

May 13, 2014, City Council Work Session Minutes

Mayor Stoy, Council Members Charles Cranford, Willie Basby, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon were present along with City Manager Ray Gibson.

Absent was Councilmember Gary Ates and City Manager Ray Gibson.

The following was presented by Mayor Stoy.

Item # 1 - Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

Resolution 22-14: Request to approve the purchase of Digital Radios and associated equipment for the Fire Department from RCE of Macon with SPLOST 2013 Funds in the amount of \$12,092.50.

County Commissioner Bob Brockman is working on a bulk order to get a better cost. The Council requested that City Manager Gibson and Fire Chief Glenn Lord consult with Mr. Brockman.

Item # 2 - Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

Resolution 23-14: Request to approve a contract agreement with American Infrastructure Technologies Corporation for the repair of the Lake Linda sewer line in the amount of \$94,675.00.

Contract is funded by TAN. Work should begin on Monday, May 19, 2014 to reline the sewer lines at Lake Linda. The money has been secured from State Bank of Cochran. A copy of the resolution will need to be taken to the bank.

Item # 3 - Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

Ordinance 01-14 – An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances, City of Cochran, Georgia, to repeal Division 1, Sections 2-117 through 2-127, regarding personnel policies; to create a new Division 1., Sections 2-117 through 2-150, Entitled “City of Cochran Personnel Policy Handbook”; to provide for penalties; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and, for other purposes.

Council will use the amended policy for reference.

City Manager Updates by Mayor Stoy

- Wood Oak Subdivision sewer line installation
Mr. Jacob Daniels, GM Supervisor, provided a map of Wood Oak Subdivision. Eight homes will benefit from this project. The City will try to take on this project in-house to save money.
- Pot holes
Jacob Daniels provided a pot hold tracker listing including instructions that are used to repair pot holes. Forty-five pot holes costing approximately \$1900.00 have been repaired by the Street Department. Citizens can report pot holes by going to the new City web site.
- Animal Control Report
An Animal Control monthly report was provided to each Councilmember.
- City Marshal Ordinance Violation Report
A City Marshal Ordinance Violation Report was provided to each Councilmember.

- 162 South Third Street
Mr. Neal Patel, owner of this property, has been sent a letter outlining the number of complaints and arrests. Mr. Patel will use the letter to help evict the subjects.
- Fence along Dollar General property line
City Manager Gibson is waiting to hear from the manager. The city will check on the planning and zoning for this area.
- Financial software transition
Upgrades and updates are on-going to transition to the Q Series of QS1.

Council Discussion Items

- Park land and recreation equipment
Discussion of where a park could be located in the city for families to utilize.
- Boys and Girls Club
Discussion of whether we want to look into a Boys and Girls Club and can the city afford it.

Councilmember Eric Bisher inquired about street lights for Rose Street. This area is getting hit with robberies due to the lack of lighting. Council also discussed getting GA Power to use energy efficiency lights to help with cost savings.

Councilmember Charles Cranford stated that Pine Street needed speed breakers. According to Interim Police Chief Chris Coley, DOT has to be contacted before speed breakers can be placed. In the past, speed breakers were placed illegally and the city was not in compliance.

Interim Police Chief Chris Coley gave an update on the police department.

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Lisa Chastain
City Clerk