



**MINUTES  
Cochran City Council  
June 12, 2018  
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 Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman, Councilmembers Regina Gooch, & Andrew Lemmon, Keith Anderson, Jon Thrower & Robert Anderson

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

The invocation was given by Mayor Billy Yeomans followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Jon Thrower.

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Councilmember Andrew Lemmon made the motion and Councilmember Fleming Gilman seconded the motion to approve the Agenda for Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Mayor Billy Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to the minutes for May 8, 2018. No corrections or additions were added. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to accept the minutes from May 8, 2018 with Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. Mayor Yeomans stated since there are no corrections or additions being made, the minutes from Tuesday, May 8, 2018 meeting are approved as distributed.

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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**

Budget Hearing- Mayor Billy Yeomans called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 7:02PM. This hearing was called for anyone to express views or concerns on this item. This hearing was the third Public Hearing for FY18-19 Budget review. Richard Newbern gave a summary of this year budget. Mayor Yeomans asked for any one who would like to speak needed to do so. Mrs. Cannon asked a question in regard to churches and square feet. Mr., Newbern answered the question to the best of his knowledge. Mayor stated if there were not any more questions or concerns, he stated the public hearing was closed at 7:20PM.

### **ITEM #2 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider adoption of Budget. Richard Newbern read the ordinance that was prepared by the City Attorney concerning the FY 18-19 Budget. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to adopt the budget as presented with Councilmember Regina Gooch seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Yea- Councilmember Thrower, Gooch, K. Anderson, R. Anderson, Lemmon. Nae- Councilmember Gilman.

### **ITEM # 3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider adoption of Fire Fee- Richard Newbern read the ordinance prepared by the City Attorney to adopt the fire fee. He asked Chief Kevin Noles to answer any questions. Chief Noles explained the amounts charged to each individual, commercial and the College. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to adopt the fire fee with Councilmember Andrew Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Yea- Councilmember Thrower, Gooch, K. Anderson, R. Anderson, Lemmon. Nae- Councilmember Gilman

### **ITEM # 4 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider adoption of Storm Water Fee- Richard Newbern read the resolution and an ordinance prepared by the City Attorney. Council is asked to adopt the Storm Water Fee. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to adopt storm water fee with Councilmember Fleming Gilman seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-1.

### **ITEM # 5 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider award of bid for HVAC upgrade at the Chamber of Commerce- Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to table this item until more information is gathered and other issues are resolved. Councilmember Robert Anderson seconding. Motion passed with all voting in favor 5-1

**ITEM # 6- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider contracting with a vegetation removal company for clean-up of North Second Street Richard Newbern stated Code Enforcement Willie Farrow would explain the process. Willie passed out documentation on the bids. Councilmember R. Anderson made the motion to award the bid to the lowest bid (V&V). Councilmember Keith Anderson seconded the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

**ITEM # 7- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider appointments to the City Ethics Committee- Discussed earlier in work session. This will be up to Council to approve. Must have an ordinance before we proceed. Councilmember Gilman made a motion to table this item with Councilmember Andrew Lemmon seconding. Motion was passed 4-Yes 1- No and 1 No Vote

**ITEM #8 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider appointment to (1) vacancy and (1) reappointment (M. Thompson) on the Tessie W Norris Public Library Board. Mayor spoke briefly to the Council to make them aware Mrs. Thompson would like to be appointed 4 more years. Her term will end June 30, 2018. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion and Councilmember Andrew Lemmon seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

**ITEM # 9 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider City Hall to oversee Christmas Parade. Mayor explained this would be a contingency motion if the Rotary decided not to take over Christmas that the City would. Councilmember Robert Anderson made the motion with Councilmember Keith Anderson seconding. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

**ITEM # 10 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider acquiring Right of way from Bobby and Betty Bobo for Caboose and Locomotive Lane at appraisal value (Railroad CDBG Project). Appraisal was given by Gary Stroup (certified appraiser). Bobby BoBo owns Caboose and Betty Bobo owns Locomotive lane. Appraised value does take it into consideration to acquire the right of way. Appraised value has to be given according to the Federal Uniform Act. Total price for Caboose came in at \$5700.00 and Locomotive \$6400.00. If Council approves the amount of \$12,100.00, the City Attorney will draw up the deed for the transaction. Councilmember Thrower made the motion to approve the purchase with Councilmember Keith Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

**VII. 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.)

- Leola Fussell- Mrs. Fussell came to the meeting to express her frustrations concerning the light on MLK Jr. Drive.
- Mary Pitts – Asked Mayor Yeomans if he looked into the grants the two spoke about.

- Maud Brown – Mrs. Brown expressed her frustrations about the light that was placed on MLK Jr. Drive.
- Tommy Guyton – Expressed his opinion and concerns due to a certain issue he was not happy about.

**VIII. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates**

- ❖ Update on Monthly Financial Report
- ❖ Proceeding to obtain easements for Crest Drive
- ❖ Budget Sessions for the next several months

**IX. Mayor Updates:** Mayor Yeomans thanked everyone for coming out to the Council Meeting.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Monthly report was provided in the packets that were handed out earlier in the week. Chief Coley asked if anyone had questions, he would be glad to answer.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Monthly report was provided in the packets that were handed out earlier in the week

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:**

Monthly report was provided in the packets that were handed out earlier in the week. Mr. Darsey stated he would answer any questions.

**CITY CLERK UPDATES:** Mrs. Tracy Jones instructed Councilmembers to come by City Hall to get the necessary paperwork for GMA Conference.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:**

Willie Farrow stated Cochran gave update on projects that were taking place at this time.

**SKIP LAYTON UPDATES:**

Skip Layton, City Engineer, provided Council with a monthly report on projects going on at this time. GEFA CWSRF 15-002, GEFA DWSRF 15-019, DWSRF 15-009, CDBG 2015, CDBG 2016, Cochran/Bleckley Recreation Complex, & Cochran Storm Drainage Improvements.

**There were no other department updates.**

**VIII. Council Discussion Items: NONE**

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

- Work Session June 12, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – June 12, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to adjourn and go into executive session with Councilmember R. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**Adjourn @ 9:23PM**

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Tracy B Jones  
City Clerk