

CITY OF COCHRAN
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COCHRAN, GEORGIA
April 21, 2014

The special called business meeting of Council was held this date at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Michael Stoy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Stoy
Councilmember Willie Basby
Councilmember Eric Bisher
Councilmember Charles Cranford
Councilmember Tommy Guyton
Councilmember Andrew Lemmon
City Manager Ray Gibson
City Clerk Lisa Chastain

ABSENT: Councilmember Gary Ates

Mayor Stoy began the meeting with a reading of a Proclamation for the Church of God.

A motion was made by Councilmember Basby and seconded by Councilmember Lemmon to adopt the Agenda.

Item #1 – Presented by Ray Gibson, City Manager

Resolution 20-14: Request to approve a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) with State Bank of Cochran in the amount of \$100,000.00 to fix a sewer line at Lake Linda.

City Manager Gibson discussed the issue of sewage leaking into Lake Linda. The City should have all bids in by Friday, April 25, 2014. The project should take approximately three days to complete and with on-going testing the lake should be open within two weeks. Council asked if the resolution could be amended so as to add verbiage supporting the awarding of the contract. This amendment would speed up the process of moving forward with the work. City Manager Gibson asked for citizen response. Citizen Allen Yawn of Lake Linda said the residents of Lake Linda appreciated the city handling this sewage leak and they hope this corrects any future incidents. It was suggested that a notice be sent to the North Lakeshore residents when work begins.

Councilmember Cranford made a motion and Councilmember Basby seconded the motion to approve the TAN with State Bank of Cochran in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Item # 2 – Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

Discussion regarding the City Charter.

Per City Attorney Leo Phillips, in order to make changes to the City Charter the Council would need two votes and a notice run in the local paper.

Discussion concerning the retirement plan for councilmembers led to Councilmember Cranford making a motion and Councilmember Basby seconding the motion to table the decision of retirement for council until the next meeting. Councilmembers Cranford, Basby and Lemmon voting Yay and Councilmembers Guyton and Bisher voting Nay to table the retirement discussion. Discussion tabled.

All other items in the City Charter were discussed and approved. Mayor Stoy will revisit City Attorney Phillips for revisions.

After additional talk of the retirement plan for councilmembers, it was determined that Dr. Stoy would gather additional information. Councilmember Cranford made a motion to withdraw his motion to table the retirement for councilmembers with Councilmember Basby seconding the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

City Manager Gibson approached council about the flying of the Christian flag at City Hall. He would like for City Attorney Phillips to write an ordinance on the protocol for flying flags and bring back to Council for discussion.

Mayor Stoy reported on the work in progress of the City web site. New photos of council will need to be published.

Councilmember Lemmon asked for beneficiary forms for the new life insurance.

Councilmember Guyton discussed the issue of the irate customer at the front desk of City Hall the preceding week. Police were dispatched after a City Hall employee utilized the new emergency button.

A motion was made by Councilmember Basby and seconded by Councilmember Guyton to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Basby and seconded by Councilmember Cranford to exit Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

City Manager Gibson will discuss having City Attorney Phillips to write an ordinance on the practices of hiring employees in different departments.

With no further business, Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Cranford seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Lisa Chastain, City Clerk

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