



**MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Thursday, May 18, 2017**  
**Special Called Meeting @ 6:00 PM**

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*City Hall, 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, GA 31014*

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Present: Mayor Gary Ates, Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon, Councilmembers Regina Gooch, Jon Thrower, Keith Anderson

Absent: Charles Cranford, and Fleming Gilman.

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

Mayor Gary Ates made a motion and Councilmember Thrower seconded the motion to approve the Agenda and the minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Agenda Items**

**ITEM # 1 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider appointing Voting Authority Member for GMA Convention. Councilmember Jon Thrower recommended Councilmember Regina Gooch to be the voting authority with Councilmembers Gilman & Anderson to be the alternate for the GMA convention in Savannah. Councilmember Thrower made the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon 2nd the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor.

**ITEM #2 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider 90 Day Extension of GEFA loan 15-002. Richard Newbern gave GEFA information to extend the loan for 90 days. Mayor Pro Tem made the motion to extend the GEFA loan for 90 days to complete the project. Councilmember Jon Thrower 2nded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**ITEM # 3 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider approval of Change Order No. 1 for the Georgia Environmental Financing Authority Water Infrastructure loan. GEFA Loan No.15-019. This is a proposed change order in the amount of \$47,977.98. Jacob Daniels gave information about this GEFA loan and the change order. Councilmember Regina Gooch made the motion and Mayor Pro Tem 2nded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**ITEM# 4 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider adopting Proclamation for Clean Up day scheduled for May 20, 2017 @ 9AM. Flyers and paperwork was passed out with pick up location, trash roll off location and streets where trash would be picked up. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to adopt the Proclamation for Clean up day and Councilmember Regina Gooch 2nded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**ITEM # 5 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Budget Session - Richard passed out proposed budgets. Code Enforcer, Willie Farrow, Jacobs Daniels, Public Works Director, Fire Chief, Kevin Noles and Police Chief Chris Coley, gave information on their proposed budgets. No action taken.

**Public Comments** (Please note that every individual who signs up to speak prior to the meeting will be given a total of five minutes to address the Mayor and Council.)

**Department updates.**

Adjourn @ 9:40 pm

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Tracy B Jones, City Clerk