



**MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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

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Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Gary Ates, Jon Thrower, Regina Gooch, Charles Cranford, Fleming Gilman and Andrew Lemmon.

Mayor Stoy swore in new Councilmembers Jon Thrower, Regina Gooch and Fleming Gilman.

Call to order by the Mayor. The invocation was given by Councilmember Ates followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Thrower.

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to modify the agenda by adding item #10 from the Work Session Agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve the December 8, 2015 Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**Agenda Items**

**Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

Adam Cochran from Advanced Disposal discussed the new trash cans that will be delivered to residents beginning on January 25<sup>th</sup> and the new side loader pickup beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be no change in the routes and no change in cost for the residents. Advanced will also begin collecting and disposing of all yard waste from homes with the city limits. Household bulk waste will be picked up the second Saturday of each month. These services will also begin February 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently, county residents that are eligible for trash services pay the same fee as city residents. Also, Advanced will be charging \$60 for each replacement trash can. The contract between Advanced and City of Cochran will end February 2021.

**Item # 2 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion to change the name of John Conner Alley to J. Conner Memorial Ln. Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 3 – Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy**

Election of Mayor pro tem. Councilmember Cranford made a motion and Councilmember Thrower seconded the motion to nominate Councilmember Ates as Mayor pro tem. After no further nominations, Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Fleming seconded the motion to close the nomination. Motion to approve Councilman Ates as Mayor pro tem passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 4 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

**Resolution 01-16;** Statement of legal services performed in connection with a loan from CB&T, a division of Synovus Bank to Jointly Owned Natural Gas. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve Resolution 01-16. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Item # 5 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

Council approval is required for City Hall to open new bank accounts. An interest bearing account is required for seized property. Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to approve City Hall opening a new account. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Mayor Updates**

A summary of the proposed City Park is posted on the City’s web site. The next scheduled meeting is tentatively planned for Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Public is invited to attend.

**City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates**

Councilmembers received a budget calendar. The plan is to adopt the budget on July 14, 2016. City Manager Newbern will be looking at goals and strategic planning.

Department handouts were given to each councilmember.

Chief Coley stated that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade will be held on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Line up starts at 11:00am. Neighborhood Watch from Councilmember Gooch’s district will be grilling burgers on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Marthann Church.

City Staff will be transitioning to a new software for utilities, payroll, etc. within the next few months.

Public Works Director Jacob Daniels stated that Dykes Street will be paved from east to west. This is a GDOT project. Pine Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street Terrace are scheduled for paving using LMIG funds.

**Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting–February 9, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – February 9, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Gilman seconded the motion to exit the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Adjourn at 9:10pm**