



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Gary Ates, Councilmembers Jon Thrower, Charles Cranford, Andrew Lemmon and Fleming Gilman.

Absent: Mayor Mike Stoy and Councilmember Regina Gooch.

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

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Thrower seconded the motion to accept the August 9, 2016 agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

City Clerk Lisa Chastain read the minutes of the July 12, 2016 regular session.

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Gilman seconded the motion to approve the July 12, 2016 Work Session Meeting Minutes, Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 26, 2016 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Agenda Items

Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Public Hearing – Consider approving the Petition of Annexation from Richard and JoAnn Newbern to annex 169 Frank Cook Road into the city limits of Cochran. Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve the Petition of Annexation. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 2 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Public Hearing – **Ordinance 02-16**; Consider approving the recommendation of the City of Cochran Zoning Committee to assign the Zoning Classification of R-1 Single Family Residential to the annexed property owned by Richard and JoAnn Newbern at 169 Frank Cook Road.

City Manager Newbern read Ordinance 02-16. Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Gilman seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 02-16. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 3 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Public Hearing- Consider approving the Petition of Annexation from Christopher and Carla Coley to annex 135 Janet Drive into the city limits of Cochran.

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to approve the Petition of Annexation. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 4 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Public Hearing – **Ordinance 03-16**; Consider approving the recommendation of the City of Cochran Zoning Committee to assign the Zoning Classification of R-1 Single Family Residential to the annexed property owned by Christopher and Carla Coley at 135 Janet Drive.

City Manager Newbern read Ordinance 03-16. Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Gilman seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 03-16. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 5 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Resolution 15-16; Consider award of bid to Consolidated Pipe and Supply Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,012,157.45 for water meter replacement throughout the City. Funds will be expended through GEFA loan proceeds.

Consolidated Pipe and Supply was the low bid. City Engineer Skip Layton recommends that the City award the bid to Consolidated Pipe and Supply. Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve Resolution 15-16. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 6 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Resolution 16-16; Consider award of bid to Utility Service Company, Inc. in the amount of \$500,100 for elevated water tank rehabilitation on the City's four (4) elevated water tanks.

Four qualified bids were received. Utility Service Company from Perry was the low bid. City Engineer Skip Layton recommends that the City award the bid to Utility Service Company. Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Gilman seconded the motion to approve Resolution 16-16. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 7 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Update on Referendum for restaurant alcohol pouring licenses – associated costs with referendum.

City Clerk Lisa Chastain discussed the price of paper ballots and (TSX) touch screen voting machines. Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion for the City to purchase four TSX machines. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

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.)

Concerned citizens discussed garbage issues and need of more jobs in the community.

City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

Surveillance cameras and signage will soon be added to the Peyton Williams location; Gateway signs will be delivered to Middle Georgia Signs. Civic groups are encouraged to purchase new signs to be posted; The City and County have been working on the Comprehensive Plan. A public hearing will be held and a draft of the plan will be distributed. Included in the plan will be a land use map.

Department updates.

Handouts were provided to councilmembers. Chief Coley reported on the success of National Night Out. He also provided Council with information on a program called TRIP (Tax Refund Intercept Program). This program serves as a clearinghouse for courts that prepare, certify and submit intercept requests. TRIP collects unpaid fines and fees from state income tax returns. Councilmember Thrower made a motion and

Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to sign an MOU, with attorney review and approval, to participate in this program. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Annexation

Parcels for annexation will be reviewed by an attorney. City Manager Newbern has contacted DOT on annexing the airport.

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

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

Councilmember Thrower made a motion and Councilmember Gilman seconded the motion to hire attorney Michael Chidester to assist with dilapidated structures. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

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

Adjourn 11:07pm.

Lisa Chastain, City Clerk

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