



CITY OF TOCCOA
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES • MAY 13, 2024

Regular Meeting

City Commission/Court Room

5:00 PM

92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Gail Fry called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

INVOCATION

Reverend Paul Garrison gave the invocation.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Terry Carter	Vice Mayor	Present	
Gail Fry	Mayor	Present	
Evan Hellenga	Commissioner	Present	
Ron Matheson	Commissioner	Present	
Michelle Jamieson	Commissioner	Present	
Fredda O. Wheeler	City Manager	Present	
John Dickerson	Attorney	Absent	
Beth Rider	City Clerk	Present	

Attorney Jay Doss was present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carter to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

REPORTS

Vice-Mayor Carter reported Toast of Toccoa is this Saturday.

Jeremy Ward gave a report on the Greenspace; things are moving along well, they will finish up on the brick this week and the irrigation beginning next week and some electrical work. Mr. Ward stated they are still on schedule to be completed by the end of June.

Mayor Fry reported she met with the Board of Health, they are a very busy group, they provide scoliosis screenings, dental clinic for children as well as septic systems and rabies cases. They provide many services to our community and we are very grateful they are here.

Mayor Fry reported last week she met with Jeremy, Commissioner Carter, Kristen and Fredda and walked through of City Hall and talked about the renovations we would like to do. Jeremy and Kristen are searching for funding. Mayor Fry stated Joe Rothwell, head of the Georgia Historic Preservation Commission also met with them. Mayor Fry stated part of City Hall is a historical building built in 1930's and Mr. Rothwell brought out some of the Historical integrity of the building and ways we can bring it back to the Historical glory.

Vice-Mayor Carter thanked Susan Turner for helping through the Historic Preservation.

Commissioner Matheson reported a successful Train Day on Saturday, he and Commissioner Hellenga rode Amtrak to Gainesville, Ga passing out literature about Toccoa. Commissioner Matheson commended Misty Richardson on a successful Train Day.

Commissioner Matheson reported Toast of Toccoa will be held Saturday.

Commissioner Jamieson reported she met with Keep Toccoa Stephens County Beautiful this week and they donated \$5,000 to the County for Amnesty Day, they elected Kristen Deal as their Secretary. They are always looking for volunteers and agreed to donate a max of \$4,000 to the Tugalo Greenspace.

City Manager Fredda Wheeler reported the Heating Energy Assistance Team, more commonly known as HEAT has helped low income families and individuals pay their utility bills for over 40 years. HEAT provides energy assistance as a joint effort between concerned citizens, businesses, state and local government. City of Toccoa utility customers are given the opportunity to participate with charitable giving through their utility bills. Ms. Wheeler stated she and Utility Director Harry Scott attended the Annual Meeting of Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and the City of Toccoa was presented the award for donating the most money to this project for all of their entities of 5,000 customers. Ms. Wheeler thanked all of the utility customers that contribute to the HEAT Program.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carter to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2024 Budget Meeting
- B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2023 Commission Meeting

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

- C. Proclamation: Historic Preservation Month

Mayor Fry read and presented the Historic Preservation Proclamation to the Historic Preservation Committee.

RESULT: PRESENTATION

D. Consideration of Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Hellenga made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to approve appointment of Don Hall to fill the unexpired term of Clay Fisher to the Downtown Development Authority. Motion carried unanimously.
Commissioner Hellenga thanked Clay Fisher for his service.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
SECONDER: Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
AYES: Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

E. Consideration of Approval of Alcohol Beverage License

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carter, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to approve the Alcohol license for AP Mart and Wesley's on Doyle. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Ron Matheson, Commissioner
AYES: Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

F. Consideration of Repair Work Order for the City Hall Elevator

City Manager Fredda Wheeler made a recommendation to do the elevator upgrade of \$14,751.63 and budget \$155,500.00 installation for a new elevator in an upcoming budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Hellenga, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carter to make modification to the elevator in the amount of \$14,751.63. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
SECONDER: Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
AYES: Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

G. Consideration of Purchase of Playground Equipment for Henderson Falls Park and Emory Johnson Park

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to replace playground equipment at Henderson Falls Park and Emory Johnson Park. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
SECONDER: Ron Matheson, Commissioner
AYES: Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

H. Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Becky Bohannon presented the Financial Report for April 30, 2024

RESULT: PRESENTATION

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Recognition of Visitors Wishing to Speak on General Items. (Limit 3 Minutes)

V. ADJOURN

Mayor Fry adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Gail Fry

Mayor
Beth Liden

City Clerk

