

**CITY OF GRANTVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MARCH 9, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.  
Glanton Municipal Complex  
123 Lagrange Street, Grantville, GA 30220**

**Call to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jewell**

**Present:** Mayor Doug Jewell, Council Members Alan Wacaser, Mark King, Ruby Hines and Jim Sells; City Manager Al Grieshaber, Jr., City Attorney Mark Mitchell and City Clerk Robi Higgins

**Invocation:** Mr. Mowery

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Jewell

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion by Wacaser/Sells: 3-1 Hines opposed to removing the Discussion/Decision on Authorization for City Engineer to prepare conceptual drawings for sidewalks on Griffin St.**

**Motion to add Discussion on Removal of Tree on Griffin St. Hines/King: 2-2  
Mayor voted in favor of adding the agenda item. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Wacaser/Sells: 3-1 Hines opposed to add Discussion on changes to Subdivision/Zoning Ordinance**

Announcement of the South Coweta Youth Baseball's Opening Ceremony on March 14, 2020 at the Grantville Park Complex

Discussion/Decision on Street and Public Works Committee recommendations:

- a. Tree Trimming Capital Project: estimated cost \$100,000.00 (SPLOST funds are available for the expenditure);
- b. Purchase of a Hot Asphalt Pothole Patching Trailer: estimated cost \$50,000.00 (SPLOST funds are available for the expenditure);
- c. Purchase of a Kubota MX5200 hst Tractor: estimated cost \$21,000.00 with trade-in (SPLOST funds are available for the expenditure)

**Public Works Director Russ Chambers made a presentation on above items for Council consideration.**

Discussion/Decision on Authorization to add one Full Time position to the Utilities Department to eliminate the annual contract with Environmental Management Services, Inc. for Management, Operation and Maintenance of Water and Wastewater Utilities (cost savings of \$89,256.00 per year) **Discussion on above item to add one FT employee was lengthy**

Discussion/Decision on Contract with WBI, Inc and Contracts with Crawford Grading and Pipeline Inc for sludge removal from Pond #1 Colley Street

**City Attorney just today received RFP details and will present contracts for Mayor's signature in the next few days.**

Discussion/Decision on 2021 Strategic Planning Session Format

**Councilmembers stated their opinions to the City Manager**

Discussion/Decision on Intergovernmental Agreement with City of LaGrange for Utility Mutual Aid and Assistance  
**The City Manager recommended approval. City Attorney has reviewed.**

Discussion/Decision on Authorization for City Engineer to do conceptual plans/drawings with costs for sidewalks on Griffin Street from Brown School Drive to Highway 29 **This item was removed from consideration.**

Discussion/Decision on Authorization for City Engineer to do conceptual plans/drawings with costs for repairing broken sidewalks on Lagrange Street  
**Councilmember Hines requested this item in order to get an idea of the extent and cost of such. Councilmembers Wacaser and King observed that we need to repair the sidewalks that we already have before considering new sidewalks.**

Discussion/Decision on Resolution Number 2020-01 Georgia Cities Week  
**No Discussion**

Discussion/Decision on Resolution Number 2020-02 Approving and Authorizing Submission of an Application for a Grant to the USDA 2020 Rural Business Development Grant Program and Authorizing Matching Monies  
**Per the City Manager, the Grant submission will be asking for \$100,000 to Renovate Interior of the Freight Depot**

Discussion/Decision on Ordinance Number 2020-01 to Amend Article II. City Council Sec. 2-24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grantville  
**No Discussion**

Discussion/Decision on Mural for downtown Grantville  
**The City Manager reported that we have a \$5,000 Grant for the Mural and suggested that it could be done on movable Panels**

Discussion/Decision on Contract with Moreno Construction, Israel Moreno, to repair the cemetery retaining wall  
**The City Manager will forward the contract with Moreno for execution and if he is able to execute, it will be presented for approval on March 23, 2020**

Discussion/Decision to Remove Dead Tree on Griffin Street  
**Councilmember King questioned the City attorney about the R.O.W. dimensions on Griffin Street, if the tree is on public or private property and whether there is an Ordinance or process to require the homeowner to cut down the tree, and if not, place a lien on the property.**

Discussion on Subdivision Regulations and Ordinances  
**Councilmember Wacaser wants thoughts on adjusting the minimum square footage for New Developments. Councilmember Sells commented.**

**Citizens Comments: Wendell Bryant commented on residents leaving trash carts out by the road days later after pickup and requested enforcement of the ordinance.**

**Adjournment: Hines/King: 4-0 at 8:35 p.m.**

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**Roberta Higgins, City Clerk**