

MINUTES OF THE 08/11/2009 REGULAR MEETING

City Council met in Regular Session on August 11, 2009 with Mayor Edward E. Towns presiding and the following Aldermen were present: Gary Ates, Willie Basby, Leo Mullis, David Sawyer, Charles Cranford and Eric Bisher.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Alderman Gary Ates.

Minutes of the 07/14/2009 regular meeting were read by City Clerk Matt Turknett. Motion by Alderman Basby seconded by Alderman Cranford to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Mr. John Ricks appeared before Council to give an update on Cochran Better Hometown. Mr. Ricks informed Council that the Cochran Better Hometown will have a tour of homes and businesses for Christmas on December 06, 2009.

Motion by Alderman Basby seconded by Alderman Cranford to retain Giddens, Bennett & Company PC CPA to consult for preparation of 2008-2009 audit and to hire DM Vickers & Associates from Hawkinsville to conduct the 2008-2009 audit. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council discussed abandoned houses on Fifth Street that were infested with bats. Mayor Towns informed Council that he would have the city building inspector look into this matter.

Motion by Alderman Bisher seconded by Alderman Basby to add addition street lights on the streets behind the old L & H Shirt Factory. Motion carried.

An Ordinance establishing the administrative procedure for the conduct of the general election in the City of Cochran for November 3, 2009 General Election was introduced by Alderman Bisher seconded by Alderman Sawyer. Upon polling Council and the vote being unanimous, Mayor Towns declared Ordinance adopted.

An addendum to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System to allow early retirement for employees with at least 27 years of service and being 51 years of age was introduced by Alderman Sawyer seconded by Alderman Ates. Upon polling Council and the vote being unanimous, Mayor Towns declared addendum adopted.

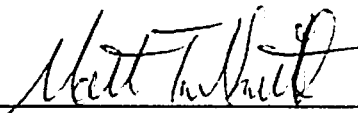
An Ordinance to amend the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System to allow early retirement for employees with at least 27 years of service and being 51 years of age was introduced by Alderman Ates seconded by Alderman Basby. Upon polling Council and the vote being unanimous, Mayor Towns declared Ordinance adopted.

A resolution was introduced by Alderman Basby seconded by Alderman Ates to close ten feet width of an alley that is located between property owned by Tara Alyce Williams and Rachelle Lenore Williams between Thompson Street and Johnson Street. Upon polling Council and the vote being unanimous, Mayor Towns declared resolution adopted.

Mayor and Council discussed the proposed 2009 millage rate. Based on the 2009 digest, the city would be able to lower the millage rate from 9.591 to 9.15 based on this year's budget. Mayor Towns informed Council that a vote would be taken at the regular meeting to be held on September 08, 2009.

Motion by Alderman Bisher seconded by Alderman Ates to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Matt Turknett, City Clerk
City of Cochran

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