



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
Tuesday, July 12, 2016
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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

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

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

Councilmember Gooch made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to accept the July 12, 2016 agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

City Clerk Lisa Chastain read the minutes of the June 14, 2016 regular session.

Councilmember Gooch made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to approve the June 14, 2016 Work Session Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Agenda Items

Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Adam Cochran, Advanced Disposal.

Mr. Cochran discussed staffing issues and expressed to council that Advanced was aware of the yard waste problem. Advanced is making changes to correct these problems. The ASL truck has not been utilized due to its load limitations. Advanced plans to begin using the ASL truck after the summer.

Item # 2 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Gus Elliott, student from UGA.

Mr. Elliott is a graduate student in the University of Georgia Public Administration program. For one of his classes, he performed a facilities and building analysis of the Cochran Police Department and City Hall. Mr. Elliott selected this topic because the City qualified for the GMA Practicum program. Mr. Elliott presented a power point and report to Council on his assessment.

Item # 3 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Fire Department name.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thrower and seconded by Councilmember Cranford to approve the name City of Cochran Fire & Emergency Services for the fire department. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 4 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Mutual Aid Agreements.

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Gooch seconded the motion for the fire department to enter into Mutual Aid Agreements and allow Mayor Stoy to sign the agreements. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 5 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

SPLOST report.

Councilmembers received a handout with the SPLOST breakdown.

City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

No bids were received for the Peyton Williams project. The City will consider doing some of the work and contract out the remaining work.

Councilmember Thrower wants to meet with the Recreation Department to discuss use of SPLOST funds. City Manager Newbern reported that Skip Layton, City Engineer, will be attending a meeting at the recreation to discuss drainage needs.

Gateway signs will be delivered late July or early August. Civic organizations may obtain new club signs for placement.

The zoning committee will be meeting to review annexations.

Department Updates

Department handouts were provided to Councilmembers. Chief Chris Coley stated that the bike patrol will be starting soon. The police department will be hosting a National Night Out on August 2, 2016.

Willie Farrow, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that two houses have been approved for demolition assistance. Five cases are going to court on Friday, July 15, 2016.

Skip Layton reported on the drainage issues on Porter Road. Pre-bids for the meters and the wells will be held on July 19th at the Chamber office. Mr. Layton advised that customers with old water meters may see an increase in their water usage because older meters do not account for all the water that is used.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Thrower inquired about annexing the airport. This will require DOT approval.

Mayor suggested moving the public comments after the agenda items. Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Gilman seconded the motion to restructure the agenda by moving the public comments after the agenda items. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting–August 9, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting –August 9, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

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

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

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to rescind the previous Mutual Aid Agreement with Bleckley County. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to submit a standard Mutual Aid Agreement to the Bleckley County Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

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

Adjourned 11:00pm.

Lisa Chastain, City Clerk

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