



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Cochran City Council**  
**Tuesday, April 26, 2016**  
**7:00 PM**

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*City Hall located at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, GA 31014*

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Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Gary Ates, Jon Thrower, Andrew Lemmon, Fleming Gilman and Regina Gooch.

Absent: Charles Cranford.

Call to order by the Mayor. The invocation was given by Councilmember Ates followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Thrower.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern**

Budget review.

This is the second meeting for the budget review. A third budget meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016. During this time, council may discuss departmental needs and requests with the city department heads. Council may also invite outside agencies to discuss their requests. June 14, 2016 is the target date to approve and adopt the City's budget.

There is no expected millage or utility rate increase. The budget does include a cost of living and merit increase.

City Manager Newbern will advise Commissioner Brockman that council is considering purchasing a vehicle for animal control and is also considering increasing the budget for the recreational department.

Other proposed budgetary items include fire training, pickup truck for the fire department and public works, police vehicles and roof repairs to city hall.

Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Thrower seconded the motion to enter Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

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Councilmember Ates made a motion and Councilmember Gilman seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

**Adjourn at 8:24 pm**

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Lisa Chastain  
City Clerk

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