

MINUTES OF THE 07/14/2009 REGULAR MEETING

City Council met in Regular Session on July 14, 2009 with Mayor Edward E. Towns presiding and the following Aldermen were present: Leo Mullis, Willie Basby, Eric Bisher, and Charles Cranford. Absent were Aldermen Gary Ates and David Sawyer

The meeting was opened with prayer by Alderman Willie Basby.

Minutes of the 06/16/2009 regular meeting were read by Deputy Clerk Selina Zieg. Motion by Alderman Basby seconded by Alderman Mullis to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Mr. Larry Smith, Building Inspector for the City of Cochran, appeared before Council to request permission to proceed with legal action against a citizen on Palm Street. The citizen was cut-off for non-pay of water services and has refused to pay outstanding bill and resume receiving city water services. Lack of water at his residence has resulted in unsafe and unsanitary conditions of not only his residence, but neighboring homes in the area. Mrs. Martha Pitts and a guest, who live in the same area, came to express their concerns over the unsanitary conditions resulting due to the actions of this particular resident. A motion was made by Alderman Bisher seconded by Alderman Leo Mullis for the building inspector to turn the matter over to the city attorney to proceed with proper legal procedures for prosecution of resident. Motion carried.

Mr. John Ricks, Director of Cochran-Better Hometown, appeared before Council to give an update on activities. The dedication ceremony of the Cotton and Peanut Museum has been put on hold indefinitely. Plans are also being made for a golf tournament and Christmas Tour of Homes as future fundraisers for the organization.

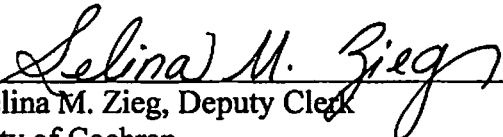
Alderman Cranford inquired as to the purpose of the travel trailer recently purchased by the Cochran Police Department. Mayor Towns explained that the trailer will be used in emergency situations as needed.

Alderman Basby stated that he is still receiving various complaints concerning the police department. Mayor Towns said action is being taken to rectify problems that exist.

Alderman Bisher inquired as to the status of resurfacing of city streets. He also stated that he has had several complaints from citizens concerning the condition of the Cedar Hill Cemetery in regards to excess trinkets and other items being left on the gravesites, which has a negative impact on the aesthetics of the cemetery. He also requested that extra attention be given to the street sweeping detail as it seems much sand and trash debris is being left in certain areas. Alderman Bisher also inquired if estimates had been obtained for the maintenance of the water towers as budgeted and requested that the excess items being stored at the Ann Street well site be moved.

A motion was made by Alderman Bisher seconded by Alderman Basby to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Selina M. Zieg, Deputy Clerk
City of Cochran

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