



**Cochran City Council
Tuesday, April 28, 2015
Special Called Meeting Minutes**

City Hall located at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Willie Basby, Gary Ates, Eric Bisher, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon; City Attorney Leo Phillips.

Absent: Charles Cranford

Call to order by the Mayor at 6:00 pm. The invocation was given by Councilmember Basby followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Bisher.

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Guyton seconded the motion to exit Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Guyton made a motion to immediately take down the Christian flag at City Hall. There being no second, motion falls to the floor.

Councilmember Ates made a motion to remove the Christian flag on May 8, 2015. Councilmember Basby seconded the motion. Councilmembers Lemmon and Bisher voted yes; Councilmember Guyton voted no. Motion passes with the vote being four to one to remove the flag on May 8, 2015.

City Manager Richard Newbern discussed the 2015-2016 budget. Councilmembers were given a budget document with highlights of the water/sewer fund, building assessment needs, the general fund and information on a proposed millage rate adjustment. Meetings will need to be set for budget hearings in order to adopt the budget by July 1, 2015.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to give City Manager Richard Newbern authority to set the appropriate dates for budget hearings. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn.

Lisa Chastain