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**Cochran City Council
Tuesday, April 19, 2017
Special Called Meeting @ 5:00 PM**

City Hall 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Gary Ates, Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon, Councilmembers Regina Gooch, Jon Thrower, Keith Anderson, Fleming Gilman and Charles Cranford.

Call to order by Mayor Ates. The invocation was given by Mayor Ates followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Thrower.

Mayor Pro Tem Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Thrower seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Agenda Items

Item #1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Consider Naming the basketball court near the Peyton Williams Center at Ribbon Cutting scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017 @ 9AM. A recommendation was made for the park to be named after an ex-councilmember, Willie Basby. Mayor Pre-Tem made a motion to name the basketball court near the Peyton Williams Center Willie Basby Recreation Park. Councilman Fleming Gilman seconded the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

City Manager Richard Newbern also wanted to add to the motion that a Proclamation would be developed.

Councilman Jon Thrower asked about having a plaque made in the near future to be placed at the park. Councilmember Regina Gooch asked were any other names considered. Mayor Ates stated there were no recommendations made. Making a plaque will be considered.

Mayor Ates stated he felt there should be an 8-foot fence around the perimeter of the court and a fence separating the adult court from the children's court. A time for opening and closing the courts was also discussed. Councilmembers agreed on the time from 8AM to 8PM.

Mayor Ates spoke with Eric Bishop, Harvey's grocery store manager, about donating hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns for the ribbon cutting ceremony. He agreed to this donation. Danny Pitts will do the grilling for the activities.

The council was also notified by Chief Coley and Public Works Director Jacob Daniels when the detour would go into effect for the bypass construction. Closure will last up to 12 months and will begin April 25, 2017.

City Manager Richard Newbern gave an update on the zoning committee meeting May 4 @ 6:30 pm at the community house.

Public comments .

Ms. Catherine Guyton asked newly elected councilmembers why they wanted to serve as a councilmember for The City of Cochran.

Councilmember Fleming Gilman stated he saw things that needed to be done and the City needed someone on council.

Councilmember Regina Gooch stated she also saw things that needed to be done and knew she could help.

Keith Anderson stated he wanted to give back to the City and do what he could for the City.

Jon Thrower stated he loved the City of Cochran.

Councilmember Fleming Gilman made the motion to adjourn and Councilmember Regina Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor. 6-0

Mayor Ates asked to make a motion to go in executive session. Councilmember Fleming Gilman made the motion to go into executive session and Councilmember Regina Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

Councilmember Jon Thrower made a motion to go back into regular session and Councilmember Keith Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor. 6-0

Councilmember Regina Gooch made the motion to adjourn and Councilman Fleming Gilman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor. 6-0

Adjourned @ 6:36pm

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Tracy B Jones- City Clerk