



**MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2016**  
**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 Gary Ates, Jon Thrower, Charles Cranford, Andrew Lemmon, Regina Gooch and Fleming Gilman.

Call to order by the Mayor. The invocation was given by Councilmember Ates followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Thrower.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Thrower seconded the motion to adopt the agenda after adding speed bumps as agenda item #6. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to accept the April 12, 2016 work session and regular session minutes, the April 19, 2016 special called meeting minutes and the April 26, 2016 special called meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

### **Agenda Items**

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

Proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Mayor Stoy recognized the officers of the Cochran Police Department along with retired officers by reading the proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day effective May 15, 2016.

**Item # 2 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

Mutual aid agreement between the City of Cochran and Middle Georgia State University, Police Department. The mutual aid agreement allows the Cochran Police to provide assistance, if needed, to the Middle Georgia State University Police Department. Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to authorize Mayor Stoy to sign the MOU on behalf of Council. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

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

Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Thrower seconded the motion to approve the strategic plan. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor. The plan will be effective July 1, 2016.

**Item # 4 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

**Resolution 12-16;** Approve the complete closure of the City of Cochran's inert landfill.

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to approve Resolution 12-16. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 5 - Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

**Resolution 13-16;** Approve contract in the amount of \$186,616.00 to Commercial Fencing Co. for the Airport Fencing Phase II at the Cochran-Bleckley County Airport. Project is financed with federal, state and local funding. Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to approve Resolution 13-16. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 6 - Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

Approval for speed bumps on Johnson Street.

Public Works Director Jacob Daniels informed Council that concrete speed bumps are permanent and cannot be removed. Council determined that asphalt speed bumps would be sufficient. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Gooch seconded the motion for approval of speed bumps on Johnson Street. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Mayor Updates**

Mayor Stoy gave an update on Kuhmo Tire.

**City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates**

SouthData will begin printing and mailing all utility bills effective May 25, 2016.

Department updates – Handouts were provided to each councilmember.

Skip Layton stated that the Peyton Williams area is in need of better drainage. Also, the radio read system for water meters will be ready to bid at the end of May. Rehab on the water tanks will also go out for bid.

The downtown parking plans were submitted to DOT for approval.

Chief Kevin Noles introduced Matt Hancock as a new firefighter. Mr. Hancock will also be in charge of training.

Next budget meeting will be held 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at City Hall.

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Gilman requested that minutes from the previous meetings be read aloud at each council meeting. No action taken at this time until further review.

**Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

**Special Called Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at City Hall.**

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting–June 14, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – June 14, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

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

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

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Gooch seconded the motion for City Manager Richard Newbern to write a letter to Commissioner Bob Brockman asking him to ensure the City they will have the same level of fire protection and suppression, maintain ISO rating and allow the City some input and control if the City explores the County's offer to take over fire services. Commissioner Brockman will need to provide sufficient data and information. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

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

**Adjourn at 10:05 pm**

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Lisa Chastain  
City Clerk

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