021. There are no plans to declare additional landmarkings in 2022, but will take applications in 2023.

Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Askew stated that the Public Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 15th at 2 p.m. in the Sam King Room.

Butch Haynes

Commissioner Askew reported on the recent death of Mr. Butch Haynes. Mr. Haynes was a noted member of the Negro Baseball Leagues and was involved in community youth activities.

COVID Pandemic

Commissioner Collins stated that it was encouraging to see the local COVID infection numbers drop significantly over the past two months and for the community to feel somewhat more comfortable with normal activities.

Community Development Committee

Commissioner Collins reported on the discussions that took place at the most recent Community Development Committee meeting.

Northwest Georgia Regional Commission

Commissioner McDaniel reported that the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission will meet on Thursday, March 17th at 11 a.m. at the Rome Civic Center.

Parks and Recreation Board

Commissioner McDaniel stated that the Parks and Recreation Board will meet on Tuesday, March 15th at noon at the Anthony Center in Garden Lakes.

Adjourn

With there being no further business, Mayor Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Joseph F. Smith
City Clerk