



WORK SESSION MINUTES

Cochran City Council
Tuesday, July 14, 2015
Work Session Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Stoy, City Manager Richard Newbern, City Clerk Lisa Chastain, Councilmembers Willie Basby, Eric Bisher, Andrew Lemmon and Tommy Guyton.

Absent: Councilmembers Gary Ates and Charles Cranford.

1. Transition of financial and utility software. City Manager Newbern discussed the need for City Hall to move away from QS1. Currently, Edmunds is the preferred utility software.
2. Report of Paulk contract ending; need to approve contract with Ga. Dept. of Corrections.
 - Jacob will discuss the women prisoners' responsibilities and what DJJ crew will do on a regular basis. The new contract will begin August 3, 2015. Areas addressed first will include the City cemetery.
3. Discuss Advanced Disposal. The contract with Advanced is set to expire February 2016. No increase to renew. A meeting will be held Thursday, July 16, 2016 with City Manager Newbern, PWD Jacob Daniels and Advanced to discuss renewal.
4. Jacob- report of Grass Ordinance proposal;
 - update on Inert Landfill Closure/Skip
 - update on work performed at Cochran Water Pollution Control Plant/SkipThe Grass Ordinance was discussed. Skip Layton gave an update on the Inert Landfill that was closed on June 30, 2015. The numbers at the Water Plant are getting better.
5. Acceptance of \$1,500,000 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, administered by Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. This is a 20 year payback; \$83,500 payment per year for 20 years.
6. Amend Section 34-45(A) citizen's complaints for the abatement of nuisances in the City of Cochran. Presently reads: "Any citizen of the City may swear out a complaint, setting forth the facts that a nuisances exist, and when said complaint is filed with the city recorder, he shall issue a summons to the party complained of to appear in municipal court."

Amend to: “Any citizen of the City of Cochran, the Cochran City Manager or his designee, may swear out a complaint, setting forth the facts that a nuisances exists, and when said complaint is filed with the city recorder, he shall issue a summons to the party complained of to appear in municipal court.” City Attorney Leo Phillips has suggested this change to enable the Code Enforcement Officer to enact on nuisances.

7. Consider approval of rezoning recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee which met in public session on Thursday, June 25, 2015.
 - Recommendation to rezone 109 South Third Street from R-1 to C-1 for the purpose of building a Doctor’s Office; Applicant: Southwest Georgia Health Care, Inc.
 - Recommendation to upgrade the C-1 Zoning at the former Music Box at 127 North Second Street to allow for rear/upstairs residential living; Applicant: Jason Ledbetter and Carol Denmark. Zoning Committee placed conditions on their approval.
 - Recommendation to upgrade the C-1 Zoning at 129 North Second Street to allow for upstairs residential living; Applicant: Gwendoline Arnold. Zoning Committee placed conditions on their approval.
8. Appointments to Airport Authority. The City and County will each appoint three members.
9. Gas MOUs - Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Warner Robins to reimburse the City of Warner Robins for Cochran’s pro rata share of the demand charges applicable to the 1595 Dth/day firm gas service, as coordinated and secured by Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, for consumption by Kumho Tire Georgia, Inc. Fixed rates and construction costs.

Adjorn 6:56pm

Lisa Chastain

City Clerk