

# After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Extraordinary Session  
Monday, October 19, 2020  
6:00 PM  
Room 108, Annex Building

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held an Extraordinary Session in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex on Monday, October 19, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Gwen Flowers-Taylor presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson and James Dutton were present for the meeting. Commissioners Bart Miller and Donald Hawbaker were absent from the meeting. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant County Manager, Michelle Irizarry, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham and Rachel Conort, Citizen Engagement Specialist. Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary was absent from the meeting and Michelle Irizarry recorded the minutes.

**I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** by Chairperson Gwen Flowers-Taylor.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

**II. INVOCATION**

Pastor Jeffrey Shelton of New Life Assembly delivered the Invocation.

**III. PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Commissioner James R. Dutton, District #2, led the pledge to the flag.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then advised that she would entertain a motion to amend the agenda.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to amend the agenda to include a new item under Presentations and Proclamations Item #2 to recognize Mr. Thomas Hamm for 30 years of service to Spalding County and to renumber the remaining item. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Consider request from the Griffin Daybreak Rotary Club to present the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Department ten (10) tablets for use at the Fairmont Community Center.

Janet Wilkerson, 113 Skyline Drive, Griffin, GA, Bonnie Pfrogner, Jackie Wilson Sheetal Patel, Terry Collin, Kelly Smith and Jim Skinner with the Griffin Daybreak Rotary Club were present at the meeting.

Ms. Wilkerson stated that every year they receive a grant from Rotary 6900 in the amount of \$1,500 and we can spend it on something that benefits the community. They knew there was a need at the Fairmont Community Center and they presented ten (10) tablets to the members of the Leisure Services

Department who were present for the meeting.

Toreion Simon, Community Center Supervisor at the Fairmont Community Center, stated these tablets present a great opportunity for the children in the community to learn computer skills and provide homework assistance. She thanked the Daybreak Rotary for providing the tablets to the Center.

2. Consider request from the Public Works Department to recognize Mr. Thomas Hamm for completing 30 years of service to Spalding County.

T.J. Imberger, Director Spalding County Public Works, stated it is always exciting to recognize long-term employees of the County and this evening he would like to recognize Mr. Thomas Hamm for 30 years of service with Spalding County. Mr. Hamm started in 1990, he began his career at the landfill, since that time he has worked for the Water Department, Animal Control and has been with Public Works for a good while. Mr. Hamm is currently a Roll-Off Driver for our Solid Waste Division. Mr. Imberger then congratulated Mr. Hamm for 30 years of service.

Mr. Hamm stated he wanted to thank everyone and that it has been a pleasure to work with Spalding County.

3. Newton Galloway would like to present the results of the Spalding/Griffin Arts Market Study Data.

Mr. Galloway handed out a copy of the Market Study Data and Summary to the Board. Mr. Galloway stated that the information he provided this evening is the Market Study, it does not include the technical data as the technical data is extensive and lengthy.

Mr. Galloway then presented a Powerpoint presentation to summarize the data in both the Market Study and technical data. Mr. Galloway stated that the Market Study was conducted under very odd health and social conditions in 2020. Mr. Galloway stated he can report this evening that the Market Study shows a significant demand for housing by the creative communities that would qualify and satisfy the requirements for the low-income tax credits that are used by the Housing Authority.

The Market Study was conducted from the middle of June through the middle of August and he then reviewed some of the results. There were 245 total responses to the to the study, which is pretty average and pretty good for a community of this size. The number of people who responded in terms of their arts and cultural endeavors were listed in the order of the percentages that were shown: Music, Theater Arts, Painting and Drawing. They were given a number of options, these being the top four.

Based upon the Market Study, ArtSpace has determined there is a sufficient market here when housing units are redeveloped at Rosenwald for approximately 14-19 affordable artists live/work housing units for households qualifying at or below 60% of marginal regional income. 24-29 units if that increases up to 80% of Average Marginal Income. There are several types of housing units that can fall under this and people responded differently to the type units presented.

- Of the 245 total respondents, 79% are interested in at least one type of

creative space and of that 79%, 6% are U.S. Army Veterans that are involved in creative enterprises.

- 56% of those who would qualify for low-income tax credits and are interested in having this space have a Bachelors' Degree or higher.

One of the ArtSpace questions was where, if you were to relocate, would you prefer, in Griffin, for this facility to be developed. The first response was Downtown Griffin, but they had no objects when they heard about Rosenwald and the Fairmont area.

Of the 62 respondents who indicated they would relocate, 25 are current residents of Griffin and 80% of them responded that they have considered leaving, but 95% of those who had considered leaving would be encouraged to stay for the opportunity to have affordable live/work housing.

Mr. Galloway stated that the preliminary draft of this information was presented to the County in a joint call with the County, the Housing Authority and the IDA. We will be doing similar presentations in front of both of those Boards and since it is confirmed there is sufficient interest for approximately 15% to 1/3 of the housing units to be redeveloped at Rosenwald for this type of community the next step is how to use those and how you "fill in" programs and the use remaining space in the Equalization Building and the Rosenwald Building itself for programs and for neighborhood projects and neighborhood interests to be located there and how they are to be maintained on a sustainable economic basis. It is recommended that:

- A committee be developed among stakeholder groups for identification of civic, cultural and community programs that could be relocated or located into Rosenwald.
- That ArtSpace, who have 30 years of experience in designing these facilities and has 30 years of experience in developing sustainable programming continue to be involved as we proceed to what would be the third phase of this component of development in planning for Rosenwald.
- Groups to be involved would be Ms. Harps' EPI Group, the County Housing Authority, IDA, the Historic Society, Archway, Arts Alliance and there are a number of others to add in, that would identify both cultural, educational and community activities there.

Because the Equalization Building will be renovated with funds from the low-income tax program, the Housing Authority's ability is to redevelop and put programs into Rosenwald and the Equalization Building that are tied to services to everyone who will be in all of the Rosenwald units, not just to the artistic folks, but we have flexibility with historic Rosenwald building itself for working with them to have more targeted programs and we have had some groups interested in relocating at least part of their programs there.

One thing that has been discussed on a very preliminary basis is athletic facilities or athletic programs and the general belief is that Rosenwald and the Athletic Facilities at Fairmont Park are so intertwined that we should use Fairmont Park in coordination with the programs at Rosenwald and the athletic programs would be centered there.

The next step is to establish a committee that would work together and

identify programs, that cultural, educational, community based and would be able to be developed in Rosenwald, both the Equalization Building and the historic building. He also recommended that we continue to use ArtSpace to help identify how those would be sustainable over time and be organized and managed because they have the expertise to train us in that that should be done.

Mr. Galloway then stated that everyone involved in the Market Study feel that the Market Study is a success.

Commissioner Dutton then asked what the Board would need to do to make sure there is a next step and that it is impactful as possible.

Mr. Galloway stated that the County would be in charge of the Rosenwald historic building and the Housing Authority will have responsibility for the Equalization Building will need to coordinate and work together for the maximum, most efficient and broad range of uses of the space.

Mr. Galloway then advised that if you look at Rosenwald from the front from the door entering Rosenwald to the left, the Housing Authority will develop in that area their management facilities which they have to have as conditions of their grant. Beyond that, the rest of Rosenwald is open to what the Board and the Community want to see there and all of the Rosenwald historic building is open to whatever we can creatively identify to go in there that is appropriate for the community and sustainable.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then asked what ArtSpace brings to the table other than their expertise of how to live and work in the same place?

Mr. Galloway stated they have 30 years of development, 30 years of design and 30 years of doing similar developments, but also how to take not only the living space, but take the community spaces and plot them out where they are successful and identify how they will go forward and not fail.

Commissioner Johnson then stated that the next step is to form a committee is that ArtSpace and the Griffin House Authority? Are they will be the once forming the committee of other groups?

Mr. Galloway stated that if ArtSpace remains involved in this and the recommendation is that they should remain involved. They would have two different functions:

- With regard to the development itself, they would work with the Housing Authority and with Penrose to help design for this specific use because there are different design recommendations for this type of use, even though it involves the same amount of space.
- On the program side, they would work with the committee to identify priorities and then determine how the priorities can be placed in those buildings with the greatest efficiency and impact, so that they are sustainable in the long term.

Mr. Galloway then advised that toward the end of the Market Study, you will see that ArtSpace lays out what the specific issues are and how they would be involved in the differences and what they can do to facilitate the development from here. They would be operating in a consulting capacity, so that once

you get the buildings redeveloped and renovated, they are not just sitting. The Study also gives recommendations, from their experience, as to how the live/work units could be designed and maximized for that use. It identifies other specific features such as galleries, performing arts spaces that would be located throughout. It discusses how public restrooms can be designed for use with the programs that are there based on what they have done elsewhere.

Mr. Galloway stated that the study also notes the connection between Rosenwald and the downtown area and identified that as being a key component. They feel there is a symbiotic relationship between Rosenwald and the interests of downtown redevelopment and he feels they are correct in that connection.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor stated she understands that Spalding County, ArtSpace, the Housing Authority and EPI are all at the table, but where does economic development for the City come in? Will they be putting in sidewalks from downtown to that area? Will they put in signage? Will they insure there is appropriate lighting? She is just trying to understand how this connects to what we are trying to do downtown?

Mr. Galloway stated that the individuals who were noted to be most likely be residents of this development, their first choice was identified as downtown was the location where they would prefer to be. So, the premise would be that Rosenwald becomes more attractive if there is a vitalized downtown, which is easily accessible. So, he would assume the City or the Downtown Council would be involved in order to identify how they fit into this. Plainly, downtown is a component in the redevelopment of Rosenwald, according to the Market Study.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then asked how much this is going to cost the County.

Mr. Galloway stated that a proposal had been sent to the Housing Authority and he doesn't recall how much that was. It was comparable or a little more than the Market Study. Originally, ArtSpace was interested in doing the development and that would require a different amount of money to be input into the project. Now, ArtSpace is looking to be a consultant on the project to come in and assist in design and tell us how to make the programs sustainable.

## **V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2020.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, stated she is available should the Board have any questions.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **VI. CITIZEN COMMENT**

Speakers must sign up prior to the meeting and provide their names, addresses

and the topic they wish to discuss. Speakers must direct your remarks to the Board and not to individual Commissioners or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Commissioners or County employees are not a matter of public concern and personal attacks will not be tolerated. The Chairman has the right to limit your comments in the interest of disposing of the County's business in an efficient and respectable manner.

Speakers will be allotted three minutes to speak on their chosen topics as they relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of the Commissioners. No questions will be asked by any of the commissioners during citizen comments. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times during the meeting. No speaker will be permitted to speak more than three minutes or more than once, unless the Board votes to suspend this rule.

No one signed up to speak.

## VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on October 5, 2020 and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on October 7, 2020.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve the minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on October 5, 2020 and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on October 7, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

## IX. PUBLIC HEARING -

Conduct a public hearing for the 2020 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Community Work Program (CWP) for Spalding County, City of Orchard Hill and City of Sunnyside.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to enter into a Public Hearing to discuss the 2020 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Community Work Program (CWP) for Spalding County, City of Orchard Hill and City of Sunnyside. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson stated that no one had signed up to speak in the Public Hearing. He then advised that the CIE currently before the Board is the same CIE as was approved last year. The only changes are the project that have been started or completed since last year. Chairman Flowers-Taylor wanted discussion by the Board of Commissioners on the CIE and when she met with Ms. Irizarry last week she stated she would like to have a work session on this.

Mr. Wilson stated that this year, with the advent of new staff in Community Development, all that was done is take what was approved last year and roll it into this year and only indicate changes that were made to the list. Whether a project was started, what percent complete, etc. There is not any real changes, we can do

a work session, but we are required to have a public hearing and we are also required to submit the CIE to Three Rivers Regional Commission by resolution which we can put on the next agenda. Then once Three Rivers reviews it, we have to send it to DCA and once DCA approves it, then we have to do a resolution of adoption of the CIE once it has been approved by the two governmental entities.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then stated that last year and the year before she had requested that Mr. Jacobs bring to us the updated projects. The quarry on Quilly Street is not in our Comprehensive Work Plan, the Aquatic Center is not in the Comprehensive Work Plan and all of these things that we put in this comprehensive plan generally determines the amount that will be paid for by Impact Fees. She gets that we had a change in personnel, but we can't stop doing what we need to do because we had a change in personnel. Personally, she has a problem voting on this because this is what we had last year. She asked last year that it be updated to the projects that we are actually doing. She didn't want to put it on the agenda because she felt it was something that the Board should be talked through with Planning and Development.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then stated that Mr. Imberger brings things from Parks and we don't know what Mr. Imberger has put on here.

Mr. Wilson stated that everything is presented to the Board each year in the document as presented.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor stated that the items have not been discussed with anyone, they certainly haven't been discussed at the Park and Rec meetings. So, this basically a Department Head saying these are the projects and that has been her concern before. It appears that you are doing projects, that have been on the list for 5-10 years and some of them we are just not going to do. So why keep submitting those, when we know we have new projects to be started? She feels that some of the projects that we have done over the last few years should be on this list.

Mr. Wilson then stated that not all of the projects we have completed were Impact Fee projects. Impact Fees are based on the level of service the Board of Commissioners adopted when we did Impact Fees 15 years ago.

Mr. Wilson stated that he would like to have a work session before the next Regular Meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Consensus of the Board is to have a Work Session on the CIE/CWP on November 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson stated he would distribute the original Impact Fee report that was done 15 years ago.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor stated that we really need to look at this document because the numbers should be significantly different from 15 years ago. The original document was based on what was happening 15 years ago.

Mr. Wilson advised that staff will set up a work session on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**X. NEW BUSINESS -**

1. Consider approval of continuation of the Fire Services Contract with the City of Sunny Side for 2020.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the annual Fire Services Contract for Sunny Side and the City of Orchard Hill. They are based on the City's digest values and on our Fire Millage Rate and staff recommends approval.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve continuation of the Fire Services Contract with the City of Sunny Side for 2020. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider approval of continuation of the Fire Services Contract with the City of Orchard Hill for 2020.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the continuation of the Fire Services Contract with the City of Orchard Hill for 2020. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider the approval of the 2021 Alcohol License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine:

- Aziz Ali-Chevron Food Mart, located at 3200 High Falls Rd., Griffin, GA 30224.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the 2021 Alcohol License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for Aziz Ali-Chevron Food Mart, located at 3200 High Falls Road, Griffin, Ga. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Consider approval for the renewal of the 2021 Alcohol License-Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for the following:

- Ruchit Kumar Patel-Valero Food Mart, 2995 N Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223. Beer and Wine. No Violations.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the renewal of the 2021 Alcohol License-Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for Ruchit Kumar Patel-Valero Foot Mart, 2995 N. Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

5. Consider the approval of the 2021 Alcohol License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for the following:

- Quader Quddoos- A1 Food Mart, located at N Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.
- Merrill Tanner-Race Trac #182, located at 4200 N Expressway, Hampton, GA 30228. No Violations.
- Merrill Tanner-Race Trac #2495, located at 1638 US Hwy 41, Griffin, GA 30224. No Violations.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the 2021 Alcohol License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for Quader Quddoos-A1-Food Mart, Merrill Tanner-Race Trac #182 and Race Trac #2495. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

6. Consider acceptance of David Dodd's resignation from the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission. Mr. Dodd's appointment is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2020 and staff is requesting that the position not be filled until the first meeting in January 2021 when all of the appointments are considered.

Mr. Wilson stated that that this is a Post #3 appointment, and this is Commissioner Dutton's appointment.

Commissioner Dutton advised that the current Chair of that Board has given him a name and there are a couple of folks who have reached out to him. He doesn't have anyone he would like to appoint this evening, but he may have someone he can appoint in November.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to accept the resignation of David Dodd from the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.***

Commissioner Dutton then stated that the Board wants to extend thanks to Mr. Dodd for his service on this Commission.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor stated that Mr. Dodd has been amazing during his time on this Commission and the reason he is leaving because during the time he has serviced on this commission his ministry has grown and he needs to dedicate more time to his ministry. She is very grateful for the time he has served.

***Motion carried unanimously by all.***

7. Consider a request to authorize staff and the County Zoning Attorney to prepare a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Appendix IV-Zoning, Article 5-AR-1 Agricultural and Residential, Section 502 Boundaries of AR-1 Districts, Item #15(i): The manufactured homes can only be accessory to an active farm with a minimum tract size of one hundred (100) acres" by adding the word "contiguous" so that the ordinance will read: "The manufactured homes can only be accessory to an active farm with a minimum tract size of one hundred (100) contiguous acres."

Mr. Wilson advised that Mr. Joe Bailey came to the last meeting and made the request during Public Comments and Commissioner Miller asked that it be put on the agenda, so if there is consensus we will go ahead and propose the amendment and, if not, we will move.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor has a lot of questions about this inquiry. In the history of Spalding County whenever we have allowed someone to put a mobile home for some reason, a lot of times it ends up being used for some other reason. If this is a mobile home to house employees, how are we going to know there won't be 35 people in a two-bedroom mobile home? There are no standards that we have set that when you provide housing on your active farm, that's its going to be appropriate, that it will be appropriately sized for people and that it is going to be used for exactly what you are stating it is going to be used for.

Commissioner Dutton feels this is a good point and we need to further look at if you are going to have one as an accessory building, it still has to meet all

other criteria.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if it has to meet commercial standards? If you have 14 people, do you need 3 bathrooms?

Commissioner Dutton stated that he also thinks that it shouldn't be considered if someone comes wanting to place a mobile home in the area. That as part of a farm would not be considered.

Mr. Wilson stated that the current ordinance requires a tract of 100 acres. He is asking that it be changed to be 100 contiguous acres.

Stephanie Windham, County Attorney, then advised that he does not want to combine the individual acreage into one parcel.

Mr. Wilson advised that if you are a farmer, in order to qualify under this ordinance you have to have a minimum tract of 100 acres.

Ms. Windham advised that the survey cost is very expensive, and you would have to survey the property in it's entirety in order to meet the current ordinance qualifications.

Mr. Wilson also advised that most farms are in CUVA and under CUVA you can breach it on an individual tract and not breach it for the entire farm.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then stated that she feels we are taking an ordinance and rewriting it for one person. She just feels there needs to be more discussion on this subject.

Commissioner Dutton stated that he is for whatever brings the quality of buildings up in Spalding County and mobile homes does not do that.

Mr. Wilson asked if the Board wants to table until Commissioner Miller is at the meeting for discussion?

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to table the request authorizing staff and the County Zoning attorney to prepare a text amendment regarding manufactured homes on active farms. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

8. Consider approval of the 2021 Holiday Calendar for Spalding County Employees.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the standard calendar for Spalding County, we now have 11 holidays with the adoption of Veterans Day this year.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Flower-Taylor to approve the 2021 Holiday Calendar for Spalding County Employees. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- ✓ The County owns 1498 Justice Boulevard, that is the old Diversion Center. We have slated that for demolition. We had to have the asbestos checked for that building and he is happy to report that it does not contain asbestos containing materials. So, we will be moving ahead, hopefully before Christmas, to demolish the building. The plan is to recycle all of the metal that we can and we will grade and seed the area once demolition is complete. We will be keeping the trees out

there. It is 6.21 acres.

## **XII. REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER**

- The Fire Department has started an in-house class with the City of Griffin, Chief Byrd and Chief Hamilton are instructing the class and upon completion the attendants will test for National Fire Officer I Certification.
- The tee shirt that were presented to the Board at the last meeting has raised just a little less than \$1,200 for the Susan G. Coleman Foundation.
- The Fire Department will also be participating in the upcoming Halloween Event with other public safety agencies and that will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.
- EMA is beginning another partner meeting with the Hospital Emergency Preparedness staff for public safety partners that will take place monthly. The first one will be tomorrow.
- Annual Flu Shot exercise is October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- We are still assisting DPH with the weekly COVID testing site. That has changed from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. So, it is on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- There is an upcoming exercise with the LAWS Unit on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. This unit is comprised of personnel from Public Safety agencies in the community that make one team for special assignments, such as lost of missing persons, special rescues such as trench or confined space, water rescue dive team etc.
- DSP will be holding a Day of Service celebrating the Veterans at Griffin City Park on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be food, entertainment, health and vision screenings and community resources.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Sheriff had a big event since our last meeting and he asked Sheriff Dix to come up and tell the Board about his big event.

Sheriff Dix stated they did a golf tournament and were scared because of everything that was happening with COVID, but they far exceeded their last year's goal. They ended up clearing \$34,500 after expenses were paid. He thanked the community and the Board for getting involved and supporting it. This will allow them to give some money back to the local community, to approximately 10 local groups. They will be issuing press releases at a later date. There were 144 players, 36 teams and it was simply an outstanding event.

## **XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Bart Miller** – Absent from the meeting.

**Rita Johnson** – She sent the Board an email regarding what is happening with her subdivision right now. Which is something that also maybe happening in other communities, which is the backflow installation that was not installed in a number of homes during the build-out period. She lives in Stonebriar Subdivision and they have received a letter from the City of Griffin making the request for them to get backflow installation and it is going to cost everyone in the community up to \$500 to do that. She will be reaching out to various entities. She is talking to the City of Griffin right now to find out what we need to do. It may need to be grandfathered in, since nothing was done during the beginning phases of the subdivision should homeowners have to pay this now? She has been in this home for 18 years and this is something that should not happen. If it is happening in her subdivision, it is very possible it could be

happening in yours as well. She will be working with the City of Griffin and the Water Authority on this to see if there is anything that can be done to take care of this problem so there are no out-of-pocket expenses for the residents.

**James Dutton** – He stated that the fact that the houses were not inspected for Back Flow regulators and now they are being held accountable for not having them. That is the sort of stuff that we need to add to the Building Code.

He is excited about the ArtSpace follow-through and he is really stoked about that; however, he is a little disappointed that they are not going to be the developers. At least for him, that was what he had in mind the whole time and that is why we were contributing to this project. Now, they're going "hey we're not going to build, but we will come advise." I'm sure at this point we know how to build buildings, so he is a little worried about that, but that being said, this study is fantastic and he really wants this to happen.

He received an update on the Camp Stephens issue, that was something that folks have been talking about. He has reached out to a Professor of American History at Clayton State whose personal hobby is the Civil War and he has asked him to conduct some research and give him some names of people who weren't racist that are connected to the Civil War. We are trying to do our due diligence to make this still a historic spot.

He then stated that when they opened Cowan Road Elementary School, he was in the first fourth grade class with Hobie Davenport as the Principle and we got the day off in the fall for Braves Day because the play offs and we all go to wear our Braves swag to school. The whole community was involved. It is remarkable that they got to game 7 this year against a team that won 71% of their regular season games this year. To have gone that far with such a young team is very exciting. Those are the things that remind you of home, remind you of growing up here and the Braves is one of those and he wanted to say kudos to the Braves.

**Gwen Flowers-Taylor** – She wanted to thank the Daybreak Rotary who is a smaller group than the regular Rotary Group and she feels it is awesome that they chose Fairmont this year. We have been working with Fairmont and with the Salvation Army in trying to create an afterschool program atmosphere. Ms. Simon has taken it upon herself as the Supervisor to do an afterschool program and she has people from the community coming in to assist with homework assignments, with no funding. So those tablets going in there is huge for them because now kids can go there and get help with their homework and be able to access the school system for whatever reason. She wanted to thank them for realizing how important these tablets are and trying to make a difference in a part of the community that everybody is trying to work in to make something different happen for that community. It makes her very proud to see how we can all come together to improve some things.

Veterans' Day of Service is an awesome event. Waypoint has done this for the four years they have been here. If you know someone who is a veteran who may have served our County in the armed forces, please encourage them to come. There will be someone there to assist in benefit claims, getting them prepared to have access to VA services and it is generally a day of fun for the entire community. This day allows our citizens to honor veterans and the veterans feel they are appreciated. That is November 7, 2020 at City Park.

She wanted to say the staff did an awesome job at the Ethics Workshop today. Don't

think that people don't pay attention to what we do. Somebody has already has already texted asking why she said "xyz." So that lets you know that people are paying attention to what we are doing. She is glad that someone was listening today to know that the Board is trying to separate ourselves from having input in how this works once it gets started.

She is very excited about ArtSpace. She stated that she is actually a little more relieved that they are not doing the development, because the way they were talking about it, we were going to have to spend a lot of money before we would spend any money to develop it. The biggest thing for the Housing Authority and to make them competitive is that we're bringing several aspects to this renovation. We're bringing the cultural aspect of professional workers and taking their expertise and allowing the remainder of the community to take advantage of that in the Equalization and Rosenwald. We had talked about maybe having some artists come in and set up displays or do sculptures and they will already be here.

She then asked Mr. Wilson if he had an opportunity to write a letter to the Historical Society.

Mr. Wilson stated that he has left two messages for them; however, he was out of the office last week so he hasn't had a chance to do that. He now has an email address and he will send the letter.

#### **XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***