



**AGENDA**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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

**City Council**

Gary Ates, Mayor  
Andrew Lemmon, Mayor Pro Tem (*District 3, Post 1*)  
Charles Cranford, Council Member (*District 2, Post 1*)  
Regina Gooch, Council Member (*District 1, Post 2*)  
Jon Thrower, Council Member (*District 2, Post 2*)  
Fleming Gilman, Council Member (*District 3, Post 2*)

**City Staff**

Richard Newbern, City Manager  
Jill Cooper, City Clerk  
Leo Phillips, City Attorney

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**I. Call to Order by the Mayor**

**II. Invocation**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Attendance**

**V. Adopt Agenda**

**VI. Reading/Approval of Minutes**

- November 15th, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

**VII. Agenda Items**

**Item #1 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Conduct public hearing for the purpose of discussing the approved activities of the City's Community Development Block Grant Award for the Railroad Avenue infrastructure improvements.

**Item # 2 – Presented by Municipal Gas Authority Regional Manager, Rusty Hough**

Consider Resolution to approve additional firm gas capacity from Southern Natural Gas Pipeline.

**Item # 3 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Consider Resolution to approve Butler/Snow as agent to prepare the Continuing Disclosure and Annual Report to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board on the various bond issues of the City of Cochran.

**Item # 4 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Appointment of new IDA board member.

**Item # 5 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Appointment of new Housing Authority board member for five-year term.

**Item # 6 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Discuss strategy for spending Road SPLOST.

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

Discuss new pouring license fees, guidelines; consider adoption of ordinance.

**Item # 8 – Presented by Fire Chief, Kevin Noles**

Update on Fire Department's new ISO rating; update on state grant for safety/training equipment.

**Item # 9 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Updates on Council retreat plans; set date for retreat.

**Item # 10 – Presented by Public Works Director, Jacob Daniels**

Update on Street Sign Project.

**Item # 11 – Presented by City Clerk, Jill Cooper**

Discuss options for tablets for Councilmembers.

**Item # 12 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern**

Update Council on plans for Utility Cut-off date on December 27, 2016.

**VIII. 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.)

**IX. Mayor Updates**

- No guns on City property.

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

- Department updates.
- Finance reports.

**XI. Council Discussion Items**

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

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – January 10, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

**XIII. Executive Session**

- X A.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A). The subject discussed was proposed litigation against the City by John Crowe.
- B.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).
- C.** Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- D.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D).
- E.** Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).
- X F.** Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- G.** Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- H.** Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved.
- I.** Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-3(a)(1).

**Adjourn**