



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Cochran City Council
Monday, March 28, 2016
Regular Meeting @ 5:30 PM**

City Hall located at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Gary Ates, Charles Cranford, Jon Thrower, Andrew Lemmon, Regina Gooch and Fleming Gilman.

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

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Agenda Items

Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Resolution 09-16; Amendment, modification and re-statement of a loan of \$970,085.38 from CB&T, to Jointly Owned Natural Gas. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to approve Resolution 09-16. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 2 – Presented by Mayor Stoy

Council discussed and agreed upon a preliminary protocol to govern city council meetings. A draft of the protocol will be presented at the April council meeting for further review and possible adoption.

Item # 3 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Reviewed budget; topics discussed included current and proposed budget. Master plan for the recreation department was discussed. Merit and cost of living increases were also discussed. A draft budget will be available on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. A special meeting will be held on April 26, 2016 to adopt the 2017 budget.

Item # 4 – Presented by Mayor Stoy

Review strategic plan. Goals were discussed for each department.

Item # 5 – Presented by Mayor Stoy

Review charter. Council will continue to review the charter and make notes for possible changes/updates. Any major changes will require legislative approval.

Councilmember Lemmon and Councilmember Cranford made a motion to enact the budget amendment as proposed by John Giddens, CPA. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

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

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

Mayor Stoy asked Council to look at the Strategic Plan and give comments at the next regular meeting. Council stated that they would like Mike Smith, EMA Director to present his emergency plan at a near future meeting.

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

Adjourn at 8:55 pm

Lisa Chastain
City Clerk

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