



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
July 9, 2019
Regular Scheduled Meeting @ 7PM

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

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Thrower

Councilmembers: Carla D Coley, Regina Gooch, Andrew Lemmon, Jimmy Jones, Keith Anderson

Absent: Mayor Billy Yeomans

Call to order by Mayor Pro Tem Thrower @ 6:00PM

The invocation was given by Councilmember Lemmon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Thrower.

Mayor Pro Tem Thrower asked for a motion to adopt the July 9, 2019 Agenda and the June 11, 2019 Minutes. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to accept the July 9, 2019 agenda and the June 11, 2019 minutes with Councilmember Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

- 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

Consider hiring Gilbert and Associates as the consultant to administer the City's \$300,000 CHIP housing rehabilitation grant. Richard explained the proposed contract with Gilbert and Associates; the company helped prepare the CHIP application. DCA recommends the City to hire the consultant firm to move ahead with the administration with the Grant. The city Attorney has prepared a resolution to approve the contract. City Manager read the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Thrower called for a motion to adopt the resolution to approve a funding procurement and grant administration contract with Gilbert and Associates. Councilmember Jones made the motion to adopt the resolution with Councilmember Gooch seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM #2 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving documentation supporting the City's CHIP housing rehabilitation grant. The Council is asked to adopt a Resolution prepared for the written rehabilitation standards. All documents that were approved are as listed:

1. Written Rehabilitation Standards
2. Homeowners Eligibility requirements
3. Resident Plan
4. Language Access Plan
5. MBE/WBE Outreach Plan
6. Affirmative Fair Housing Market Plan

Mayor Pro Tem asked for a motion to approve the documents to approve the city CHIP housing rehabilitation grant. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to approve the documents with Councilmember Anderson seconding the motion. Further discussion on implementing the first come first serve basis. Councilmember Coley made an amendment to the motion for applicants to be on a first come first serve basis with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving an offer from Langley Inc. to rent a waste treatment plant belt press to the City for two months and to repair the City's existing belt press. Richard Newbern explained the cost of \$45,500 to repair the existing belt press is budgeted in the water and sewer fund professional services. Skip Layton gave the update on the belt press and what will take place with the repairs. He expressed how important it is to repair the belt press and keep it functional. Mayor Pro Tem called for a motion approving the offer from Langley to rent the belt press to the city for two months and to repair the existing belt press. Councilmember Anderson made the motion with Councilmember Jones seconding the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 5-0.

ITEM # 4 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approving a proposal from Allied Corrosion to install a replacement anode bed for the City's natural gas system. The City has 6 natural gas anode beds that provides electrical and cathodic protection to the City gas lines. The cathodic protection is a Public Service Commission requirement. The location of the anode bed is in Empire long Church Street. The upgrade is budgeted in the amount of \$14,500 with Allied Corrosion putting in a bid for \$ 12,792. Mr. Newbern was asking Council to approve Allied Corrosion due to the company being the sole source contractor for this project. Mayor Pro Tem Thrower asked for a motion to approve Allied Corrosion Industries to install an anode bed in Empire to support the City's natural gas system. Motion was made by Councilmember Jones with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all visiting in favor 5-0

ITEM # 5 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider filling vacancy on the Zoning Board. No one was nominated or no one volunteered. Mayor Pro Tem asked if one Councilmember wanted to take on the task of finding someone to fill the vacancy. Councilmember Jones stated he would locate someone to serve on the Zoning Board.

ITEM # 6 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider filling vacancy on the Recreation Board- City has two seats vacant on the Recreation Board. Mayor Pro Tem asked for nomination. Councilmember Coley stated she spoke with the Chairman of the Recreation Board and they suggested to do something different. Gary Ates is the person serving at large and they want to put someone else in that position and let Gary Ates serve as one of the City positions. Mayor Pro Tem stated there was a nomination of Spencer Johnson who showed interest in serving on one of the City's vacancies. Mayor Pro Tem asked for a motion to approve Gary Ates and Spencer Johnson to fill the City vacancies on the Recreation Board. Motion made by Councilmember Jones with Councilmember Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0

ITEM # 7- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider awarding Holt Engineering with contract for T Hanger design at Airport. Mr. Bill Coody explained the turnover and the change in the T-Hanger project. He recommended the new company that would take control and finish the project as Holt Engineering. Mayor Pro Tem asked for a motion to approve awarding Holt Engineering with the contact for T hanger design at the Airport. Councilmembers Jones made the motion with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor 5-0.

Department Updates:

Police Chief Chris Coley – Chief Coley gave his overview on his monthly report.

Fire Chief Brock Wilcher – Chief Wilcher went over his reports for the month.

Financial Administrator Bonnie Raffield – Handed out monthly report.

City Clerk Tracy Jones – Made the council aware of her absent on 9/10/19. Mayor Pro Tem asked for this item to be placed on the August Agenda.

Skip Layton- Gave update on Railroad Ave, Storm drains, GEFA projects and CDBG Projects.

City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates:

- ❖ Tuesday, July 9 @ 8 AM at Monthly Chamber Meeting
- ❖ Tuesday, July 16 @ 8 AM IDA Meeting
- ❖ Thursday, July 18 @ 4PM GICH Housing Team Meeting
- ❖ Friday, August 2 @ 5PM-8PM Back to School Bash
- ❖ Tuesday, August 13 @ 8AM- Chamber Monthly Meeting
- ❖ Tuesday, August 13 @ 5:30 Work Session followed by Regular Scheduled Meeting

Council Discussion Items:

- Lemmon – Nothing
- Jones – Nothing
- Anderson – Thanked Sam Barrs for the great job he did with the Flags.
- Gooch- Nothing
- Coley – Nothing

Announcement of Upcoming Meeting and Events

- ✓ **Work Session Prior to Council Meeting August 13, 2019 @ 5:30PM**
- ✓ **Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – August 13, 2019 @ 7PM**

Public Comments

- ❖ Mary Pitts: Mrs. Pitts expressed her concern about the update on the parks.
- ❖ Ethel King: Expressed her concerns about events in her community that took place.

Mayor Pro Tem Thrower asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.
Councilmember Lemmon made the motion with Councilmembers Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 5-0 @ 8:22PM

Went into Executive Session at 8:27 PM

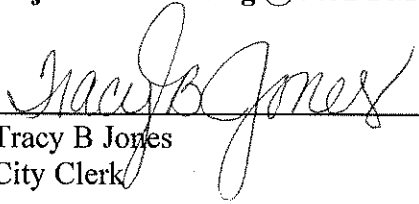
Came out of Executive Session at 9:40 PM (Motion made by Councilmember Lemon 2nd by Councilmember Jones.)

Went back into Regular Session at 9:41PM

Councilmember Jones made a motion to check with attorney to see the extent of liability the City has for the mobile home issue with Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor 5-0

Motion was made by Councilmember Jones to move forward with demolition on the property on 139 Second Street with Councilmember Gooch seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**Councilmember Jones made the motion to adjourn with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion.
Motion passed with all voting in favor 5-0.
Adjourned meeting @ 9:52 PM**



Tracy B Jones
City Clerk

