



**AGENDA**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**  
**Regular Schedule Meeting @ 7:00PM**

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

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**City Council**

Billy Yeomans, Mayor  
Rufus Veal, Council Member  
*(District 2, Post 2)*  
Carla Coley, Council Member  
*(District 2 Post 1)*  
Gary Ates, Council Member  
*(District 1, Post 2)*  
Jimmy Jones, Council Member  
*(District 3, 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  
Jim Elliott, City Attorney

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- I. Call to Order by the Mayor**
  - II. Invocation**
  - III. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - IV. Attendance**
  - V. Adopt Agenda/Minutes**

**VI. Agenda Items**

**ITEM #1- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**  
Swearing in of three City Council Members

**ITEM #2- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**  
Election of Mayor Pro Tem

**ITEM #3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**  
Consider adopting Budget Calendar for 2024

**ITEM #4- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**  
Consider a Resolution of support for the City's \$700,000 federal grant application awaiting Congressional budget approval

**ITEM #5- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**  
Consider approving Grant Review Committee's recommendation on hiring a grants administrator

**ITEM #6- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**  
Consider rescinding the City Council's approval of the 2023 CDBG special condition requirement for a Language Access Plan (L.A.P.) and consider a re-vote for L.A.P

**ITEM #7- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**  
Consider adoption of 2023 CDBG Housing Policies and Procedures

**ITEM #8- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**  
Consider award of Bid to L & L Utilities, Inc. from Dublin, GA to replace an approx.. 1,000 l.f. of water line on the segment of Lewis Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets

**ITEM #9- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**  
Consider approving LMIG project listing for the 2024 Ga. DOT LMIG road resurfacing application.

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

- ❖ Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session – Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
- ❖ Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

#### **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 3 minutes to address the Mayor and Council)

#### **XI.**

- A. Meeting to discuss pending or potential litigation with legal counsel and to discuss or vote on settlement provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1).
- ✓ B. Meeting to discuss or vote on authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(1).
- ✓ C. Meeting to discuss or vote on the acquisition, disposition or lease of real estate by the city O.C.G.A §50-14-3(b)(1).
- ✓ D. Meeting to discuss hiring, compensation, evaluation, or disciplinary action for a specific public officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A §50-14-3(b)(2).
- ✓ E. Meeting to discuss or interview an applicant to be executive head of a department O.C.G.A.§ 50-14-3(b)(1).
- F. Meeting to discuss records that are exempt from disclosure 50-14-3(b)(4).

