



**MINUTES  
Cochran City Council  
March 26, 2019  
Special Called Meeting @ 6:30 PM**

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

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Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans

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

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Jon Thrower

Call to order by Mayor Billy Yeomans @ 6:30PM

The invocation was given by Scott Cox followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmembers.

Mayor Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to the March 26, 2019 Agenda. Mayor Yeomans requested a motion to approve the March 26, 2019 Agenda. Councilmember Coley requested to go into Executive Session before a discussion on ITEM # 3. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to accept the March 26, 2019 Agenda as stated with Councilmember Jones seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

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- 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**

Scott Cox – Strategic Plan – Went over the wording and layout of the vision and mission of the City of Cochran. After a few changes in the wording, the Vision Statement and Mission Statement was completed. Mr. Cox recommended a welcome letter to the DDA with the Mayor and Council to sign. Also, mandatory training was also discussed.

### **ITEM #2 – Presented by Mayor, Billy Yeomans**

Consider adding a Pick-up Truck purchase to the Supplemental Lease Agreement of the GMA Master Lease for the purpose of financing a pick-up truck for Code Enforcement. Mr. Newbern the item which is part of the master lease already with GMA. This will be to amend the lease to add the purchase of the F150 for code Enforcement. This will be budgeted in the 2019-2020 Budget year. Mayor called for a motion to approve the purchase of the F150 for Code Enforcement. Councilmember Gooch made the motion with Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0 at 7:38pm on 3/26/19.

Mayor called for a motion to go into Executive session. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to go into executive session with Councilmember Coley seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor 5-0. @ 7:40pm

Motion was made by Councilmember Jones to come back into regular session with Councilmember Gooch seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. Back into regular session at 7:57pm.

### **ITEM # 3- Presented by Mayor, Billy Yeomans**

Consider approving a Resolution and Contract for City Manager as prepared by the City Attorney. Mayor stated the Council decided to move Item # 3 to April 9, 2019 meeting due to misspelled words in contract and clarification needed by City Attorney.

### **ITEM # 4 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider approving a Resolution and Contract Addendum to extend the solid waste services contract with Advanced Disposal. Mr. Newbern stated the extension of the contact on March 12, 2019 for advance Disposal. According to the City Attorney a valid vote was cast but not sufficient due to no resolution in which the Council signs authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract amendment. Mayor called for a motion to approve Resolution and contract addendum to extend the solid waste services with advance disposal. Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve resolution and contract addendum with Advance Disposal with Councilmember Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0.

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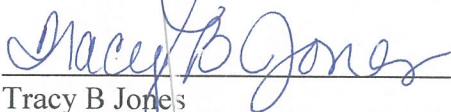
## **ITEM # 5 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider amendments to the City Charter. Mayor Yeomans clarified some ground rules he wanted carried out. Each Charter modification would be read by a member of the Charter Committee. After each Charter section or change was read, Council, Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk answered questions when asked. Following discussion, questions or concern; a motion was called for. Mayor explained since two (2) Public Hearings will take place, no public comments were allowed. Councilmember Coley read each Charter variation. Starting with Section 2.11. For the duration of the meeting, the discussion of the difference between a simple majority and super majority was held. The Council came to the conclusion that simple majority is 3 votes or one more than half, and super majority is 4 votes, or one more than a simple majority.

- 2.11-City Council Members; terms and qualifications for office- APPROVED 5-0 @ 8:11PM
- 2.14-Conflicts of Interest; holding other offices – APPROVED 5-0@ 5:19PM
- 2.21-Quorum; voting- APPROVED 5-0 @ 8:22PM
- 2.24-Emergencies – APPROVED @ 8:29PM
- 2.28-Removal of City Manager – APPROVED @ 8:50PM
- 2.31-Council’s interference with Administration – APPROVED @ 9:02PM
- 2.34-Mayor Pro Tem – APPROVED @ 9:07PM
- 3.10(e)-Administrative and Service Department- APPROVED @9:20PM
- 3.11-Boards, Commissions, and Authorities- APPROVED @ 9:23PM
- 3.12-City Attorney – APPROVED @9:25PM
- 3.13-City Clerk-APPROVED @ 9:31PM
- 3.14-Position Classification and Pay Plans-APPROVED @ 9:34PM
- 3.15- Personnel Policies- APPROVED @ 9:36PM
- 5.11- Election of City Council and Mayor – APPROVED @9:38PM

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Anderson made a motion to adjourn with Councilmember Jones seconding. Motion passed with all in favor 5-0.

**Adjourn @ 9:40 PM**



Tracy B Jones  
City Clerk

