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### YMCA coming to Oakwood



City Manager Stan Brown



Retiring Councilman Gary Anderson



OAKWOOD – The partnership between the City of Oakwood and the Georgia Mountains YMCA will be growing...and very soon.

"One of the things that we (the City Council) have talked about ... is the need to try and establish a more enhanced Parks and Recreation Program for our citizens," City Manager Stan Brown said as he addressed the Council, "and also to look at providing opportunities for our seniors and teens."

"Over the past five years we have had ongoing conversations with the YMCA about their desire to get a presence in south Hall," Brown added.

"The YMCA has proposed to us, for the next three months, starting October 1, for the YMCA to come in and work with us to establish an Oakwood Family YMCA," Brown said.

The programs would be located in the City's community buildings on Railroad Street near the swimming pool.

Community Center Building #2 would be converted into a fitness center with the city leasing exercise equipment while the YMCA would provide staffing.

Two houses owned by the city on McClure Drive near Main Street would also be a part of the arrangement, serving as administrative offices for the YMCA.

"Memberships would be at a reduced rate from what you pay up on 365 (the J.A. Walters Family YMCA near Gainesville)," Brown said.

According to a press release issued by the city, the YMCA will start by offering ten exercise classes each week such as yoga, Zumba, and step-aerobics.

The resolution passed unanimously and will now go before the YMCA Board of Directors.

The agreement creates a three month partnership which will allow the City and the YMCA to evaluate the status of the program at the end of 2011 and, if desired, renew their contract on an annual basis.

#### NO CITY COUNCIL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER

“We will not be required to have a general election,” Brown explained, as there are no contested positions up for vote.

Incumbents Montie Robinson and Martha Collins are running unopposed, while newcomer Todd Wilson is also unopposed and will succeed incumbent Gary Anderson who has decided not to seek re-election.

“However, we will still have a special election for the Sunday alcohol sales,” Brown said.

The date for that vote is November 8, 2011.