



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Regular Scheduled Meeting @ 7PM

City Auditorium, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Anderson
Councilmembers: Gary Ates, Carla Coley Jimmy Jones, Andrew Lemmon, Rufus Veal
Absent: None

Call to order by Mayor Billy Yeomans @ 7:02PM

The invocation was given by IDA Director, Andy Lucas followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by DDA Director, David Canady.

Mayor asked for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the August 9, 2022, agenda.
Councilmember Ates made the motion to approve the agenda with a second by Councilmember Anderson. Motion passed 6/0

Mayor asked if there were any corrections or additions to the SCM October 28, 2021. Mayor Yeomans stated a correction to the time needed to be called to order at 6:30PM. Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the SCM on October 28, 2021 with changes and a second by Councilmember Coley. Motion passed 6/0.

Mayor asked if there was any correction or addition to the July 12, 2022 minutes. Councilmember Ates made the motion to approve the 7/12/22 minutes with Councilmember Lemmon seconding, Correction to the July 12 time of meeting at top changed to 7 instead of 6. Motion passed. 6/0

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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 City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider award of bid from Scruggs Co. (formerly Dykes Grassing) to resurface 0.74 miles of roads with LMIG and local funds. The bid being discussed was from The Scruggs Company. The match will come from road SPLOST in the amount of \$38,130.62. Councilmember Ates made the motion to accept the bid from The Scruggs Company in the amount of \$125,460.80 with a second by Councilmember Jones. Motion passed 6/0

ITEM #2- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider applying for a Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) grant with the US DOT. This would be for a planning grant to help address road and pedestrian safety throughout Cochran. This is federal funding to assist the City with financing the planning cost of reviewing roadway and traffic issues throughout Cochran. Council was asked to authorize the filling of the SS4A planning grant application. Councilmember Jones made the motion to apply for the Safe Street & Road grant with a second by Councilmember Coley. Motion passed. 6/0

ITEM #3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider applying for a TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) SET-ASIDE FUNDING grant to help finance engineering design costs for pedestrian walkway improvements. This is a specific funding source to design cost of pedestrian walkways. This is a 80/20 grant. The city will have an estimated 20% match commitment of the application. Councilmember Jones made the motion to apply for a Transportation Alternative (TA) Set Aside grant with a second by Councilmember Ates. Motion passed 6/0

ITEM #4- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider adopting a Resolution to agree to the extension of gas, and/or water, sewer services to IDA's Industrial Park. The condition would be that the Industrial Development Authority and Bleckley County agree with the legislative annexation of a segment of U.S Hwy 87 North and future parcels in the Industrial Park that are served with City services will be successfully annexed prior to utility taps being installed. Councilmember Jones made the motion to adopt a resolution to agree to the extension of natural gas services and/or water and sewer services to the IDA's industrial park with a second by Councilmember Ates. Motion passed 6/0.

ITEM # 5- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider applying for a Georgia Tree Council's GEORGIA RELEAF Grant for tree canopy improvements in Cochran. The City can apply for up to \$7, 000 from the grant program to purchase tree saplings from the RELEAF Program. The purchase of small tress would replace the trees damaged during the tornado. The City's match would be 20% and a portion of the match can be made up of non-cash, in kind services. Councilmember Coley made the motion to apply for the Georgia Tree Council's RELEAF Grant with a second by Councilmember Anderson. Motion passed. 6/0

City Manager - Thanked the Department Heads for their hard work during the budget process. Also thanked the Public Works on the help with the flags.

Council Discussion Items:

District 1

Anderson – None

Ates – Inquired about the grant been applied for the Peyton Williams center? City Manager stated that was not available at this time. It was the Land and Water Conservation Funds. Available in early spring.

District 2

Coley – Thanked everyone for the support during the World Series.

Veal – Nothing

District 3

Jones – None

Lemmon – None

Mayor Comments

Mayor asked for everyone to be safe. Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated. Look out for your neighbor. Grass is growing rapidly with all the rain. Be patient with it growing as fast as it is, especially at the cemetery. Thanked all city employees.

Mayor has been contacted about using the Peyton Williams Center. He asked the Attorney if we had a policy on the use of the center? Attorney stated not yet.

Mayor stated the Facebook live stream will be cut off for a while. He would like people to attend the meetings and try to get back to normal. Announced the next Work Session at 6pm and Council Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Public Comments (Please note that every individual who signs up to speak prior to the meeting will be given a total of 3 minutes to address the Mayor and Council.)

None

Adjourned 7:50PM

(SEAL)

Tracy B Jones
City Clerk