



**MINUTES
Cochran City Council
July 10, 2018
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman, Councilmembers Regina Gooch, Keith Anderson, Robert Anderson, & Jon Thrower

Absent: Councilmember Andrew Lemmon

Call to order by Mayor Billy Yeomans @ 7:00PM

The invocation was given by Councilmember Keith Anderson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Jon Thrower.

Mayor Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to the July 10, 2018 agenda. Mayor Yeomans requested Item # 11 be added to agenda to Consider City project for Jody Lucas development.

Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion and Councilmember Keith Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Agenda for Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Mayor Billy Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to the minutes from Tuesday, June 12, 2018 meeting. No corrections or additions were mentioned. Minutes were approved as distributed by Mayor Billy Yeomans.

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 of Proclamation of Appreciation to Sam Barrs. Mayor Billy Yeomans read the proclamation that was presented to Mr. Barrs. Mayor Yeomans thanked Mr. Barrs for his efforts to make the flag project to recognize veterans a success.

ITEM #2 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Presentation of Proclamation of recognition to Michael Bryant for significantly upgrading his business setting in downtown Cochran. Mayor Billy Yeomans read the proclamation that was presented to Mr. Bryant. Mayor Yeomans thanked Mr. Bryant for his efforts to help beautify Cochran with the noticeable remodeling to his business.

ITEM # 3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider award of bid for HVAC upgrade at the Chamber of Commerce. After a meeting with IDA and Chamber, they decided not to go with either suggestion. Rusty from the IDA Board updated council with the proposal from IDA. Rusty asked the Council to approve to put in the a A/C Split unit in the conference room. Motion was made by Councilmember Jon Thrower with Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman to give Chamber and IDA Board permission to out in Split A/C unit and patch duct work. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 4 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider appointments to the City Ethics Committee. Mayor Yeomans asked the Council for a motion to recertify the City Ethics Committee. Councilman Robert Anderson made the motion with Councilmember Keith Anderson seconded the motion to recertify the Ethics Committee. (3 in favor- 1 not in favor - 1 didn't vote).

ITEM # 5 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving Cell phone Tower Ordinance. Mr. Newbern explained the ordinance to Council and asked for the Council's consideration. All in favor raised right hand. 5-0

ITEM # 6 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider awarding bid for the Emergency Outdoor Voice and Siren to be installed on Dykes and Dahl Streets. Fire Chief Noles explained the details of the award of the bid and asked Council to approve the only bid that was received. Motion was made by Councilmember Jon Thrower with Councilmember with Councilmember Robert Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 7 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider awarding bid for removal and disposal of tree canopy over roadways in the City. Mr. Newbern stated Code Enforcement Willie Farrow was over this project. This project will take care of the tree canopy in the road ways. This project will get started ASAP. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to accept the bid with DuBois and Friends with Councilmember Keith Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM #8 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider awarding bid for demolition of Structures A, B, C, D & E on 139 N Second Street. Bid approval for this project results are

A)\$6,300.00 Otis Simmons B) \$2,500.00 – Rad Dykes C) \$2,750.00 – Otis Simmons D)\$2,730.00 – Simmons E) \$3,500.00 Rad Dykes. Total amount is \$17,780.00. Mayor Pro Tem Gilman made the motion to accept bid as presented with Councilmember Keith Anderson seconding. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM #9 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider renewal of Auditing Services with Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC. Mr. Newbern spoke about the facts about signing the contract of Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC. Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman made the motion to renew contract and Councilmember Jon Thrower seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM #10 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider Street Light options for MLK Jr. Drive and Thompson Street. Mr. Newbern went over the issues with the light over the past several weeks. Mayor asked for discussion. Councilmember Regina Gooch made a motion to place street light back in its original location with Councilmember Keith Anderson seconding the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 5-0.

Item # 11- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider installing water line down Ty Stokes Road and Dustin Road for Mr. Jody Lucas. Mr. Newbern stated Mr. Lucas was willing to pay for a portion of this project due to working with a developer in that area. Mr. Newbern asked the Council for a motion to pursue the project with Jody Lucas. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion with Councilmember Robert Anderson seconding the motion to allow Mr. Newbern to pursue this project with Jody Lucas. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

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.)

- Debra Turner 140 MLK Drive. Concerned on the street that was paved. Thankful for the paving but the road was left in bad condition.
- Lorretta Fussell- She was expressing her concern about the light being moved on the road she lives on.

VIII. Mayor Updates – Mayor Yeomans spoke on the research he did. He read a contract from GMA on what a council meeting was for. Personal attacks must stop, and the Council is elected to fix problems and make Cochran a better place.

IX. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates –

- GICH/CHIP updates
- Crest Drive project
- Heath Insurance update
- Update on Fire Fee and Storm Water Fee

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: None

PUBLIC WORKS: None

CODE ENFORCEMENT: None

Skip Layton:

Skip Layton, City Engineer, provided Council with a monthly report on projects going on at this time. GEFA CWSRF 15-002, GEFA DWSRF 15-019, DWSRF 15-009, CDBG 2015, CDBG 2016, Cochran/Bleckley Recreation Complex, & Cochran Storm Drainage Improvements.

There were no other department updates.

X. Council Discussion Items All Councilmembers Thanked Mr. Sam Barrs and Michael Bryant for the good work they have done for our community.

XI. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Councilmember Regina Gooch made the motion to adjourn and Councilmember Keith Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

Adjourn @ 8:16 PM.

(SEAL)

Tracy B Jones
City Clerk