



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
April 9, 2019
Regular Meeting @ 7 PM

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

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans Mayor Pro Tem Jon Thrower

Councilmembers: Carla D Coley, Regina Gooch, Keith Anderson, Andrew Lemmon, Jimmy Jones

Call to order by Mayor Billy Yeomans @ 7:05PM

The invocation was given by Councilman Lemmon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Thrower

Mayor Yeomans asked if any corrections or additions needed to be made to the April 9, 2019 Agenda. Mayor Yeomans stated Item # 5 will not be discussed at this meeting. Mayor requested a motion to approve the April 9, 2019 Agenda. Councilmember Lemmon made the motion to accept the April 9, 2019 Agenda as stated with Councilmember Jones seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0 Mayor Yeomans asked for any addition or correction to the March 12, 2019 Minutes. If none, Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes for March 12, 2019. Councilmember Anderson made the motion to accept the minutes as received with Councilmember Gooch seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0.

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- I. Call to Order by the Mayor**
 - II. Invocation**
 - III. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - IV. Attendance**
 - V. Adopt Agenda**

VI. Agenda Items

ITEM# 1 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider appointing member to City of Cochran Zoning Committee – Discussed in Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Thrower stated the Council nominated three people to contact to get an approval to serve on the Committee and this appointment will be presented at next meeting. No action was needed.

ITEM #2 – Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approval of proposal by Jointly Owned Natural Gas to change organizational structure. Wayne James went over his presentation to review the organizational structure change. All Board Members (Cochran, Warner Robins, Perry, Hawkinsville and Byron) must approve the change for it to become effective. Mayor called for a motion to approve the proposal by Jointly Owned to change organizational structure. Mayor Pro Tem Thrower made the motion to accept the proposal with Councilmember Jones seconding. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

ITEM # 3- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider purchase of a pothole patching machine for the Public Works Department. This purchase for Public Works is in the five -year plan with a proposed purchase in FY 19-20. The pothole patching machine will be purchased with the Road SPLOST funds. Mayor called for a motion. No motion was made due to Council could not make a decision on the purchase. Willie Farrow will gather information and a possible presentation to present to the Council at the next meeting. Mr. Farrow will also get the pricing of the pothole machine along with the price of concrete.

ITEM # 4 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider purchase of a Zero Turn mower for the Public Works Department. Mr. Newbern presented the bids for the zero turn from four (4) different places. Though not the lowest bid, Ace Hardware offers a higher horsepower and local maintenance. The funds will come from the City's TIA road maintenance account. Mayor called for a motion to approve the purchase of the Zero turn for Public Works. Mayor Pro Tem Thrower made the motion to accept the bid on the Dixie Chopper mower recommended by Willie Farrow, Public Works Director with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

ITEM # 5 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider repair of ground tracking equipment for the Public Works Department bulldozer. This item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM # 6 - Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approval of Work Detail Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections for FY 2019-20. Mr. Newbern stated this was a renewal of the existing contract with the women prisoners from the Pulaski State Prison. The DOC is providing 6 to 7 inmates four days a week. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the agreement through resolution with the GDOC as requested by City Manager, Richard Newbern. Mayor Pro Tem Thrower made the motion to approve the resolution with the Department of Correction for FY 2019-2020 with Councilmember Anderson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0.

ITEM # 7- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approval of Resolution amending City Manager employment contract

Documentation was sent to Mayor and Council prior to Council meeting for their review. A resolution was prepared by City Attorney for Council to approve and sign. Mayor called for a motion to approve the contract with the City Manager by signing of a resolution. Councilmember Jones made the motion to approve the contract with City Manager, Richard Newbern with the signing of a resolution prepared by the City attorney with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion was passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

ITEM # 8- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approval of design and purchase of replacement face plates for Gateway Signs.

Mr. Newbern stated we are working with Sign Designs for the signs entering into the City for new face plates. It now says Progressive City and will be changed to the new City Logo which is your Southern Home. This will be paid from the TIA Funds. Council is asked to approve this change and purchase. Councilmember Coley requested more lighting and low maintenance landscaping as well. Mayor called for a motion. Motion was made by Councilmember Gooch to make this purchase and change to the Gateway signs with Mayor Pro Tem Thrower seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 6-0

ITEM # 9- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Consider approval of a budget amendment for the FY 2017-18 budget to comply with audit requirements. Mr. Newbern stated CPA Consultants Giddens and Bennett along with Mark Hardison recommended this amendment be approved as it is a state requirement during the course of the physical year, the budget did not balance; this amendment will allow the budget to balance. Council is asked to adopt this so the CPA can recognize it as a final balanced budget, and they will be able to complete the work on the City audit. Mayor called for a motion to approve the budget amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Thrower made the motion to approve the budget amendment for FY 2017-18 with Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

Five (5) Yes (Thrower, Coley, Gooch, Jones, Lemmon) One(1) NO (Anderson) 5-1

City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates:

- April 25 – Ribbon Cutting
- April 26-Bible Reading Marathon
- Received \$3000,000 CHIP Grant
- Looking at Work Session on Tuesday 4/26/19 6;30pm for Budget Draft
- Urban Redevelopment Plan Updates
- DAA have been appointed
- Census is coming up in 2020
- Clean Up Day April 27, 2019

Council Discussion Items-

Thrower- None

Coley- Inquired about the recycling bin behind the City Hall

Gooch- Asked about landscaping at Peyton Williams

Anderson – None

Jones- None

Lemmon- None

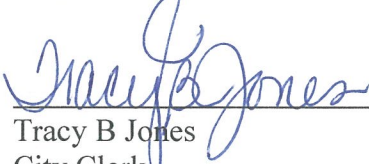
Announcement of Upcoming Meeting and Events

- ✓ **Work Session Prior to Council Meeting May 14, 2019 @ 5:30PM**
- ✓ **Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting – May 14, 2019 @ 7PM**

Public Comments

- ❖ **Norman Simmons** – Mr. Simmons expressed his concerned about his taxes not being paid. He gave paperwork to City Clerk to look into the taxes being paid or unpaid.
- ❖ **Josette Scott** – Was concerned about the Recreation Department management and activities at the Recreation Department. Had several questions pertaining to the IDA/Chamber and their functions.

Adjourn @ 8:59 PM



Tracy B Jones
City Clerk

