Town of Cohutta Council Meeting
January 5, 2016

Present: Mayor, Ron Shinnick
Councilmen, Greg Fowler, Shane Kornberg, Shelia Rose
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maples, Town Clerk

Visitors: Kenneth Cooper, Josh Key, Phil Woodard, Jim Garner, Jessica Foskey, Neal Foskey, Rod Weaver, Ed Painter, Joe Gibson, Rob Chase

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Todd Johnson gave the oath of office to re-elected councilmen, Shelia Rose and Shane Kornberg.

Greg moved to approve minutes of November and December 2015 minutes, Shelia seconded.

Shelia moved that in the foregoing Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance, the Town of Cohutta limits its effect by hereby removing any sale or manufacture of distilled spirits from the ordinance until the voters of Cohutta have approved the particular use by Referendum, Greg seconded and motion passed.

Shane made a motion for the Town to petition for a referendum voting for the sales of packaged distilled spirits, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

The March 1st council meeting will be rescheduled to march 15th.

Next meeting will be February 2nd.

Shelia made a motion to adjourn, Shane seconded.

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples, Town Clerk

Town of Cohutta Council Meeting
February 2, 2016

Present: Mayor, Ron Shinnick
Councilmen, Greg Fowler, Shane Kornberg, Shelia Rose
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maples, Town Clerk

Visitors: Wanda Manis, Jim Garner, Ray Grossman

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Shane moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting, Greg seconded and motion passed.

Shelia moved to approve the purchase of a new lawnmower from B&B Tractor, Shane seconded and motion passed.

Greg made a motion to approve National Flood Insurance resolution, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Greg moved to approve first reading establishing cost of $50 an hour for labor(per person) and basic equipment(i.e. lawnmower), Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Greg moved to adjourn, Shelia seconded.

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016

Present: Ron Shinnick, Mayor
Council- Greg Fowler, Shelia Rose, Shane Kornberg
Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Greg moved to approve minutes of February meeting, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Pam Shinnick, Nancy Shugart and Donna H-Maples updated and informed Council of their participation in the Thrive 2055 Initiative. The team has been attending meetings in Chattanooga for the last two months and the final meeting will be this Thursday where they will be making their pitch to a group of sponsors from Thrive, Bridge Innovate, Arts Build and the Lyndhurst Foundation. After their completion of this accelerated course the Town of Cohutta will be eligible for funding for arts and culture from the Lyndhurst Foundation.

Shelia moved to adjourn, Greg seconded.

Next meeting will be April 5th.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples

Town of Cohutta
Council Meeting
April 5, 2016

Present: Mayor, Ron Shinnick
Councilmen, Greg Fowler, Shane Kornberg, Shelia Rose, Sandy Clayborne
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

Visitors: Shell Underwood, Bill Morgan, David Denny

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Shelia made a motion to approve budget updates, Shane seconded and motion passed.

Shane moved to approve minutes from March meeting, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Shane made a motion to approve the appointment of Sandra Clayborne to fill the remainder of the term of the late Councilman Ben Manis, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Shane moved to approve 1st reading of flood ordnance, Greg seconded and motion passed.

Greg made a motion to approve $19,000 for removal of trees and cleanup of Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Shelia made a motion on 1st reading to adopt a resolution in support of Whitfield County radio tower, Shane seconded and motion passed.

Shane moved to Adjourn, Shelia seconded.

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THE COHUTTA TOWN COUNCIL
5 April 2016

WHEREAS, communication glitches affect the lives of Cohutta citizens and the performance of emergency personnel;

WHEREAS, significant improvement in information sharing must occur to combat terrorism and civic emergency;

WHEREAS, cooperating with the Town, Whitfield County proposed a SPLOST which would radically improve emergency communication throughout the county;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Cohutta, Georgia as follows:

1) The Cohutta Town Council applauds the timely and necessary actions of Whitfield County in siting and placement of a tower on the south limits of Cohutta, as part of the overall communications structure;

2) The Cohutta Town Council waives and declines to make any objection as to the tower placement plans on the Benns land.

3) To assist it in response to and encouragement of private entities seeking signal permitting, the Cohutta Town Council hereby states that it will support and encourage 3rd party use of empty County Tower space by wireless providers to the extent that consolidation of signal functions would be legal to enhance cell phone reception in the northeast part of Whitfield County and other emergency response.

By a vote of 5 to 0, this 5th day of April, 2016.

Mayor Ron Shinnick

Shelia Rose, Councilman

H. Gregory Fowler, Councilman

J. Shane Kornberg, Councilman

Sandra L. Clayborne

Town of Cohutta
Council Meeting
May 3, 2016

Present: Mayor, Ron Shinnick
Councilmen, Shane Kornberg, Shelia Rose
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

Excused: Sandy Clayborne and Greg Fowler

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Shelia moved to approve minutes of the April 5th meeting, Shane seconded.

Shane moved on 2nd reading to approve the flood ordnance, Shelia seconded.

Shane moved to adjourn, Shelia seconded.

Next meeting will be June 7th.

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

Town of Cohutta
Council Meeting
June 7, 2016

Present: Mayor, Ron Shinnick
Councilmen, Greg Fowler, Shane Kornberg, Shelia Rose and Sandy Clayborne
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

Shane moved to approve minutes for May meeting, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Shelia moved to approve second reading of Cohutta Labor Rate Ord., Shane seconded and motion passed.

Sandy made a motion to adjourn, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Next meeting will be July 12, 2016

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
July 12, 2016

Present: Mayor, Ron Shinnick
Councilmen, Greg Fowler, Shane Kornberg, Shelia Rose and Sandy Clayborne
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance

Shelia made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7th meeting, Greg seconded and motion passed.

Shelia made a motion on first reading to adopt the O.C.G.A.(Official Code of Georgia Annotated) as Municipal Code, Shane seconded and motion passed.

Shelia moved to have Todd Johnson serve as solicitor for court on July 25th and August 29th, Greg seconded and motion passed.

Greg moved on first reading to change all speed limits in Town limits to 30 mph, Shane seconded and motion passed.

Shelia made a motion to adjourn, Shane seconded and motion passed.

Next meeting will be August 2, 2016.

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
August 2, 2016

Present: Mayor, Ron Shinnick
Councilmen, Greg Fowler, Shane Kornberg, Shelia Rose and Sandra Clayborne
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

Todd led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shane made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting, Sandy seconded and motion passed.

Shane made motion to approve on first reading of Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places Ordinance-Right of Way, Greg seconded and motion passed.

Greg moved to adopt a Resolution to establish a franchise fee from a cable and video provider utilizing the public rights of way, Shane seconded and motion passed.

Shelia moved on first reading to adopt a 35 mile an hour speed limit on all county roads within the town limits unless otherwise posted, Sandy seconded and motion passed.

Shane made a motion to move forward with CourtWare software contract, Greg seconded and motion passed.

Greg moved to appoint Todd Johnson as solicitor for municipal court, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Shane move to adjourn, Greg seconded.

Next meeting will be September 6, 2016

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples, Town Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COHUTTA THROUGH THE COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ESTABLISH A FRANCHISE FEE APPLICABLE TO HOLDERS OF CABLE AND VIDEO FRANCHISES ISSUED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Town currently collects a franchise fee from any current cable or video providers;

WHEREAS, the Town considers, collecting a franchise fee from a cable or video provider utilizing the public rights of way as compensation to the public for the use of the rights of way and a means of promoting the public health, safety, welfare and economics development of the Town and to protect public works infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Town of Cohutta is authorized to collect, a franchise fee of 5% the maximum amount established by federal and state law of each cable or video provider's gross revenues received from the provision of cable or video service generated within the Town;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cohutta hereby requires a franchise fee of 5% of any cable or video state franchise holder's gross revenues received from the provision of cable or video service generated within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Cohutta, pursuant to a franchise issued by the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-76-1 et seq. known as the "Consumer Choice for Television Act" of 2007.

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cohutta this 2nd day of August 2016.

ATTEST:

By Donna Henderson-Maples
Town Clerk

Mayor:
Town of Cohutta

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RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cohutta this 2nd day of August 2016.

ATTEST:

By Donna Henderson-Maples
Town Clerk

Mayor:
Town of Cohutta

Town of Cohutta
Called Council Meeting
August 16, 2016

Present: Ron Shinnick, Mayor
Councilmen, Shane Kornberg and Sandy Clayborne

Meeting was called for the purpose of second reading on Ordinance to create Chapter fifteen of the Official Code of the Town of Cohutta, Georgia to be known as "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places". This ordinance allows the Town to administer and regulate the public right-of-way in the public interest, and to provide for the issuance and regulation of right-of-way permits.

Shane moved to approve on second reading the ordinance "Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places", Sandy seconded and motion passed.

Shane moved to adjourn, Sandy seconded and motion passed.

Sandy Clayborne, acting Clerk

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
September 6, 2016

Present: Ron Shinnick, Mayor
Councilmen, Shane Kornberg, Sandy Clayborne, Greg Fowler and Shelia Rose
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maples, Town Clerk

Visitors: Gene Peters

Shelia moved to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2016 meeting, Sandy seconded and motion passed.

Shelia moved on second reading to adopt the Cohutta Misdemeanor Ordinance, Sandy seconded and motion passed.

Shane moved on second reading to adopt a 35mile an hour speed limit on all county roads within the town limits except where otherwise posted, Greg seconded and motion passed.

Community Supper/Chili cook-off between the Council is scheduled for 6:30, October 18.

There being no other business Sandy moved to adjourn, Shelia seconded motion passed.

Next meeting October 4, 2016

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
October 4, 2016

Present: Ron Shinnick, Mayor
Councilmen, Shane Kornberg, Sandy Clayborne, Greg Fowler and Shelia Rose
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maple, Town Clerk

Greg made a motion to a approve the minutes of September, Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Greg made a motion to donate a portion of the property located at the corner of Cohutta Varnell Rd. and Henderson Street to Whitfield County to be used for construction of a WC fire station, Shane seconded and motion passed.

Shane moved to adjourn, Sandy seconded.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 1st, 2016

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples, Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
November 1, 2016

Present: Mayor, Ron Shinnick
Councilmen, Shane Kornberg, Greg Fowler, Sandy Clayborne, Shelia Rose
Todd Johnson, Town Attorney
Donna Henderson-Maples, Clerk

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Sandy moved to approve minutes of October meeting Shelia seconded and motion passed.

Shane moved to assess a gross millage rate of 5 for maintenance and Operations, Shelia seconded and motion passed.
Sandy moved to rollback of 5 leaving a net millage rate of -0-, Shane seconded and motion passed.

Greg called meeting to move to executive session 7:00 pm.
Back in regular session 8:15pm.

Approval of Budget tabled until next meeting.

Shelia made a motion to adjourn, Shane seconded.

Next meeting will be December 6, 2017

Ron Shinnick, Mayor

Donna Henderson-Maples, Town Clerk