



**MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, July 26, 2016**  
**Special Called Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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

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

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

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Gooch seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Agenda Items**

**Item #1 - Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

**Resolution 14-16;** Approve the loan for purchase of the Fire Chief's vehicle.

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to approve Resolution 14-16. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 2 - Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

**SPLOST.**

Council discussed speeding up the process to pay off the SPLOST balance. City Manager Newbern contacted Tony King from Kidwell & Company. Mr. King recommended that the City adhere to an annual payment. Council would like to have the SPLOST paid back within two years.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session.

Council Member Gary Ates made a motion, seconded by Council Member Regina Gooch, to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Fleming Gilman made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jon Thrower, to suspend the City Clerk without pay for three days, and that the City Manager conduct a performance review and develop an action plan for job performance. Motion passed with Council Members Gilman, Thrower, Ates, Cranford and Lemmon approving and Council Member Gooch voting against the motion.

Council Member Gary Ates made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Gooch. Motion passed unanimously.

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Lisa Chastain, City Clerk