



**AGENDA**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, August 14, 2018**  
**Regular Meeting @ 7:00PM**

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

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**City Council**

Billy Yeomans, Mayor  
Fleming Gilman, Mayor Pro Tem  
*(District 3, Post 2)*  
Robert Anderson, Council Member  
*(District 2, Post 1)*  
Regina Gooch, Council Member  
*(District 1, Post 2)*  
Jon Thrower, Council Member  
*(District 2, Post 2)*  
Andrew Lemmon, Council Member  
*(District 3, Post 1)*  
Keith Anderson, Council Member  
*(District 1, Post 1)*

**City Staff**

Richard Newbern, City  
Manager  
Tracy Jones, City Clerk  
  
Leo Phillips, City Attorney

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- 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**

Consider a Call for Election to fill the vacancy in the District Two, Post 1 City Council seat. The unexpired term runs until December 31, 2021

### **ITEM # 2 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider contracting with Springsted, Inc. of Newnan, Ga. to conduct a financial analysis and prepare a forecast for the Water and Sewer Fund. The cost is \$5,350 to be paid from Water/Sewer Fund Professional Services

### **ITEM # 3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider contracting with the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission from Baxley to in the amount of \$5,000 to prepare an Urban Redevelopment Plan (URP) for Cochran's downtown and surrounding area. Funds are budgeted in the City's Administrative Professional Services line item.

### **ITEM # 4- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider purchasing a 12-passenger replacement van from Bleckley County Extension 4-H in the amount of \$3,500 to be used by the City's women prison crew. The vehicle will be paid from the TIA discretionary funds

### **ITEM # 5- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider approving a new Mutual Aid Agreement between the Cochran Police Department and the Bleckley County Sheriff's Department

### **ITEM # 6- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider approval of a "one-officer/one-car" patrol car policy in the Police Department.

### **ITEM # 7- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider approval of a contract with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for a \$65,975.77 GEMA reimbursement to the City for expenses incurred by the City during Hurricane IRMA last September 2017.

### **ITEM #8 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider purchase of a 70 hp tractor and 10' attachment mower for the Public Works Department. Purchase is from the Georgia State Contract and funds will be paid from 2013 Road SPLOST.

### **ITEM #9 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider signing agreement with Giddens, Bennett & Company for the FY 18/19 audit.

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

## **VIII. Council Discussion Items**

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

- X. Public Comments** (Please note that every individual who signs up to speak prior to the meeting will be given a total of five minutes to address the Mayor and Council.)

- ❖ Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session – September 11, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
- ❖ Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – September 11, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

## **XI. Executive Session**

- A.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A).
- B.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).
- C.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- D.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D).
- (X) E.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).
- (X) F.** Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- G.** Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- H.** Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved.
- I.** Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-3(a)(1).

**Adjourn**