



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
August 26, 2021
Special Called Meeting @ 7PM

City Auditorium, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Ates
Councilmembers: Keith Anderson, Andrew Lemmon, Rufus Veal
Absent: Councilmember Jimmy Jones, Carla Coley

Call to order by Mayor Billy Yeomans @ 7:00PM

The invocation was given by Councilmember Rufus Veal followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Ates.

- 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 approval of two resolutions on GEFA loan extensions for water and sewer improvements.

Mr. Newbern stated the Council was asked to consider extend the GEFA loan agreements that are already in place expected to expire at the end of this month, August 30,2021. The extension will be through December 2021. Any extension requires approval of Council. One of the loans is for water service improvements in the amount of over \$2 million of water system improvements. Some improvements have been complete such as water meter system, upgraded tanks and has them restored, water line and valve improvements, as well as line replacement. Work remains to be done. Pyles has not completed all the work and is still under contract. The loan must be extended to allow Pyles to complete their work. Most of the work will be valve improvements in the city. It is mandatory to spend every dollar of the loan to get the \$500,00 write off. If the whole amount is spent, GEFA will forgive \$500,00 of the \$2 million loan over a 20-year period. Slip lining is also a project that is still in process and that is another reason the Council is asked to extend the loan. This extension will allow the city to have the Rene Group with sewer and Pyles with water to go ahead and complete their jobs and expend all the money for the loans to be closed out and then GEFA will forgive the \$500,000. This extension must be done by resolution to be an official action of the city. Councilmember Veal asked if the City has a schedule or plan? Mr. Newbern stated the city Engineering Firm is staying on top of Pyles with the valve improvements and they have some of that remaining to do and then the Rene Group with sewer improvements are at the find and fix stage now. Councilmember Veal stated he would like to know where they are working and what they are doing and a little history of the lines. He would also like to see it all completed. Mayor called for amotion to approve the resolution to extend the GEFA loans for water and sewer improvements Mayor Pro Tem Ates made the motion to approve the two resolutions to extend the GEFA loans for water and sewer to December 31, 2021, with Councilmember Lemmon seconding the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. 4-0

Mayor Pro Tem Ates made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Lemmon seconding.

Adjourn @ 6:12PM

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Tracy B Jones
City Clerk