



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Community House located at 192 South Third Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Willie Basby, Gary Ates, Eric Bisher, Charles Cranford, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon.

Call to order by the Mayor. The invocation was given by Councilmember Basby followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Eric Bisher.

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to adopt the agenda with the exclusion of Item #6. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Bisher seconded the motion to approve the July 14, 2015 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 1 – Presented by Mayor Mike Stoy

State Representative Bubber Epps will brief City Council on the 2015 Legislation.

State Representative Bubber Epps addressed the growth factor, reserve account, educational funding, funding for teachers among other items of interest.

Item # 2 – Presented by Mayor Mike Stoy

Bleckley County Elementary School 4th Grade, Playground Proposal.

Mrs. Fernandez along with three Bleckley County 4th graders gave a brief presentation on the importance of a park in Cochran. Each student read a letter and presented drawings of a proposed park. A petition was also presented with approximately 128 signed supporters. Mayor Stoy made a proposal to form a task force with the entire 4th grade serving as the sub-committee. Councilmembers Lemmon and Basby will serve on the committee on behalf of City Council.

Item # 3 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Resolution 12-15; Purchase police car through the GMA Financial Services.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve Resolution 12-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 4 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern
Resolution 11-15; Contract with Edmunds and Associates, Inc.

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to pass Resolution 11-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor. Edmunds and Associates will be responsible for providing all hardware and software for a new, upgraded computer system.

Item # 5 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern
Ordinance 04-15; Change solid waste dump fees.

Councilmember Guyton made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to pass Ordinance 04-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor. Up to 3000 gallons of sewage will be \$50 and over 3000 gallons of sewage will be \$75.

Item # 7 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern
Ordinance 06-15; Adjust cemetery plot fees for Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Bisher seconded the motion to pass Ordinance 06-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor. A 20 x 20 burial lot shall be \$2500 each, 10 x 10 burial lot shall be \$750 each and 10 x 20 burial lot shall be \$1500 each.

Item # 8 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern
Ordinance 07-15; Demolition permit fees.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to pass Ordinance 07-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor. A structure 1000 sq. feet shall be \$10; 1001 to 1999 sq. feet shall be \$20; 2001 sq. feet to 2999 sq. feet shall be \$30 and 3001 sq. feet to 3999 sq. feet shall be \$40.

Item # – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern
Approval to allocate \$2400.00 to the City of Allentown to support their purchase of a (USFA) grant funded ladder truck.

Councilmember Guyton made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve the allocation of \$2400.00 to the City of Allentown. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

VIII. Mayor Updates

The IDA has hired Ms. Nicole Ward as the new President/CEO of the combined Industrial Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce of Cochran-Bleckley County. Ms. Ward will start work on August 17, 2015.

Updates to all available properties are posted to the Chamber/IDA website.

IX. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

City Manager Richard Newbern introduced Mr. Kevin Noles as the new Fire Chief of the Cochran-Bleckley Fire Department. Chief Noles will start work on August 24, 2015.

Department updates were distributed to all councilmembers.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting–September 8, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – September 8, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

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

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

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Adjourn
9:26 pm

Lisa Chastain
City Clerk