

CITY OF COCHRAN
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COCHRAN, GEORGIA

March 18, 2014

The special called business meeting of Council was held this date at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Michael Stoy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Stoy
Councilmember Gary Ates
Councilmember Willie Basby
Councilmember Eric Bisher
Councilmember Charles Cranford
Councilmember Tommy Guyton
Councilmember Andrew Lemmon
City Manager Ray Gibson
City Clerk Lisa Chastain

Item #1 – Presented by Anthony King, Kidwell & Company and Chris Poje, GBT Engineering. Discussion on Bond refinancing and possible parameters resolution.

City Manager Ray Gibson introduced Mr. King and Mr. Poje. Mr. Poje discussed the condition that the city is in concerning the water and sewer system. According to City Manager Gibson, the EPA made a surprise visit and it is very possible that the city will be fined for sewer spillage.

Mr. Poje presented a sewer map showing that the city has made no new developments in the last several years. Last March the city had 17 sewer spills. Of the 110,000 feet of sewer line it is estimated that 20% is functional.

Mr. King did a presentation showing the different options available to the city. He showed the challenges and opportunities. Handouts were given out.

The Public Works Committee consisting of Chris Cairney, Bobby Pettis and Edgar Jarrett was called on to make comments and discuss the options available to the city. The committee determined that Option 4 would be the best option. City Manager Gibson commented that the public would need to be educated with postings to the web site and the local paper.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to adopt the Bond Resolution. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 2 – Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy
Ethics Board Appointments.

The committee consists of Ethel King and Michael Bryant. Attempts to contact Chris DuBois have been unsuccessful. Another citizen will need to be nominated.

Item # 3 – Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

City Charter review and revisions.

The City Charter was discussed and revisions were suggested on several line items. Mayor Stoy will make revisions and bring back for final review.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Guyton seconded the motion to exit Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

City Manager Gibson will inform the council when interviews will be conducted for a new Police Chief.

With no further business, Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Bisher seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Lisa Chastain
City Clerk

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