



**Cochran City Council
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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 Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to approve the April 14, 2015 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 28, 2015 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Agenda Items

Item # 1 – Presented by Mayor Stoy

Proclamation was presented to Jacob Daniels and Patrick Mims, representatives of the American Legion.

Item # 2 – Presented by City manager Richard Newbern

Resolution 07-15; Agreement with Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc. to collect the delinquent accounts receivable of the City. Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to approve Resolution 07-15. Motion passed unanimously will all voting in favor.

Mayor Updates

Mayor Stoy received a recommendation for Rufus Veal to serve on the Recreational Committee. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of Rufus Veal. Motion passed unanimously will all voting in favor.

City Manager Updates

City Manager Newbern provided budget handouts to Council for their review. He thanked the department heads for working on their budget and getting him the needed information. The City has an approximate \$8 million budget. City Manager Newbern is proposing a 1.5 millage adjustment. This would raise the millage rate from 9.767 to 11.267. A budget work session has tentatively been set for May 26th at City Hall.

The City was approved for a GEFA loan in the amount of \$1.5 million for sewer system improvements.

City Manager Newbern would like Council to adopt a grass ordinance. He will prepare a draft for their review.

The City will soon hire a part-time Code Enforcement Officer; we have openings for a firefighter; Jason Johnson has been hired as a police officer; only one applicant qualified for the Fire Chief position.

City Engineer Skip Layton gave an update on the water/sewer mapping. The mapping should be complete by next month. He also explained the EDP requirements for the inert landfill.

Cochran Clean-Up Day was cancelled due to rain. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 6th.

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to designate Councilmember Ates as the voting delegate at the GMA Conference. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Chief Chris Coley announced that a \$12,500 grant had been received for a K-9 program. Officer Hasty will be assigned to the K-9 unit. He will receive a dual purpose dog mid-July.

Councilmember Bisher inquired about the overgrown grass at the cemetery. City Manager Newbern and Jacob Daniels will discuss this with Paulk Landscaping.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting– June 9, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – June 9, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

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

Adjourn 8:00 pm.

Lisa Chastain, City Clerk