



**MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**  
**Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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

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Present: Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon, Councilmembers Regina Gooch, Keith Anderson Fleming Gilman, Jon Thrower & Charles Cranford

Absent: Mayor Gary Ates,

Call to order by Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Jon Thrower. Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Keith Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon requested for the May 9, 2017 minutes to be read by City Clerk, Tracy B Jones. City Clerk Tracy Jones read minutes. Councilmember Charles Cranford made a motion to approve May 9, 2017 minutes and Councilmember Fleming Gilman seconded the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor.

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- I. Call to Order by the Mayor**
  - II. Invocation**
  - III. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - IV. Attendance**
  - V. Adopt Agenda**
  - VI. Agenda Items**

**ITEM# 1 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Presentation by Mr. Jordan Scott on Advanced Disposal Co. commercial and residential garbage and limb pick-up in the City of Cochran. Mr. Scott gave a brief summary of his background and how he worked his way to where he is now. He passed out business cards and answered any questions Council had. No motion was required on this presentation.

**ITEM #2 – Presented by Nicole Ward, President and CEO, Bleckley Cochran IDA**

Consider adopting a Resolution, to be a joint resolution with Bleckley County, to increase the membership of and set the terms of the Directors of the Bleckley-Cochran Development Authority to make them concurrent with the terms of the Bleckley-Cochran IDA. Mrs. Ward handed out paperwork on the topic of membership of the IDA Board. She explained to Council the process and the benefits of the IDA Board. Councilmember Fleming Gilman made a motion to table adopting the Resolution until further information could be compiled by the Council. Councilmember Charles Cranford seconded the motion. Motion to table was passed with all voting in favor.

**ITEM # 3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider Solid Waste Plan Resolution. Mr. Newbern presented documentation on the Solid Waste Resolution and read the Resolution to the Council. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to adopt the Solid Waste Resolution and Councilmember Charles Cranford seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**ITEM # 4 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider HR Express Resolution. Mr. Newbern explained to Council paperwork which was included in pre-meeting packet gave detailed information about HR Express. He also stressed his desire to adopt this resolution. Councilmember Fleming Gilman made a motion to table adopting resolution until further information could be compiled by Council. Councilmember Charles Cranford seconded the motion. Motion to table was passed with all voting in favor.

**ITEM# 5 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Discussion on the City of Cochran budget. Mr. Newbern went over several line items and answered any questions the council had concerning the 2017/2018 budget.

**Public Comments** (Please note that every individual who signs up to speak prior to the meeting will be given a total of five minutes to address the Mayor and Council.)

- Mary Pitts asked council would running sewer lines across from Wal-Mart bring in businesses. Councilmember Gilman stated it would help with business growth in that area.
- Lillian Turner expressed her concern about Tina Drive. She stated the grass was growing in the street and it did not look presentable.

Mayor Pro Tem Lemmon thanked all the citizens for all comments and suggestions.

**VIII. Mayor Updates- None**

**IX. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates – Budget Information.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Fire Chief Noles provided Monthly Reports ó He stated if anyone had questions, to please contact him.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Captain Jeff Trawick provided Monthly Report- Captain Jeff Trawick gave an update on the escaped prisoners. He also stated if anyone had questions about the monthly report, to please contact him.

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:**

Jacob Daniels provided Monthly Report & updated Council on a few road paving projects taking place.

**CODE ENFORCER UPDATE:**

Willie Farrow stated he was in process of getting court order to clean up several properties.

**There were no other department updates.**

**X. Council Discussion Items**

- Mayor Pro Tem Lemmon explained he would like the 911 address numbers on top of all buildings downtown. He stated this would be easier for people to locate the businesses.
- Councilmember Jon Thrower expressed some concerns from his constituents to The City Manager. Mr. Newbern stated he was working on these concerns such as the street lights at Lake Linda, and the ditches at Susan Coody's home. He stressed he reported the lights to GA Power several weeks ago, and they are working on it.
- Councilmember Gooch stated she was also waiting for a street light to be placed in her area. Mr. Newbern reported all location where street lights were requested to GA Power.

No other Councilmember had any concerns or comments.

**XI. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting ó July 18, 2017 @ 7:00 pm
- IDA ó Tuesday June 20, 2017 at the Chamber of Commerce
- Chamber Meeting ó June 21 @ Noon
- Budget Adoption ó June 29, 2017 @ 7:00 PM Community House

Councilmember Gilman made the motion to adjourn and Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**Adjourn @ 8:54.**

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Tracy B Jones  
City Clerk