



**MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**September 13, 2018**  
**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 Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman, Councilmembers Regina Gooch, Keith Anderson, Andrew Lemmon & Jon Thrower

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

The invocation was given by Mayor Billy Yeomans 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 September 13, 2018 agenda. Mayor Yeomans requested a motion to approve the September 13, 2018 Agenda. Councilmember Regina Gooch made the motion to approve agenda with Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

Mayor Billy Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to the August 14, 2018 minutes. No corrections or additions were mentioned. Minutes were approved by Mayor Billy Yeomans.

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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**

Recognizing October 7 to October 13, 2018 as National Fire Prevention week in the City of Cochran. Chief Noles discussed the weeks activities occurring during National Fire Week. Mayor Billy Yeomans read the proclamation.

**ITEM #2 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Public Hearing on Proposed Millage Rate for FY 2018-2019. The city advertised the Public Hearing in the August 28 and September 4 editions of the Cochran Journal. The City is considering keeping the millage rate at 11.267 mills, which has been unchanged in the past three years.

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

Consider setting City Millage Rate for FY 2018-2019. Proposed Mileage Rate is the currents mill of 11.267. City tax digest for 2018 decreased by .42%, the City is expected to collect \$3,515.00 less in property taxes than it did last year. Rather than raise the current millage rate to make up the difference, the City can work to save \$3,515.00 in its budget. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to adopt millage rate with Councilmember Andrew Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

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

Consider authorizing Falcon Design consultants to prepare a sanitary sewer expansion concept plan for the northern portion of Lake Linda. The plans cost is \$6,000 to be paid from the Sewer Professional services. The plan will cost \$6,000 to be paid from Sewer Professional Services. There are portions of the Lake Linda area with out City sewer. Several homeowners have requested that the City consider providing public sewer services. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to approve The Plan with Councilmember Regina Gooch seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

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

Consider Resolution intitled Mutual Aid Resource Pact. This concerns the Mutual aid for Fire Services. This resolution will allow the City to provide and receive firefighting services throughout the State of Georgia. Fire Chief Kevin Noles explained exactly how the state-wide MOU would work. He explained in a case of a major emergency in Cochran, the City can request help from participating fire agencies throughout the state of Georgia. Likewise, the Cochran Fire Department can be requested to provide mutual aid to other agencies in Georgia. Cochran will only provide Mutual Aid to other fire agencies at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to approve the Resolution for the Mutual Aid Resource Pact with Councilmember Keith Anderson seconding the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

**ITEM # 6 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider purchase of Extrication tool from Genesis Extrication (Rescue Systems Unlimited). The bid of \$29,810 which is the third lowest bid, however although it is not the lowest bid, the Fire Chief recommended this purchase after Cochran firefighters conducted a hands-on review of the equipment offered by each vendor. Chief Noles stated this was the best product and recommended the purchase. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to approve the purchase of the Extrication with Rescue Systems Unlimited with Councilmember Regina Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

### **ITEM # 7 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider contracting with Darrell Mullis, Insurance Professional, to collect on Insurance Loss for fire service claims. This service is a service that property owners can voluntarily participate in. Fire Chief Noles explained through this company, Fire Department Recovery Services LLC, Mr. Mullis would file claims against homeowners' policies to recover legitimate cost incurred by the Fire Department. Any funds secured would be divided 60%/40% between the city and Mr. Mullis. Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman made the motion to work with Darrell Mullis (Fire Department Recovery Services, LLC) with Councilmember Regina Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

### **ITEM #8 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider adopting a resolution for the restated Georgia Municipal Employment Benefits Plan as the defined benefit Retirement System Plan for City of Cochran. Mr. Newbern stated this resolution, The City Attorney provided, defines the Benefit Retirement System Plan for the City of Cochran. After Mr. Newbern read the resolution aloud, a motion was made by Councilmember Jon Thrower to approve the Resolution with GMA Retirement Plan with Mayor Pro-Tem Fleming Gilman seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

### **VIII. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates**

9-14-18 @ 10AM First meeting to plan for the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at Chamber of Commerce.

9-18-18 Dublin Main Street Meeting with Managers

Monday, October 8, 2018 – Columbus Day – City Hall will be closed.

### **IX. Council Discussion Items- NONE**

### **X. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- Work Session Prior to Council Meeting – November 13, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
  - Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – November 13, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
  - **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.)
  - Edwin Peacock presented a new product to help keep citizens safe. He distributed pamphlets at the last meeting and was following up to see what the Council thought about the devices he presented. He stated he would contact the company and schedule a demo if that was something the Council would be interested in. Councilmember Thrower asked Mr. Peacock to get InTouch with Chief Coley and schedule a time for demo.
  - Mary Pitts – Mrs. Mary stated she is very concerned about Cochran not having a grocery store. She asked if any plans were in the works to bring in a grocery store? Mayor Yeomans stated he did not know of any talk of any grocery stores coming in. He spoke of a meeting with the IDA Board and he would ask then.

Councilmember Thrower made the motion to go in executive session and Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

**Went into executive session at 7:48PM**

Came out of executive and back to regular session @8:53PM

Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to adjourn with Councilmember Keith Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor 5-0.

**Adjourn @ 8:54PM**

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Tracy B Jones  
City Clerk