



**Cochran City Council
Tuesday, July 14, 2015
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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

Present: Mayor Stoy, Councilmembers Willie Basby, Eric Bisher, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon.

Absent: Councilmembers Gary Ates & Charles Cranford

Call to order by the Mayor. The invocation was given by Councilmember Basby followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Eric Bisher.

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve the June 9, 2015 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Item # 1 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Resolution 09-15; Accept \$1,500,000 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, administered by Georgia Environmental Finance Authority.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve Resolution 09-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 2 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Ordinance 02-15; Amend Section 34-45(A) citizen's complaints for the abatement of nuisances in the City of Cochran. City Attorney Leo Phillips recommended this amendment.

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 02-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 3 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Resolution 10-15; Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to provide an offender work detail to the City of Cochran. The current contract with Paulk Landscaping will be phased out with the Georgia Department of Corrections contract beginning August 3, 2015.

Councilmember Lemmon made a motion and Councilmember Guyton seconded the motion to approve Resolution 10-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 4 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Ordinance 03-15; Ordinance to control the height of weeds, grass and underbrush.

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Guyton seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 03-15. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 5 – Presented by City Manager Richard Newbern

Approve rezoning recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Committee which met in public session on Thursday, June 25, 2015.

- Recommendation to rezone 109 South Third Street from R-1 to C-1 for the purpose of building a Doctor's Office; Applicant: Southwest Georgia Health Care, Inc.
- Recommendation to upgrade the C-1 Zoning at the former Music Box at 127 North Second Street to allow for rear/upstairs residential living; Applicant: Jason Ledbetter and Carol Denmark. Zoning Committee placed conditions on their approval.
- Recommendation to upgrade the C-1 Zoning at 129 North Second Street to allow for upstairs residential living; Applicant: Gwendoline Arnold. Zoning Committee placed conditions on their approval.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve rezoning of 109 South Third Street, 127 North Second Street and 129 North Second Street. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 6 – Presented by Mayor Mike Stoy

Appointments to Airport Authority. The City and County will each appoint three members.

Item # 7 – Presented by Mayor Mike Stoy

Gas MOUs

Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Warner Robins to reimburse the City of Warner Robins for Cochran's pro rata share of the demand charges applicable to the 1595 Dth/day firm gas service, as coordinated and secured by Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, for consumption by Kumho Tire Georgia, Inc.

Fixed rates.

Construction costs.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve the MOU's. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Mayor Updates

Resignation of Housing Authority Board Member and IDA Board Member. The Mayor asked Council for recommendations.

City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

Status of Fire Chief interviews. Interviews will take place on Thursday, July 16th.

Handouts were available for department updates. Interim Fire Chief JJ Speers introduced Ken Moore as a new firefighter. Police Chief Chris Coley discussed Neighborhood Watch. A meeting will be held on August 13th for anyone interested in starting Neighborhood Watch in their area.

Water/Sewer update.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting–August 11 14, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – August 11, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

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

Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Guyton seconded the motion to exit Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Bisher made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to appoint Ed Jarrett to serve on the Public Housing Board and for Adam Holloway, Jim Washburn and Trent McDaniel to serve on the Cochran-Bleckley Airport Authority.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:14pm.

Lisa Chastain
City Clerk