

**CITY OF COCHRAN**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Cochran, Georgia**  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

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The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 7:00 P.M. in the Cochran Community House. The invocation was given by Councilmember Willie Basby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PRESENT: Mayor Michael Stoy  
Councilmember Willie Basby  
Councilmember Tommy Guyton  
Councilmember Andrew Lemmon  
City Manager Ray Gibson

ABSENT: Councilmember Charles Cranford  
Councilmember Eric Bisher

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Stoy.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ates and seconded by Councilmember Lemmon to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Basby and seconded by Councilmember Ates to approve the March 11, 2014 Work Session Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 1 - Presented by James Pope, HOGARC**

**Resolution 16-14:** Request to approve the adoption of the Bleckley County Hazard Mitigation Plan pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Mr. Pope discussed the plan and what the action steps and goals were to mitigate dangers that could be presented by natural disasters. A motion was made by Councilmember Guyton and seconded by Councilmember Lemmon to approve Resolution 16-14. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 2 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 17-14:** Request to approve a financial services agreement with Kidwell & Company Inc., for the City's bond refinancing.

City Manager Gibson said that the city has an A- credit rating and needs to have an AA rating. A motion was made by Councilmember Basby and seconded by Councilmember Ates to approve Resolution 17-14. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 3 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 18-14:** Request to approve a contract with Paulk Landscaping Inc. for management and landscaping maintenance of City owned property.

The contract with Paulk Landscaping would be \$26,500 whereas the city currently pays Pulaski County \$40,000 for landscaping maintenance. A motion was made by Councilmember Guyton and seconded by Councilmember Lemmon to approve Resolution 18-14. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 4 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 14-14:** Request to approve a hold harmless agreement with Ms. Leola Sheneth Jones.

City Manager Gibson stated that Ms. Sheneth Jones requested a payment of \$2000.00 from the city. A motion was made by Councilmember Ates and seconded by Councilmember Guyton to approve Resolution 14-14. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 5 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 19-14:** Request to approve an Immediate Threat and Danger (ITAD) grant for Lake Linda sewer line issue.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ates and seconded by Councilmember Basby to approve Resolution 19-14. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

**City Manager Updates**

City Manager Gibson presented Council with eleven items for discussion. Handouts were given to each Councilmember on the account balances as of March 31, 2014.

**Council Discussion Items**

Councilmember Ates wants City Hall to notify the appropriate Councilmember when a business or club is opening in their respective district.

Councilmember Lemmon inquired about the code enforcement on dilapidated houses. Interim Police Chief Chris Coley has given a list of approximately 10 or 12 houses that are considered to be dilapidated. This listing will be turned over to the City Attorney for abatement consideration.

**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)

Public Works Committee member Bobby Petis approached Council with an update on the sewer problems at the home of Mr. Holland on Ann Street. Mr. Petis also inquired about the usage of water at Middle Georgia State College. City Clerk Lisa Chastain is checking records to get an update on water usage at MGSC.

Catherine Guyton approached Council about the removal of flags/markers on Peacock Street. City Manager Gibson stated that he would have them removed.

## **XII. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Mayor Stoy announced the upcoming meetings:

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting – May 13, 2014 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – May 13, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Lisa Chastain, City Clerk  
City of Cochran

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