



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Regular Scheduled Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans

Councilmembers: Gary Ates, Keith Anderson, Jimmy Jones, Andrew Lemmon,

City Attorney: Jim Elliott

Absent: Councilmember: Rufus Veal & Carla Coley

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Ates and the Pledge led by Councilmember Anderson.

Mayor asked for any corrections, additions or deletions to the April 18, 2023, agenda. Councilmember Ates made the motion to accept the April 18, 2023, agenda with a second by Councilmember Jones. Motion passed 4/0.

Mayor asked if there were any corrections or questions to the March 14, 2023, minutes. Councilmember Ates made the motion to accept the 3/14/23 minutes with Councilmember Lemmon seconding. Motion passed 4/0

- 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 City Manager, Richard Newbern

FY2022/23 Budget amendment to create separate budgets for CHIP funds, Hotel/Motel tax receipts, Police Seized Assets and ARPA funds. City Attorney, Jim Elliot addressed the Council explaining the amendment by ordinance in order to bring the city budget for 2022/23 in compliance with the state's chart of accounts. Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the amendment ordinance to create separate budgets for the four separate budgets with a second by Councilmember Ates. Motion passed. 4/0

ITEM #2- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider appointing three (3) persons to serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board. Mayor Yeomans stated City Council is nominating Laura Bergeaux and James Hagler. Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the two nominations to the DDA Board with a second by Councilmembers Anderson. Motion passed 4/0.

ITEM #3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving the Community Development Block Grant Resolution. The proposed CDBG application will be for housing rehabilitation in low to moderate income target areas near Robinson Crescent/Sixth Street and Martin Luther King, Jr Drive. Councilmember Ates made motion to approve the CDBG application with a second by Councilmember Lemmon. Motion passed 4/0.

ITEM #4- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving a voting delegate and an alternate to the Municipal Gas Authority Election Committee for the 2023 Municipal Gas Authority Annual Election held Friday, May 5, 2023 @ 10:30AM. Councilmember Ates made the motion to approve Councilmember Ates and Councilmember Jones to the voting delegate with a second by Councilmember Anderson. Motion passed 4/0.

ITEM #5- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving modification of GEFA documents for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan and Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan. Councilmember Jones approved the modification to the loan for 15-019 & 15-009 with a second by Councilmember Ates. Motion passed 4/0.

ITEM 6- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving Brian Arnold to serve on the Housing Authority Board with his term ending 11/20/2027. Councilmember Ates made the motion to approve Brian Arnold to the Housing Authority Board with a second by Councilmember Anderson. Motion passed 4/0.

City Manager – Reminded everyone about Clean up day, Saturday, 4/22/23.
Friday 4/21/23 Tree Give Away at City Barn

City Attorney – None

Council Discussion Items:

District 1

Anderson – None

Ates – Enjoyed the District one meeting. Try to meet the Monday before the Council meeting on Tuesday.

District 2

Coley – Absent

Veal – Absent

District 3

Jones – Spoke about the tornado.

Lemmon – None

Mayor Comments

Bible Reading Marathon reminder. April 28, 2023 6PM-7PM

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.)

Andrea Glover 207 N 6th Street – Asked about the CDBG grant.

Daryll Smith – 133 Fairfield Street – He loves his town and community. Praised Public Works Director, Willie Farrow and Public Works with the wonderful job they are doing. Praised all the City staff. Proud to be a resident of Cochran.

Mayor adjourned the meeting @ 7:30pm.

(SEAL)

Tracy B Jones
City Clerk