

## March 11, 2014 City Council Work Session Minutes

Mayor Stoy, Council Members Eric Bisher, Tommy Guyton, Willie Basby and Andrew Lemmon were present at the meeting along with City Manager Ray Gibson.

**Item # 1 – Presentation by Anthony King, Kidwell & Company Inc.**

Water and Sewer Bond Refinancing. Not present.

**Item # 2 – Presentation by Jim Rhodes, Georgia Power – Mr. Rhodes was not present.**

**Item # 3 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager; Ordinance 02-14: (Public Hearing) Russell and Elaine Smith of Cochran, GA; RZ-01-14; Council District 2.** City Manager Gibson informed council that the zoning committee voted 3 to 2 against the rezoning. If council also votes against the rezoning, the city will give the residents 60 days to vacate.

**Item # 4 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 06-14:** Request to approve the City's Strategic Plan. Councilmembers were given the opportunity to review.

**Item # 5 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 07-14:** Request to approve revised job descriptions for the Administration Department of the City. City Manager Gibson discussed the job descriptions and the overall goal of aligning tasks to the proper position and become more efficient.

**Item # 6 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 08-14:** Request to approve change order number 2 for the Vernon Road resurfacing project to include the resurfacing of Lewis Street from Fourth Street to Sixth Street. Discussed the issues of a few vehicles that had damage due to the manhole on Vernon Road.

**Item # 7 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 9-14:** Request to approve a budget amendment for the year ended June 30, 2013 to include the Hotel/Motel budget amendment. Collected less therefore an amendment will be done.

**Item # 8 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 10-14:** Request to approve the settlement of interfund receivables and payables by transfers from various funds for the year ended June 30, 2013. Jill Cooper gave handouts to each councilmember and answered questions concerning budget items.

**Item # 9 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 11-14:** Request to approve a natural gas utility consulting agreement with Bruce Bagnasco from AMEC. Mr. Bagnasco is familiar with the city's system so we will continue to work with him.

**Item # 10 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 12-14:** Request to approve Bob Roberson as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administrator and G. Ben Turnipseed as the CDBG Engineering Consultant.

**Item # 11 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 13-14:** Request to approve natural gas utility firm contract changes for the City of Cochran to provide sufficient firm services to meet the City's firm service requirements plus providing additional capacity for interruptible demand. Discussed that the peak services is going away.

**Item # 12 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Ordinance 01-14** – An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances, City of Cochran, Georgia, to repeal Division 1, Sections 2-117 through 2-127, regarding personnel policies; to create a new Division 1., Sections 2-117 through 2-150, Entitled “City of Cochran Personnel Policy Handbook”; to provide for penalties; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and, for other purposes. City Attorney Phillips has prepared an agreement.

**VIII. City Manager Updates**

- SPLOST
  - New signs have been purchased from the TSPLOST. Councilmember Basby noted that it would be nice if we publicized what the funds have purchased. We will plan to put this on the new website.
- Walmart Development
  - Walmart will begin taking applications soon. They have asked to paint the walls on the inside of the Arts Alliance building. They have also wired the building for internet use.
- City's Website
  - Work in progress.
- Classic Main Street Update – Beth Harding
- Police Department Update – Chris Coley

**X. Council Discussion Items**

- City Charter
  - Work in progress. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

- Ethics Board
  - Tabled until the next meeting.
- Communication/Technology
  - City Manager Gibson discussed purchasing tablets for each councilmember so that the minutes can be loaded for viewing. This will cut down on the use of paper.
- City Buildings
  - Discussion of abandoned housed. Councilmember Bisher recommended the city to hire another attorney.

**XI. 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)

**XII. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting – April 8, 2014 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – April 8, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

**XIII. Executive Session**

- A.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A). The subject discussed was [identify the case or claim discussed but not the substance of the attorney-client discussion].
- B.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).
- C.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- D.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D).
- E.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).
- F.** Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- G.** Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).

- **H.** Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was [identify the matter but not the substance of the discussion].
- **I.** Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-3(a)(1).

**Item # 13 - Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager**

**Resolution 14-14:** Request to approve a hold harmless agreement with Ms. Leola Shenetth Jones.

**Adjourn at 6:55 p.m.**

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned.

Lisa Chastain  
City Clerk