



**MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, December 8, 2015**  
**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 Stoy, Councilmembers Willie Basby, Gary Ates, Eric Bisher, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon. Absent: Charles Cranford

Call to order by the Mayor. The invocation was given by Councilmember Basby followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Eric Bisher.

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve the November 10, 2015 Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**Agenda Items**

**Item # 1 – Presented by Mayor Stoy**

Proclamation to Bleckley County High School Boys Cross Country Team  
Coach Cranford and several members of the team were present to receive a proclamation honoring the team for winning state.

**Item # 2 – Presented by Mayor Stoy**

Proclamation to Councilmember Willie Basby  
Mayor Stoy presented outgoing Councilmember Willie Basby with a plaque, a key to the city and also announcing Tuesday, December 15, 2015 as Councilman Willie Basby Day.

**Item # 3 – Presented by Mayor Stoy**

Councilmember recognitions  
Mayor Stoy presented outgoing Councilmember Eric Bisher with a plaque for his 13 years of serving on the council. Councilmember Tommy Guyton was presented with a check equivalent to a plaque so he could make a donation to GCRR (rescue animal shelter).

## **Mayor Updates**

City Park - A strategic plan has been completed. Engineering services are being donated by Falcon Design. Falcon will do a preliminary design and give an estimated cost analysis. A summary will be posted on the city's web site for citizen's review.

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

City Manager Richard Newbern thanked all who attended the annual Christmas Parade. Councilmember Willie Basby was the Marshall for this year's parade.

The recreation department will have its first basketball game on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

January 2016 the city will switch over to automatic side load for garbage pick-up. A video to view the automatic side load in action is posted on the city's web site.

The city received GEFA contracts for \$5 million in loans; half is for water and half for sewer lines. The city is studying options for USDA loans.

Insituform was awarded the bid for the CDBG sewer improvement project.

The Zoning Committee will meet Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> to review development standards for residential and new business development. The public is invited to attend.

Department expense reports were distributed.

Fire Chief Kevin Noles stated that ISO will turn in their report next Monday; therefore, the city should receive its ratings report in mid-January.

Police Chief Chris Coley stated that their Facebook page for the police department is up and running. Roll-up doors were installed at Animal Control. A Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2016 at Marthann Church.

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

Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting—January 12, 2016 @ 6:00 pm

Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – January 12, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to leave Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to award City Manager Richard Newbern a bonus of \$425. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Adjourn at 9:00 pm.

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Lisa Chastain, City Clerk