



**MINUTES
Cochran City Council
July 10, 2017
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman, Councilmembers Regina Gooch, Keith Anderson, Robert Anderson, & Jon Thrower

Absent: Councilmember Andrew Lemmon

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

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

Mayor Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to the July 10, 2018 agenda. Mayor Yeomans requested Item # 11 be added to agenda to Consider City project for Jody Lucas development.

Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion and Councilmember Keith Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Agenda for Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Mayor Billy Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made motion to approve the minutes from Tuesday, June 12, 2018 meeting. No corrections or additions were mentioned. Minutes were approved by Mayor Billy Yeomans.

- 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 City Manager, Richard Newbern

Presentation of Proclamation of Appreciation to Sam Barrs. Mayor Billy Yeomans read the proclamation that was presented to Mr. Barrs. Mayor Yeomans thanked Mr. Barrs for his efforts to make the flag project to recognize veterans a success.

ITEM #2 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Presentation of Proclamation of recognition to Michael Bryant for significantly upgrading his business setting in downtown Cochran. Mayor Billy Yeomans read the proclamation that was presented to Mr. Bryant. Mayor Yeomans thanked Mr. Bryant for his efforts to help beautify Cochran with the noticeable remodeling to his business.

ITEM # 3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider award of bid for HVAC upgrade at the Chamber of Commerce.

ITEM # 4 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider appointments to the City Ethics Committee

ITEM # 5 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving Cell phone Tower Ordinance

ITEM # 6 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider awarding bid for the Emergency Outdoor Voice and Siren to be installed on Dykes and Dahl Streets

ITEM # 7 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider awarding bid for removal and disposal of tree canopy over roadways in the City

ITEM #8 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider awarding bid for demolition of Structures A, B, C, D & E on 139 N Second Street

ITEM #9 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider renewal of Auditing Services with Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC

ITEM #10 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider Street Light options for MLK Jr. Drive and Thompson Street

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.)

- Mr. Earl Peacock commended how good the grass looked at Cedar Hill Commentary. He inquired about the city wanting to obtain the county side of Crest Drive. Mr. Newbern explained The City was looking at depleting the 10th street lift station and extend the sewer line into crest drive and this would be a sewer project. He further explained Crest Drive was on the list last year for partial annexation. Mr. Peacock asked about paving Crest Drive. Public Works Director, Jacob Daniels explained that The City does own Crest Drive and it involves The City's TSPLOST project to pave Crest Drive.
- Mary Pitts expressed her concerns about jobs coming into Cochran. Mayor Ates stated IDA was working on this at this time. Mr. Newbern explained there was some prospects but don't know when any would be coming to this area.

VIII. Mayor Updates

- ❖ Mayor Ates commended the city for doing a great job as whole. Keep up the good work, Police/Public Works/Firefighters.

IX. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates –

- Mr. Newbern presented financial report paperwork for council to review followed by a power point presentation.
- Tax Digest, The City did get a consolidation from the county in the past several days. The City tax digest shrunk a little and went down less than a percentage point. Scheduled to publish in the newspaper

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

JJ Speer attended the meeting in Chief Noles absence. HE stated CFD interviewed last week. Narrowed it down to three participants. Second interview will take place tomorrow August 9, 2017.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Skip Layton:

Skip Layton, City Engineer, provided Council with a monthly report on projects going on at this time. GEFA CWSRF 15-002, GEFA DWSRF 15-019, DWSRF 15-009, CDBG 2015, CDBG 2016, Cochran/Bleckley Recreation Complex, & Cochran Storm Drainage Improvements.

There were no other department updates.

X. Council Discussion Items

- Councilmember Jon Thrower expressed some concerns from his constituents to City Manager. Mr. Newbern stated he was working on these concerns. Councilmember Thrower discussed a few items with budgets, the new software that the City purchased and the audit. Mr. Newbern assured Mr. Thrower that things would continue to improve.

No other Councilmember had any concerns or comments.

XI. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – June 13, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Councilmember Gilman made the motion to adjourn and Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Lemmon seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Adjourn @ 9:41.

(SEAL)

Tracy B Jones
City Clerk