



**Cochran City Council
Thursday, November 13, 2014
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Community House located at 192 South Third Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Willie Basby, Eric Bisher, Charles Cranford, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon. Absent: Gary Ates.

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

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to approve the October 14, 2014 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2014 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and the October 15, 2014 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 1 – Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Resolution 39-14; Provide services to the owner of the private water system at Sand Hill Subdivision for \$200.00 per month. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve Resolution 39-14. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 2 – Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Resolution 40-14; Exempt 100% of the value of such tangible personal property from ad valorem taxation on all three questions presented to the voters of the City of Cochran on November 4, 2014. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve Resolution 40-14. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 3 – Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Resolution 41-14; Agreement between Bleckley Memorial Hospital and the City of Cochran for inpatient and outpatient services to City employees. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve Resolution 41-14. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 4 – Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Resolution 42-14; Agreement between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc., (JAG) and the Municipal Court of Cochran. This agreement will provide probation supervision, fine collections, counseling and other probation services for persons convicted of certain misdemeanors. Councilmember Bishesr made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve Resolution 42-14. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 5 – Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Ordinance 13-14; Sign Ordinance. Councilmember Cranford made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 13-14. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 6 - Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Amendment to Ordinance 13-13; Chapter 22 Article II, Flood Damage Prevention. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance 13-13. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 7 – Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

The Department of Juvenile Justice would like to adopt Ash Street for a clean-up project. Clean up would be held beginning January 5th and every three months afterwards. They are requesting the City to provide trash bags, 12 to 14 safety vests and pick up of all trash bags. They are also requesting signage. Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Bisher seconded the motion to approve the clean-up project. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 8 - Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Agreement between Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, Inc. and the City for airport services at the Cochran Municipal Airport. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve the agreement. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 9 - Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Agreement for engineering services between G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers and the City for the Community Development Block Grant Program to construct sewerage system improvements. Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Bisher seconded the motion to approve the agreement and the change order. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 10 - Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Agreement between Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC and the City for auditing services. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve the agreement. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 11 - Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Cochran Insurance proposal. Premiums are less than last year's premiums. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve the insurance proposal. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Mayor Updates

Deborah Turner's term on the Housing Authority is set to expire on November 20, 2014. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to reappoint Deborah Turner. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

A Fire Committee has been established. Those appointed to represent the city are Ed Wallace, Bob Bennett and Dale Mullis.

City Manager Updates

Jim and Diane Tilton are requesting the City to install a street light at the end of Crest Drive past their driveway. Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to approve installing a street light. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Mayor Stoy would like to establish a policy for approving the installation of new street lights. Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson will inquire with Georgia Power for a representative to help with determining the need for lights.

Six dilapidated houses are scheduled to go to Municipal Court. They will be presented to Municipal Judge Dennis Mullis for his ruling.

Falcon Designs, consulting Engineer, met with City staff about the mapping project funded by our bond issue. Crews will be in town to start mapping for the new system within the next two weeks.

Handouts with department updates were presented to Council.

Council Discussion Items

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to accept the following holiday closings. Councilmembers Bisher and Lemmon voted Yea; Councilmember Guyton voted Nay.

Holiday Closings:

Thanksgiving – Close at noon November 26, 2014. City employees will have Thanksgiving lunch at the fire department. Close all day November 27th and 28th (Thursday & Friday).

Christmas – Close December 24th (Wednesday) and reopen on December 29th (Monday).

New Year's – Close January 1, 2015 (Thursday). Reopen on January 2, 2015 (Friday).

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to exit Executive Session.

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to approve a \$100 gift card to full-time employees and a \$50 gift card to part-time employees. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to authorize Mayor Stoy to negotiate for a new City Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn 8:50 pm.

Lisa Chastain
City Clerk