



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Community House located at 192 South Third Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Willie Basby, Gary Ates, Eric Bisher, Charles Cranford, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon.

Call to order by the Mayor. The invocation was given by Councilmember Basby followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Eric Bisher.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve the October 13, 2015 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ates and seconded by Councilmember Basby to add Item # 8 to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Chan Jones, Chair of Recreation Board.

David Harrell has resigned. Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Harrell for a job well done; Mr. Andy Brand was introduced as the new director. Councilmember Guyton encouraged Council to get involved; Councilmember Basby inquired about the basketball goals for the Learning Center. David Harrell reported that they have been repaired and are ready to be installed.

Item # 2 – Presented by Mayor Stoy

Housing Authority appointment.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to appoint Edgar Jarrett to the Housing Authority board. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 3 – Presented by Mayor Stoy

Recreation Department appointment.

Councilmember Cranford made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to recommend Mary Jo Hill to the Recreation Department board. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 4 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Ordinance 10-15; Set forth an automatic adjustment clause for the City of Cochran's water, sanitary sewer, waste water, natural gas and solid waste.

Council wants to strengthen the language including the ability to decide if an increase occurs. It will be the City Manager's duty to notify council of the cost of living rates. The increase can be a base charge or usage charge or both. If no action by council, the rate adjustment automatically goes into effect January 1st of each year. Councilmember Guyton made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to table Ordinance 10-15 until new councilmembers take office. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 5 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Resolution 17-15; Approve a contract with the Municipal Code Corporation (Municode) to provide a complete codification of the ordinances and charter of the City of Cochran.

Municode will make it easier for residents to look up ordinances. Codification has not been done in several years; Municode will handle. City Clerk, Lisa Chastain will oversee the process which will take 12 to 14 months. Rezoning ordinances will also be updated.

Item # 6 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Insituform was the low bid for the CDBG project of the sewer lines near the hospital. Engineer for the project, G. Ben Turnipseed, recommended that their bid be accepted. This project will begin soon after January 2016. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Bisher seconded the motion to approve Insituform's bid. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 7 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Falcon is recommending the city purchase a belt press at the cost of \$22,500 from GRWA. New cost is \$95,000. Falcon will request a process change for re-watering from GRWA and will seek approval from the EPD for permanent installation. Skip Layton, with Falcon, provided a copy of Falcon's letter of recommendation. Councilmember Bisher asked if this was budgeted and City Manager Newbern stated that it was not but can be purchased from the bond funds. Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to make the purchase and include a budget amendment. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 8 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Ken Duffy with Cochran Insurance & Realty addressed Council with the city's insurance renewal contract. To get a discount, the city will complete a drug-free workplace certification. Also, coverage will need to be determined for the airport hanger. The Mayor stated that the airport authority has hanger insurance but will add the city as an additional insurer. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve renewing with Cochran Insurance & Realty. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

VIII. Mayor Updates

The park task met in November and will meet again on December 1st. The student committee of 4th graders along with the task force have established a strategic plan.

Kuhmo Tire will begin consuming gas around February 2016.

IX. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

The city will have a reduction in worker's comp. deductions due to having no lost time in over a year. Department heads were commended for their training and safety procedures. City offices will close on Veterans Day. Department updates were distributed to all councilmembers. Chief Coley reported that he had met with Regina Gooch to discuss Neighborhood Watch. The police's K-9 dog, Django has received a grant for a free ballistic vest valued at \$1900.

Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 14th. Program starts at 5:00pm with the parade following at 6:00pm.

Chief Noles reported that ISO will submit their results in mid-January. Cameras have been installed at the fire department to monitor access control and grounds and to protect equipment and the employees.

Advance Disposal's contract will go into effect in late January. A video of the automatic side load has been posted on the city's web site.

GEFA loans approved; \$2.5 and \$1.5 million with \$1 million being forgiven. The first phase will be exempt from environmental concerns and the second phase will begin March 2016. City is still waiting to hear from the USDA loan.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Tommy Guyton would like to defer the no show/no pay initiative for the new council members to decide.

Councilmember Andrew Lemmon would like to change the name of John Conley Alley to John Conley Memorial Alley. City Manager Newbern will look into this.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting—December 8, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – December 8, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to leave Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Guyton made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve a bonus system for city employees for 2015. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Bisher seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Adjourn

Lisa Chastain, City Clerk