



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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

Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Gary Ates, Eric Bisher, Charles Cranford, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon. Absent: Willie Basby.

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

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to adopt the agenda with the correction of the agenda's current date. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor. Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to approve the August 11, 2015 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Police Officer Josh Hasty introduced Django, the dual purpose dog that was purchased through a grant.

Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Resolution 13-15; A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cochran, Georgia approving the awarding of an engineering contract to Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon at the Cochran/Bleckley Airport. The City of Cochran is the airport sponsor for the Cochran/Bleckley Airport and the Cochran/Bleckley Airport receives \$150,000 in FAA Entitlement Funds each year. This \$150,000 FAA Entitlement Fund will each year represent 90% of the total project cost, with the remaining 10% split equally between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Cochran. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to accept Resolution 13-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 2 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Ordinance 05-15; Amendment of zoning ordinance setting forth an increase in the re-zoning application fees. The re-zoning application fee will increase from \$15.00 to \$130.00 and the new fee will include the cost of advertising the re-zoning application in the Cochran Journal. Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Ates seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 05-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 3 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Ordinance 08-15; Establish administrative procedures for the conduct of Municipal Elections in the City of Cochran, Georgia and for the appointing of election officials and compensation for same, as well as adopting other rules and regulations for qualifying, conducting and electing City Officials. Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 08-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

VIII. Mayor Updates

City Park – The City is still in discussion with Stuckey Timberland concerning the purchase of the 12.5 acres located at the corner of 6th and Peter Street. The vacant building located downtown would be part of the purchase.

IX. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

David Harrell, Recreation Director, gave an update on the recreation’s finances. He also discussed options of the recreation falling under the city or county for auditing purposes.

Department updates were distributed to all councilmembers. Fire Chief Kevin Noles gave an ISO update. The GIS data is complete with hydrant information. Councilmember Guyton asked Chief Noles for an update on volunteer turn-out gear. Chief Noles stated that he is checking records to determine who needs to return their gear.

Police Chief Chris Coley gave an update on the new generator that was acquired from the state; two new officers will graduate from the Academy next Friday; Neighborhood Watch at the Happy Hill Community will have an informational meeting sometime in October at Turner Church.

City Engineer, Skip Layton gave an update on the water and sewer system.

Comments:

Mr. Billy Godfrey asked council questions concerning the grass ordinance. Mr. Billy Yeomans also made inquiries about the grass ordinance.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Second Millage Rate hearing – September 15, 2015 @ 6:30pm at the Community House
- Special Called Meeting – September 15, 2015 @ 7:00pm at the Community House
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting–October 13, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – October 13, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

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

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

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

Adjourn
9:20 pm

Lisa Chastain
City Clerk