



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
January 12, 2021
Regular Scheduled Meeting @ 7PM

City Auditorium, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans

Councilmembers: Carla Coley, Gary Ates, Andrew Lemmon, Keith Anderson, Rufus Veal

Absent: Pro Tem Jimmy Jones

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Veal followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Anderson.

Mayor Yeomans requested Item# 15 to be added to Agenda: Consider approving Edger Jarrett to the Housing Authority Board.

Mayor called for a motion to approve the January 12, 2021 agenda as presented.

Councilmember Ates made the motion to accept the agenda as changed with Councilmember Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor called for a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2020. Councilmember Ates made the motion to accept 12/8/20 minutes with Councilmember Veal seconding the motion.

Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

- 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

Employee of the Month – Employee of the month was presented by City Clerk, Tracy B Jones. This was awarded to Customer Service Clerk, Heather Bollinger.

ITEM #2 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Yeomans called for nominations for the mayor Pro Tem for the 2021 year. Councilmember Veal nominated Gary Ates. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. Councilmember Anderson made the motion to close the nominations with Councilmember Veal seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider designating City Manager as Zoning Administrator. Council was asked to appoint the City Manager as the designee. The new Zoning Ordinance reads a Zoning Administrator will be appointed. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to designate the City Manager as the Zoning Administrator with Councilmember Ates seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 4 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Public Hearing- Public Hearing- Proposed zoning designation of B-2 Commercial Business District for the 1.99-acre parcel located on N. Ash Street near the Cochran By-Pass; Ajay Patel, Owner-.

Public Hearing called to order at 7:17PM

This public Hearing was called to designate the zoning area of B-2 Commercial Business District for the 1.99 -acre parcel located on North Ash street, Mr. Ajay Patel, owner of this parcel. Planning/ Zoning Committee held Public Hearing on 1/7/2021 and recommended this parcel be designated as B-2 Commercial Business District. City Council is asked to approve this parcel to be zoned B-2. Notification of this hearing was posted in the local organ and posted on THE City’s social media page. Mayor called for any input concerning this zoning designation.
No public input.

Public Hearing is closed at 7:21PM.

ITEM # 5- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Public Hearing- Proposed zoning designation of B-2 Business Commercial District for the approximately 36.21-acre parcel located at the corner of N. Ash Street and the Cochran By-Pass; Earl Arnold, Owner-

Public Hearing called to order at 7:22PM

This public Hearing was called to designate the zoning area of B-2 Commercial Business District for the 36.21 -acre parcel located on North Ash street, Earl Arnold, owner of this parcel. Planning/ Zoning Committee held Public Hearing on 1/7/2021 and recommended this parcel be designated as B-2 Commercial Business District. City Council is asked to approve this parcel to be zoned B-2. Notification of this hearing was posted in the local organ and posted on The City’s social media page. Mayor called for any input concerning this zoning designation.
No public input.

Public Hearing is closed at 7:24PM.

ITEM # 6- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Public Hearing- Proposed zoning designation of RM Multifamily Residential District for the 6.5-acre Havenwood Gardens parcel located at the corner of Daisy Adams Road and the Cochran By-Pass; Havenwood Gardens, LP, Owners

Public Hearing called to order at 7:25PM

This public Hearing was called to designate the zoning area of RM Multifamily Residential District for the 6.5-acre parcel located on Daisy Adams road and the Cochran By-pass, Havenwood Gardens, owner of this parcel. Planning/ Zoning Committee held Public Hearing on 1/7/2021 and recommended this parcel be designated as RM Multifamily Residential District. City Council is asked to approve this parcel to be zoned RM Multifamily Residential District Notification of this hearing was posted in the local organ and posted on social media. Mayor called for any input concerning this zoning designation. No public input.

Public Hearing is closed at 7:27PM.

ITEM # 7- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider adopting an ordinance to annex the following three parcels:

- **1.99-acre parcel located on N. Ash Street near the Cochran By-Pass; Ajay Patel, Owner- enclosed is Mr. Ajay Patel's signed annexation petition. The County tax parcel is B30 052A.**
- **36.21-acre parcel located at the corner of N. Ash Street and the Cochran By-Pass; Earl Arnold, Owner- enclosed is Mr. Earl Arnold's signed annexation petition. The site is on County tax parcel B30 052.**
- **6.5-acre Havenwood Gardens parcel located at the corner of Daisy Adams Road and the Cochran By-Pass; Havenwood Gardens, LP, Owners- enclosed is the signed annexation petition from Havenwood Gardens. The site is part of a larger County tax parcel B39 052.**

Councilmember Coley made the motion to adopt an ordinance to annex the following three parcels:

1.99-acre parcel located on N. Ash Street near the Cochran By-Pass; Ajay Patel, Owner- enclosed is Mr. Ajay Patel's signed annexation petition. The County tax parcel is B30 052A.

36.21-acre parcel located at the corner of N. Ash Street and the Cochran By-Pass; Earl Arnold, Owner- enclosed is Mr. Earl Arnold's signed annexation petition. The site is on County tax parcel B30 052.

6.5-acre Havenwood Gardens parcel located at the corner of Daisy Adams Road and the Cochran By-Pass; Havenwood Gardens, LP, Owners- enclosed is the signed annexation petition from Havenwood Gardens. The site is part of a larger County tax parcel B39 052.

Councilmember Ates seconded the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote. 5- yes 0- no.

ITEM #8 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider assigning the zoning designations for the three newly annexed parcels.
This can be done in one motion.

- **B-2 Commercial Business District for the 1.99-acre parcel located on N. Ash Street near the Cochran By-Pass, Ajay Patel, Owner.**
- **B-2 Business Commercial District for the approximately 36.21-acre parcel located at the corner of N. Ash Street and the Cochran By-Pass, Earl Arnold, Owner.**
- **RM Multifamily Residential District for the 6.5-acre Havenwood Gardens parcel located at the corner of Daisy Adams Road and the Cochran By-Pass; Havenwood Gardens, LP, Owners.**

Councilmember Coley made the motion to assign the zoning designations for the three newly annexed parcels as follows:

- **B-2 Commercial Business District for the 1.99-acre parcel located on N. Ash Street near the Cochran By-Pass, Ajay Patel, Owner.**
- **B-2 Business Commercial District for the approximately 36.21-acre parcel located at the corner of N. Ash Street and the Cochran By-Pass, Earl Arnold, Owner.**
- **RM Multifamily Residential District for the 6.5-acre Havenwood Gardens parcel located at the corner of Daisy Adams Road and the Cochran By-Pass; Havenwood Gardens, LP, Owners.**

Councilmember Veal seconded the motion with all voting by voice. 5-yes 0-no

ITEM # 9- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Approve Budget Calendar for 2021- Council was given a Budget Calendar for FY2021-22 for consideration. With this calendar, the Council will begin holding budget sessions in April, and the target date for budget approval is June 8, 2021. Councilmember Coley suggested the date of May 18 be deleted from calendar due to activities at the end of school. Also, Councilmember Coley asked if the entities being funded by the City could bring a bullet point summary of what they have done with the funds given by the City. Councilmember Ates made the motion to approve the budget calendar for FY2021-22 with Councilmember Coley seconding the motion with the edited changes. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 10- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approval of a Resolution and Certified Assurances for the CHIP 2021 grant application. Council was asked to approve a Resolution and certified assurances documentation for the upcoming CHIP application. The CHIP grant application will be for \$400,000, and is due on Friday, January 29. Council was asked to approve resolution that will be included in this coming year CHIP application with certified assurances. The Mayor is authorized to sign the appropriate documents. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to approve the resolution for the CHIP application with Councilmember Ates seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM #11 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider the DDA recommendation of appointing Mr. Vins Howell to the DDA to fill the unexpired term of Glenn Sawyer. DDA director, Rusty Lloyd gave a background on Mr. Howell. He is a business owner in the City and the DDA has approved his appointment. Councilmember Coley made the motion to approve Mr. Howell with Councilmember Ates seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM #12 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider an appointment to the Recreation Board recommendation to appoint Justin Frederick to serve as a City appointee on the Cochran/Bleckley County Recreation Board. Recreation Board sent a request to the Mayor for Mr. Frederick to be placed on the CBRD Board. Mayor called for a motion. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to approve Mr. Justin Frederick to the Recreation Board with Councilmember Coley seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM #13 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving a holiday calendar for calendar year 2021. Council was given a calendar of 2021 Holidays. Councilmember Ates made the motion to approve the 2021 Holiday calendar that was presented with Councilmember Coley seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 14- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider extending supplemental pay benefit for two pay periods. Council could extend to the \$125 from 16-30 of January or could go two pay periods at a time. Discussion was made about the stipulations of the hazard pay. Councilmember Coley made the motion to extend the supplemental pay to Police, Fire and Public Works and all part time employees working full time hours until February 13, 2021. Motion passes with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 15- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider reappointment of Edgar Jarrett to the Housing Authority Board. Mayor Yeomans stated he received a call from Housing Authority wanting to extend Edgar Jarrett appointment for 5 years. Councilmember Ates made the motion to approve Mr. Jarrett for an additional 5 years to the Housing Authority Board with Councilmember Coley seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

City Manager Comments:

- GICH update/CHIP update
- Zoning Ordinance Updates/ Public Hearing
- City Retreat update

Council Discussion Items:

- Anderson – Reflected back on 2020.
- Ates – None.
- Coley – Asked everyone to stay safe and take all precautions to stay safe. Inquired about 20-21 Audit.
- Jones – Absent
- Lemmon– Expressed how important it was to get the COVID vaccine
- Veal-None
- Mayor Yeomans – Thanked the council for all they do and asked for everyone to be safe.

Councilmember Ates made the motion to adjourn with Councilmember Coley seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

(SEAL)

Tracy B Jones
City Clerk