

# Cochran City Council Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Session @ 7:00 PM

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

<u>City Council</u> <u>City Staff</u>

| Billy Yeomans, Mayor                                | Richard Newbern, City Manager |
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| Keith Anderson, Council Member (District 1, Post 1) | Candace Summerall, City Clerk |
| Gary Ates, Council Member (District 1, Post 2)      | Jim Elliott, City Attorney    |
| Carla Coley, Council Member (District 2 Post 1)     |                               |
| Lonnie Tedders, Council Member (District 2, Post 2) |                               |
| Andrew Lemmon, Council Member (District 3, Post 1)  |                               |
| Shane Savant, Council Member (District 3, Post 2)   |                               |

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

- 1. Adopt Minutes Regular Session 09/10//2024- Motion by Council Member Ates, seconded by Council Member Lemmon, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Adopt Agenda Regular Session 10/10/2024 Motion by Council Member Savant, seconded by Council Member Ates, to strike agenda item #3 regarding amending the utility ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

### VI. Agenda Items

- 1. Public Hearing and consider setting the Millage Rate for 2024
- Motion by Council Member Ates, seconded by Council Member Tedders, to set the millage rate at the rollback rate of 10.875 mills.
- The motion passed 4-1, with Council Members Anderson, Ates, Lemmon and Tedders in favor, and Council Member Savant opposed.
- 2. Consider accepting the \$84,900 Land and Water Conservation grant for Willie Basby Park
- Motion by Council Member Ates, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to accept the \$84,900 grant and provide the \$85,000 local match from recreation SPLOST funds.
- The motion passed 4-1, with Council Members Anderson, Ates, Lemmon and Tedders in favor, and Council Member Savant opposed.
- 3. Consider amending the utility ordinance regarding distance requirements for connecting to City water and/or sewer system
- [Agenda item struck]
- 4. Consider option to provide AirMedCare insurance option to employees
- No motion taken
- 5. Reappointment of Debra Turner to another four-year term on the Cochran Housing Authority.
- By consensus, the Council approved reappointing Debra Turner to another four-year term on the Cochran Housing Authority. No formal vote was taken.
- 6. Consider amending business license ordinance due date.

 Motion by Council Member Lemmon, seconded by Council Member Ates, to amend the City Business License Ordinance to change the due date to December 31st. Motion passed unanimously.

## VII. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

#### VIII. Council Discussion/Items

## IX. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 1. Next Work Session Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
- 2. Next Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

#### X. Public Comments

### XI. Executive Session (if needed)

- A.  $\checkmark$  Meeting to discuss pending or potential litigation with legal counsel and to discuss or vote on settlement provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1).
- B. ✓ Meeting to discuss or vote on authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(1).
- C. ✓ Meeting to discuss or vote on the acquisition, disposition or lease of real estate by the city O.C.G.A §50-14-3(b)(1).
- D. ✓ Meeting to discuss hiring, compensation, evaluation, or disciplinary action for a specific public officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A §50-14-3(b)(2).
- E. ✓ Meeting to discuss or interview an applicant to be executive head of a department O.C.G.A.§ 50-14-3(b)(1).
- F.  $\checkmark$  Meeting to discuss records that are exempt from disclosure 50-14-3(b)(4).