



**MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**June 8, 2021**  
**Regular Scheduled Meeting @ 7PM**

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

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Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Ates  
Councilmembers: Carla Coley, Keith Anderson, Jimmy Jones, Andrew Lemmon,  
Absent: Rufus Veal

Call to order by Mayor Billy Yeomans @ 7:00PM

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Ates followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Anderson.

Mayor called for a motion to approve the June 8, 2021; agenda as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Ates made the motion to accept the agenda as presented with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 4-0

Mayor called for a motion to approve the minutes from May 11, 2021. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to accept 5/11/21 minutes with Councilmember Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 4-0

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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**

Employee of the Month. City Clerk, Tracy B Jones, presented the employee of the month to Mercedes Sanders, Customer Service Clerk at City Hall. She presented Mrs. Sanders with a \$100 check along with a subway card and a certificate.

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

Proclamation on Gun Violence Mayor Yeomans read a letter that was sent to the Mayor and City Council explaining Dre Day. Then Mayor Yeomans invited the ones promoting Dre Day to the front as he read the Proclamation on Gun Violence. After reading the Proclamation, Mayor Yeomans presented it to Kelia Moss, a member of the Dre Day Foundation.

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

Consider adopting FY 2021/22 Budget Ordinance. Council was asked to approve the FY 2021-2022 budget ordinance. Mr. Newbern stated the new budget begins July 1, 2021 and runs through June 30, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Ates made the motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Budget with Councilmember Jones seconding the motion. Motion passes with all voting in favor. 5-0

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

Consider awarding bid on Airport Hangar roof repair. Airport Authority received two bids for the repair of the hanger roof. Olde South Contractors \$30,120 and Skyline Construction \$84,380. The Airport Authority recommends the City Council to award the bid to Olde South Contractors from East Dublin. The City's portion of \$8,560 is budgeted in the FY 21/22 budget. Jim Washburn, Airport Manager, gave a report on the Airports recommendation. He explained the \$13,000 offset is a federal grant through GA DOT. Councilmember Jones made the motion to award bid the Olde South Contractors out of East Dublin in the amount of \$30,120 with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

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

Consider designating GMA voting Representative at GMA Annual Convention, as well as voting alternate. The GMA Convention in Savannah will be held Friday August 6- August 10. The Council will designate a voting representative and an alternate to participate in the business meeting on behalf of the City. Nominations were made for Mayor Yeomans to be the voting delegate with Mayor Pro Tem Ates as the alternate. Council voted by raising their hands. 5 yes for Mayor and 5 Yes for Mayor Pro Tem Ates.

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

Consider changing the regularly scheduled meeting in August from Tuesday, August 10, 2021, to Tuesday, August 17, 2021, due to the revised schedule of the GMA Annual Convention. Council discussed this item briefly. Mayor called for a vote, 4 was for August 17 and 1 was for August 3. Mayor Pro Tem made the motion to move the August meeting to August 17 instead of August 10 due to Annual GMA Convention with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

**ITEM # 7- Presented by Councilmember Coley**

Consider becoming an affiliate to the Keep Georgia Beautiful Again Campaign. Councilmember Coley added this to agenda to see if the Council would be interested in joining. Councilmember Coley spoke with people affiliated with Keep America Beautiful. It involves community support; a financial

commitment and it has several benefits. Council agreed for Councilmember Coley to get more information and it will be placed on the work session in July.

**City Manager Updates:**

- ❖ **Update on Havenwood Garden II**
- ❖ **Update on Plan First**
- ❖ **Update on LMIG**
- ❖ **Comp Plan update**

**Council Discussion Items:**

**District 1 (Anderson- Thanked Public Works for a good job on a quick response to an issue Ates- None)**

**District 2 (Veal/Coley)-Thanked the City for painting and working on the City Auditorium.**

**District 3 (Jones- Encouraged placing garbage in receptacles.**

**Lemmon- None)-.**

Mayor stated for everyone to stay safe. Be kind and check on neighbors. Thanked all City employees, and the Councilmembers for all their hard work and dedication to the City of Cochran.

**Public Comments:**

Mary Pitts: 110 Palm Street

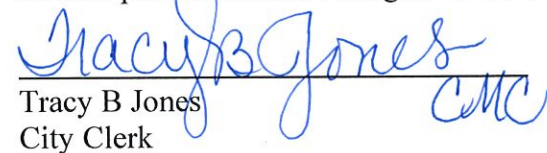
Asked Richard if there were any plans concerning the park in Cochran. She asked him about any properties or ideas. She states a park needs to be for children and everyone as a community. She stated she was willing to help in any way and to draw up a plan.

Shaun Ratley: 155 Jerrell Floyd Road

He expressed his thoughts about opening his body art studio in Cochran. He has been trying to open since the first of May. He posted on Cochran Info and News and asked how many people would like a body art studio and he got close to 400 responses with overwhelming support for the studio. Talked to Richard and the zoning and ordinance issues keep coming up. He wanted to speak to Council directly so they could get a better understanding.

Mayor Pro Tem Ates made the motion to adjourn with Councilmember Jones seconding the motion.

Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0 8:16pm

  
Tracy B Jones  
City Clerk

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