OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Sam Couvillon, George Wangemann, Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Ruth Bruner
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Economic Development Council
David Lee, Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Chair of Economic Development, thanked the Council for the opportunity to share local economic development information. He announced Gainesville was recently ranked by Site Selection Magazine as number 2 in the country for business expansion.

Staff shared economic development statistics, an update of the Existing Industry Program and an update on the Small Business Program. Council received a Directory of Elected Officials and an Economic Development Report. The Economic Development Project Packet presented to potential prospects was also provided.

Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Kit Dunlap stated the Chamber's role is to create jobs and provide resources. She briefly commented on various accomplishments during 2017 before commenting on the need for a hotel/conference center. In closing, Ms. Dunlap expressed appreciation for support of the Healthcare Awards Program.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Authorization to Apply for Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Grant Funds
Transportation Engineering Manager Rhonda Brady stated municipalities have an opportunity to apply for GTIB funding each year. She stated there is a desire to submit an application to support an intersection improvement at SR 369 / Jesse Jewell Parkway / Prior Street noting the department has an existing capital project containing $225,000. The grant application will request $375,000 to supplement to the existing project with improving traffic flow.

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Planning Manager Matt Tate summarized the application noting the staff as well as the Planning and Appeals Board approved the request with six conditions. There were no public comments.

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CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

City Manager Bryan Lackey made the following announcements:
1. Registration for the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Convention will occur next week.
2. The Transportation Forum is scheduled for March 8 (11:30 AM) at the University of North Georgia Gainesville campus.

City Manager Bryan Lackey provide the following project updates:
1. The paperwork for the Carroll Daniel Project is being finalized.
2. The Community Development Department received plans for the Park Side on the Square Project.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann
Provided the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission meeting and the Board of Health meeting ex-officio reports.

Council Member Thompson
Reported the Council had a good meeting with the Board of Education.

Mayor Dunagan
1. Presented the following board/committee nominations:
   a. Reappoint Deborah Mack to the Board of Health
   b. Reappoint R. K. Whitehead to the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission
   c. Appoint Kelvin Simmons to replace Connie Rucker on the Planning and Appeals Board
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2. Requested suggestions to fill vacancies on a few boards/committees.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

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Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk