



**Cochran City Council
Tuesday, June 9, 2015
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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

Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Willie Basby, Gary Ates, Eric Bisher, Charles Cranford, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon.

Call to order by the Mayor. The invocation was given by Councilmember Basby followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Eric Bisher.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve the May 12, 2015 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Ordinance 02-15; Granting to Jointly Owned Natural Gas, a partnership of the Municipalities of Byron, Cochran, Hawkinsville, Perry and Warner Robins, hereinafter designated as “Jointly Owned Natural Gas”, its successors and assigns, the right and franchise to use and occupy the streets, avenues, roads, public highways, alleys, lanes, ways, parks, and other public places of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, for constructing, maintaining, renewing, repairing, and operating a gas works and gas distribution system, and other necessary means for manufacturing, transmitting, distributing and selling of manufactured, natural or commingled gas within and through Macon-Bibb County, Georgia; and fixing the terms and conditions of such grant; to provide provisions governing the franchise fee calculation; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 02-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Mayor Updates

The search for an IDA Director is on-going. Their website has been combined with the Chamber of Commerce website.

Bleckley County 3rd graders will visit the July City Council meeting to discuss a City Park.
City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

City Manager Richard Newbern gave an update on open positions. The Fire Chief position will close on June 19, 2015. Willie Farrow, Jr. has been hired as the Code Enforcement Officer; Jason Johnson was hired as a Police Officer.

Cochran Clean-Up Day was a success. Approximately 30 volunteers picked up trash throughout the city. Thanks to Harvey's for donating water.

The City's 2015-2016 budget was presented. Handouts were provided to show the breakdown of expenses. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Bisher and seconded by Councilmember Ates to adopt the 2015-2016 budget. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

The City has been approved for a 1.5 million GEFA loan. This money will be used for I & I sewer improvements.

The Zoning Committee will meet on June 25th at the Community House. Three applications have been submitted for consideration of rezoning.

The City's inert landfill will cease to exist as of July 1, 2015. Customers will see no change. The City will either chip or burn its limbs and yard waste.

The sidewalks on Second Street should be completed in 2 weeks.

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.)

Residents raised concerns about the snakes and the ditch holding water in the area behind Harvey's.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting–July 14, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – July 14, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Lisa Chastain

City Clerk