



TOWN OF BETWEEN GEORGIA

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Town of Between Council Minutes

October 10, 2023

Meeting Commencement

- **Call to Order**
 - Mayor Post called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Roll Call Present**
 - Bill Boswell, Robert Post, Brian Rubin, Debra Artz, and Wanda Satterwhite.
- **Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes**
 - Councilmember Boswell made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2023, and Vice Mayor Satterwhite seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved and recorded.
- **Approval of Financial Reports for October 2023**
 - Councilmember Boswell made a motion to approve the October 2023 financial reports, and Vice Mayor Satterwhite seconded the motion. The financial reports were unanimously approved and recorded.

Town of Between Updates

- **Saint Martin Estates Sidewalks**
 - Saint Martin Estates has four (4) undeveloped properties where sidewalks have not been installed. This encompasses approximately 700'. Bids have been solicited for the installation of sidewalks on these properties. The properties are within the right-of-way and can be funded by the Town. The bids are: 1. \$25,560.00 2. \$24,780.00 and 3. \$14,659.00. The funding will come from the 2019 SPLOST budget. A motion to proceed with this project was needed. Councilmember Boswell made a motion to approve the purchase; Vice Mayor Satterwhite seconded the motion, and Councilmember Artz agreed. Councilmember Rubin voted against the motion to spend the funds on this project at this time. As a result, the motion passed in a 3-1 split vote.
- **Town Hall Renovation Project Contract**
 - At the September council meeting, a motion to award a contract to Rutledge Springs Construction LLC for renovation of the Town Hall was approved. Upon delivery of the contract to the Town's attorney, it was determined that the Town would not be permitted to enter into the contract because it was not obtained through a State mandated sealed bid process (> \$100,000). As a result, a motion to rescind the approval was needed. Since a previous motion to move forward with the renovation project was approved, the sealed bid process will begin according to the Georgia Procurement Guidelines. Councilmember Boswell made a motion to approve the request to rescind the previously approved contract award, and Vice Mayor Satterwhite seconded the motion. The information was unanimously approved and recorded.

- **Town Hall Renovation Bid Schedule**

- As a result of not being permitted to accept a non-sealed bid contract for the renovation of the Town Hall, the process has begun to solicit sealed bids for this project. The classified advertisement has been sent to the Walton Tribune, and the registration with the Georgia Procurement Registry has been completed. The bidding process will begin on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, and it will close on November 10, 2023, at 11:00 AM. There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall for those wishing to submit a bid for this project. In order for a bid to be accepted by the Town, the bidder must attend this meeting. This meeting is to ensure that all parties receive the same information regarding the elements of the project.

- **Heritage Parkway Property**

- Several months ago, it was approved for Mayor Post to contact the Walton County Commission Chairman regarding donating the 1+ acre of land to Walton County that was to be the site of the new Town Hall. The Commission and the Chairman were approached regarding using the property for expansion of the Ayer's Park pickleball complex by adding additional courts. The Chairman contacted Mayor Post a few weeks ago to confirm if the Town was still interested in donating the land back to Walton County for the pickleball project. As a result, a quick claim deed was prepared, signed, and sent to the County to donate the property for the pickleball project.

- **Rock Cliff Reserve IRS Hearing**

- Mayor Post has been issued a subpoena to testify in Federal Tax Court on October 30, 2023, in the case of the IRS v. Rock Cliff Reserve, LLC, Five Rivers Conservation Group, LLC, Tax Matters Partner, et al. Mayor Post has been asked to give background information regarding this property.

Public Comments

- Mr. Bill Sullivan asked Mayor Post to provide more information about the subpoena. Mayor Post provided a recap, indicating that the case is regarding zoning approval of a property in the Town from many years ago; notably, these events took place prior to Mayor Post serving his first term as Mayor of Between. Neither Mayor Post nor any of the current council members were a part of the Town's leadership team when this event transpired many years ago; therefore, there are not many details available.

Meeting Adjournment

- Vice Mayor Satterwhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 6:52pm.