



**MINUTES
Cochran City Council
May 8, 2018
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Fleming Gilman, Councilmembers Regina Gooch, & Andrew Lemmon, Keith Anderson, Jon Thrower

Absent: Councilmember Robert Anderson

Call to order by Mayor Billy Yeomans @ 7:00PM

The invocation was given by Councilmember Keith Anderson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Jon Thrower.

Councilmember Andrew Lemmon made the motion and Councilmember Keith Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Agenda for Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Mayor Billy Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to the minutes for April 10, 2018. No corrections or additions were added. Mayor Yeomans stated since there are no corrections or additions being made, the minutes from Tuesday, April 10, 2018 meeting are approved as distributed.

- I. Call to Order by the Mayor**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Attendance**
- V. Adopt Agenda**

VI. Agenda Items

ITEM# 1 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Public Hearing on Close- out of 2014 Sewer Improvement CDBG.

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:03PM by Mayor Yeomans. Mayor Yeomans read about the work that has been completed during this project. He asked for and public input, No one from the public spoke.

Public Hearing was closed @ 7:06pm.

ITEM #2 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week. Mayor Yeomans read the proclamation and presented the signed copy to City Clerk, Tracy Jones. He thanked her for all the hard work she provides to the city.

ITEM # 3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider award bid to Dykes Grassing for LMIG- funded resurfacing project
A total of \$84,348 will be financed form the Georgia DOT LMIG Program and 9,372 will be Road SPOLST funds. Dykes Grassing was the only sealed bid received for this project. Bids were opened Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Dykes Grassing will apply 12.5mm of asphalt. Public Works Dept. will assist with raising sewer manhole where needed. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to consider the award bid to Dykes Grassing with Councilmember Andrew Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

ITEM # 4 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider Adopting a resolution amending Code of Ordinances Chapter-4 Alcoholic Beverage and General Provision Section 1-15(c). This ordinance will provide for graduated penalties for establishment that are repeat offenders to underage alcohol sale regulations. Presently the max cap for the penalties is \$1,000. The following is a suggested amendment,

- 1st Offense: \$1,500 with 12 months' probation
- 2nd Offense: \$2,500, 18 months' probation, 2day license suspension (within 2 years of most current previous offense)
- 3rd Offense and Subsequent: \$3,000, 24 months' probation, and 5-day License Suspension (within 2 years of most current previous offense)

ITEM # 5 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider Resolution to contact with Penn Credit to provide collection services for delinquent Police and Municipal Court Fines. This collection service sponsored through Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). This collection service will help the City collect delinquent fine payments owed to the City. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to approve Penn Credit with Councilmember Gooch seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor 5-0

ITEM # 6- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider award of bids for purchase and installation of a replacement aeration blower for the wastewater treatment plant, to be paid from Sewer SPLOST. The aeration blower will be mounted on the existing frame in the blower house. The blowers are used to generate aeration and churn water in the digester and equalization basin. The City solicited three bids from license electric companies that either supply or perform work at municipal waste water treatment facilities. Councilmember Jon Thrower made the motion to approve Cook Electric to win the bid for aeration blower and Councilmember Regina Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 7- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider award of bid on repair of four sinkholes at wastewater treatment plant. Since the waster treatment plant site was built in 2001, four air holes have developed over time due to underground leaks in the lower lines. Bids from sewer contractors will be opened on Monday, May 7,2018. This will be paid from the Water and Sewer Fund Repair and Maintenance line item. Councilmember Andrew Lemmon made the motion to proceed with the project with Councilmember Keith Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

VII. 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.)

- Catherine Guyton – Mrs. Guyton expressed her concerns and opinions concerning Limbs, grass, debris at 9th Street. She stated it should be handled in a fair matter.
- Mary Pitts – Mrs. Pits wanted to know the updates on grants for parks and activities for the children in this area.
- Tommy Guyton – Expressed his opinion and concerns due to a certain issue he was not happy about.

VIII. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

- ❖ Paving of roads
- ❖ Clean up day was a success
- ❖ Budget Sessions for the next several months

IX. Mayor Updates

- Mayor Yeomans recognized Councilmember Keith Anderson for being awarded Number 1 Store manager in the state. Mayor Yeomans stated to go vote. Make sure you are registered and able to vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Monthly report was provided in the packets that were handed out earlier in the week. Chief Coley asked if anyone had questions, he would be glad to answer. Chief Coley introduced a new member of the CPD, Joshua Jordan.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Monthly report was provided in the packets that were handed out earlier in the week Chief Noles explained the fire department would have a volunteer day to put up some alarms if someone needs one.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

Monthly report was provided in the packets that were handed out earlier in the week. Mr., Darsey stated he would answer any questions.

CITY CLERK UPDATES: None

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

Willie Farrow stated Cochran was improved when it was cleaned up with the Scrap tire project.

SKIP LAYTON UPDATES:

Skip Layton, City Engineer, provided Council with a monthly report on projects going on at this time. GEFA CWSRF 15-002, GEFA DWSRF 15-019, DWSRF 15-009, CDBG 2015, CDBG 2016, Cochran/Bleckley Recreation Complex, & Cochran Storm Drainage Improvements.

There were no other department updates.

VIII. Council Discussion Items NONE

IX. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Work Session June 12, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – June 12, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Councilmember Gilman made the motion to adjourn and go into executive session with Councilmember Andrew Lemmon seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Adjourn @ 8:15.

Come back into regular session @ 8:45pm

Adjourn @ 8:55pm

Councilmember Gilman made the motion to adjourn with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all in favor standing up. 5-0

(SEAL)

Tracy B Jones
City Clerk