



## **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Cochran City Council  
Tuesday, April 12 2016  
Work Session Meeting @ 6:00 PM

1. Meeting protocol.

After clarifying and editing the March 28, 2016 Special Called Meeting minutes, discussion continued on meeting protocol. Mayor Stoy presented a handout giving council information on how items can be submitted for the agenda. Councilmembers Gilman and Thrower want to reserve the right to discuss an item without adding it to the agenda and the ability to make a motion for emergency situations. Councilmember Ates agrees that there should be protocol during the meetings. A poll was taken and council unanimously agreed to strike the meeting protocol discussion from the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

2. Downtown parking update

Police Chief Coley presented three options for council to consider as a solution for the downtown parking. The first option is for off street parking; second option is to re-stripe spaces and gain five additional spaces; third option is to create time limited spaces.

3. 2016-2018 Strategic Plan review (handout)

Council is asked to review and determine if any changes are needed. The plan will be posted to the City's website for community input. The plan will be used by the city to guide its activities over the next two years.

4. Recreation update and discussion

- a. Peyton Williams Basketball Court
- b. Recreation Department Master Plan
- c. City Recreation Master Plan (handout)

Willie Farrow, Code Enforcement Officer, will address the basketball court at the Peyton Williams location during the regular meeting. Councilmember Thrower asked Chan Jones from the recreation department to give input on a master plan for the department. Mr. Jones stated that he needed direction on repairing and renewing the recreation department. Mayor Stoy asked council for input on funding the recreation needs. Both the city and county have SPLOST funds that can be utilized. City Manager Newbern will be meeting with the recreation department personnel this week. Councilmember Thrower asked to include County Commissioner Brockman.

5. Consider Zoning Committee recommendation to upgrade the zoning at 125 North Second Street from CBD-1 to allow for residential living in the upstairs; Gwendoline Arnold, Owner.  
The Zoning Committee met and made a recommendation to approve Ms. Arnold's request.
6. Consider Airport Authority recommendation to award the federally-funded Fencing Phase II project to the contractor with the lowest bid.  
The city will enter into a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation.
7. Consider award of bid on the GEFA Phase I sewer repair project.  
Skip Layton, the city's engineer, will recommend awarding American Infrastructure Technologies Corp. for Phase I of sewer improvements.
8. Report from Wayne James, Executive Director of Jointly-Owned Natural Gas.  
Mr. James will present during the regular meeting.
9. Naming of roads in the Wood Oaks Subdivision.  
A listing of suggested names will be voted on during the regular meeting.