

CITY OF COCHRAN
City Council Meeting
Cochran, Georgia
Tuesday, May 13, 2014

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 7:00 P.M. in the Cochran Community House. The invocation was given by Mrs. Jeri Tuck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Stoy
Councilmember Willie Basby
Councilmember Tommy Guyton
Councilmember Andrew Lemmon
Councilmember Charles Cranford
Councilmember Eric Bisher

ABSENT: Councilmember Gary Ates
City Manager Ray Gibson

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Stoy.

A motion was made by Councilmember Basby and seconded by Councilmember Lemmon to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Basby and seconded by Councilmember Cranford to approve the April 8, 2014 Work Session Minutes the Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 6, 2014 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 1 - Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

Resolution 22-14: Request to approve the purchase of Digital Radios and associated equipment for the Fire Department from RCE of Macon with SPLOST 2013 Funds in the amount of \$12,092.50.

This will bring the Fire Department into compliance. Councilmember Basby made a motion and Councilmember Lemmon seconded the motion to approve the purchase of Digital Radios using SPLOST 2013 funds. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 2 - Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

Resolution 23-14: Request to approve a contract agreement with American Infrastructure Technologies Corporation for the repair of the Lake Linda sewer line in the amount of \$94,675.00.

This contract will be funded by a TAN of \$100,000.00 through State Bank of Cochran. Remaining dollars will be held as part of the contingency fund in case of an overrun. A motions was made by

Councilmember Bisher and seconded by Councilmember Lemmon to approve Resolution 23-14. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Item # 3 - Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

Ordinance 01-14 – An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances, City of Cochran, Georgia, to repeal Division 1, Sections 2-117 through 2-127, regarding personnel policies; to create a new Division 1., Sections 2-117 through 2-150, Entitled “City of Cochran Personnel Policy Handbook”; to provide for penalties; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and, for other purposes.

Final version has been approved by City Lawyer Leo Phillips. The handbook will be available to all city employees. This handbook will become an evolving document; all councilmembers have received a copy for future reference. A motion was made by Councilmember Basby and seconded by Councilmember Cranford to approve Ordinance 01-14. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

City Manager Updates

Jacob Daniels, General Maintenance Supervisor, gave the following updates.

- Wood Oak Subdivision sewer line installation

Mr. Daniels provided a map of Wood Oak Subdivision. Eight homes will benefit from this project. The City will try to take on this project in-house to save money.

- Pot holes

Mr. Daniels provided a pot hold tracker listing including instructions that are used to repair pot holes. Forty-five pot holes costing approximately \$1900.00 have been repaired by the Street Department. Citizens can report pot holes by going to the new City web site.

Animal Control Report

An Animal Control monthly report was provided to each Councilmember.

City Marshal Ordinance Violation Report

A City Marshal Ordinance Violation Report was provided to each Councilmember.

162 South Third Street

Mr. Neal Patel, owner of this property, has been sent a letter outlining the number of complaints and arrests. Mr. Patel will use the letter to help evict the subjects.

Fence along Dollar General property line

City Manager Gibson is waiting to hear back from the manager. The city will check on the planning and zoning for this area.

Financial software transition

Upgrades and updates are on-going to transition to the Q Series of QS1.

Council Discussion Items

Park land and recreation equipment - Discussion of where a park could be located in the city for families to utilize. Councilmember Basby is working with Reggie Warren, Recreational Director, to acquire playground equipment for the area behind the Learning Center. Someone would need to oversee the Park to make sure it does not get vandalized. An asphalt basketball court is already present but they would like to also acquire pavilions. They will be talking with the local churches to see if they can help with purchases. This area also needs a fence. This is property owned by the city. Councilmember Bisher mentioned the old high school track and 6th and Peter Street for possible park sites. Councilmember Lemmon mentioned 5th Street as a site.

Boys and Girls Club - Discussion of whether we want to look into a Boys and Girls Club and can the city afford it. The Boys and Girls Club could attract more families into the city.

Councilmember Basby would like to request County Commissioner Bob Brockman to attend City Council meetings.

Public Comments

Mr. Bobby Petis wanted to know if the City had approved the contract with Paulk Landscaping. He said that the sidewalks looked bad with weeds growing up through the cracks. Mayor Stoy informed Mr. Petis that the contract had been signed and that Paulk Landscaping was not responsible for the city sidewalks.

Mrs. Jeri Tuck thanked everyone for participating in flying the Christian flag. Over 77 places displayed the flag.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lemmon and seconded by Councilmember Cranford to enter into Executive Session at 8:07 pm. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cranford and seconded by Councilmember Bisher to exit Executive Session at 9:18 pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cranford and seconded by Councilmember Basby to hold a Special Called Meeting on May 19, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Councilmember Bisher and Lemmon in favor and Councilmember Guyton opposed. Motion carried.

Item # 4 - Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

Resolution 24-14: Request to approve a contract agreement with the City Manager.

The motion was made by Councilmember Basby and seconded by Councilmember Guyton to approve a contract agreement with the City Manager. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mayor Stoy announced the upcoming meetings:

- Special Called Meeting – May 19, 2014 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Work Session Meeting – June 10, 2014 @ 6:00 pm
- Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – June 10, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

Councilmember Cranford made the motion and Councilmember Guyton seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Lisa Chastain, City Clerk
City of Cochran

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