



**MINUTES
Cochran City Council
February 7, 2019
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

Community House located at 192 South Third Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Thrower

Councilmembers: Carla D Coley, Regina Gooch, Keith Anderson, Andrew Lemmon,

Call to order by Mayor Billy Yeomans @ 7:00PM

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Thrower followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Keith Anderson.

Mayor Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to the February 7, 2019 Agenda. Mayor Yeomans requested a motion to approve the February 7, 2019 Agenda. Councilmember Keith Anderson made the motion to approve Agenda with Councilmember Andrew Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

Mayor Billy Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to January 8, 2018 minutes. Councilmember Carla Coley made the motion to accept the minutes and Mayor Pro Tem Jon Thrower seconded the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

- I. Call to Order by the Mayor**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Attendance**
- V. Adopt Agenda**

VI. Agenda Items

ITEM# 1 – Presented by mayor, Billy Yeomans

Introduction of James Smith, Code enforcement Officer- City Manager, Richard Newbern, introduced James Smith as the New Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Cochran.

ITEM #2 – Presented by Mayor, Billy Yeomans

Consider adoption of 150th Birthday Proclamation. Mayor Billy Yeomans read the Proclamation that will be framed and presented at the 150th Birthday Celebration. This will be displayed at The City Hall. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to adopt the Proclamation for the 150th Birthday Celebration with Councilmember Regina Gooch seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 3- Presented by Mayor, Billy Yeomans

Consider accepting resignation from Councilmember who represents District 3 Post 2 Mayor Yeomans asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Councilmember who represented District 3 Post 2. Mayor Pro Tem Thrower made the motion to accept Councilman Gilman resignation with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0 Mayor Yeomans stated whomever would be interested in filling the District 3 Post 2 seat, will be required to complete an affidavit at the City Hall. Mayor Yeomans appointed a board to review applications of the best qualified individual. The board consist of Mayor Pro Tem Thrower, Councilmember Gooch and Councilmember Lemmon. Application deadline in February 28, 2019.

ITEM # 4 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider reactivating DDA and taking legal steps necessary to appoint new membership Mr. Newbern explained the history of the DDA board which was established in April of 1986 and has be dormant for years. Mr. Newbern stressed that the legal steps would need to be followed to reactive the DDA. Motion was made to take the legal steps necessary to appoint new membership to the DDA by Councilmember Anderson with Councilmember Coley seconding the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 5 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approval of Cochran Bleckley Recreation Board request for Capital expense from City SPLOST. Recreation Board requested an advance on the SPOLST to prepare for scheduled upcoming tournaments. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thrower to accept the proposal presented by the Recreation Department to request for Capital expense from City SPOLST with Councilmember Coley seconding the motion. Motion was passed with four (4) (Coley, Thrower, Lemmon, Anderson) in favor and one (1) opposed (Gooch). 4-1

ITEM # 6 - Presented by Mayor, Billy Yeomans

Consider appointing Jason Dean to Cochran Bleckley Recreation Board to fill a vacancy. Mayor Pro Tem Thrower made the motion to accept the recommendation of Jason Dean to the Recreation Board with Councilmember Coley seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 7 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider a listing of road annexation by State Legislature. A list was submitted to Council during work session regarding roads that now exist in the City. This list is to help clean up City maps. Motion was made by Councilmember Coley to submit a list of roads as proposed to the State Legislature with Councilmember Lemmon. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM #8 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider hiring architectural firm to provide programing and expense analysis for upgrades for City Hall and Police Department facilities. Space assessment of City Hall, Police and Chamber of Commerce can be done to determine if the municipal building can house all three in one location. Also, they will review the option of rehabilitation of the Walgreens building for the Police Department only. The proposal amount is \$14, 950.00. Motion was made by Councilmember Lemmon to proceed with the assessment of the Police Department, City Hall and Chamber of Commerce and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thrower. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 9- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider adopting amendments to City ordinances to allow filtration basins that meets the current EPD storm water manual. Skip Layton addressed the Council with the updates and the regulations for the filtration basins. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thrower to make the amendment necessary to the ordinance to allow filtration basins that meets EPD storm water manual with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion, Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 10- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider awarding bid to L & L Utilities from Dublin, Ga. in the amount of **\$149,250** to install stormwater replacement pipes at Peter Street and Porter Road. Skip Layton addressed the Council with the update on the storm water utility maintenance. This project will be funded from LMIG and Road SPLOST. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thrower to award the bid to L & L Utilities to install stormwater pipes with Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

- February 8- Friday-150th Birthday Meeting @ 10AM – Chamber Conference Room
- February 12- Council trip to Atlanta
- February 13-GICH Meeting
- February 18-19 GICH Retreat in Valdosta GA

Council Discussion Items-

Councilmember Carla Coley

- Mrs. Coley - Charter Committee met and established a rough draft of changes to the Charter to take to City Attorney for review. She also gave an update on the information she received concerning the Park and what it will take to build one.

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Thrower

- Thanked Scott Cox for all the help assisting at the retreat

Councilmember Regina Gooch

- NONE

Councilmember Keith Anderson

- NONE

Councilmember Andrew Lemmon

- NONE

Department Updates

POLICE

- **Chief Coley** – Updated the Council with Biking Bleckley, Animal Control and answered any questions the Council had.

FIRE

- **Chief Wilcher** – Updated the Council on the modifications on the sleeping quarters, the Insurance money from Recovery Services, Excretion class/demonstration, and the Lieutenant position.

PUBLIC WORKS

- **Willie Farrow** – Updated the Council on several projects taking place. Updated the Lake Linda issue along with the color of the water in that area. Willie also mentioned the scrap tire collection also would take place at Clean Up day this year.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Work Session Prior to Council Meeting –March 12, 2019 @ 5:30 pm
 - Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting –March 12, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

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.)

Mayor Pro Tem Thrower made a motion to go into executive session with

Adjourn to go into executive session @ 8:49pm

Adjourned executive session @ 9:00PM

Back into regular session @ 9:00PM

Adjourn @ 9:15 PM

(SEAL)

Tracy B Jones
City Clerk