

July 8, 2014, City Council Work Session Minutes

Mayor Stoy, Council Members Charles Cranford, Willie Basby, Eric Bisher, Tommy Guyton and Andrew Lemmon were present along with Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson.

Absent: Gary Ates

Agenda Items

Item # 1 – Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Ordinance 06-14: Adoption of Water and Sewer Rates.

This is an ordinance to enact proposed water rate revisions and proposed sewer rate revisions in accordance with the June 2014 rate study. Rates would be effective September 1, 2014 and September 1, 2015. Mayor Stoy indicated that reserves will need to be addressed and how this will be handled for the future. He asked that Council start thinking about this and come back with plans.

Item # 2 - Presented by Mayor Michael Stoy

Ordinance 5-14: An ordinance to amend the City Charter.

This is the last reading of the amended City Charter. Amendments have been posted in the local Cochran Journal.

Item # 3 - Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

The City of Cochran has been selected to receive free technical assistance from GEFA (Georgia Environmental Finance Authority) for water loss assistance. Reed & Shows Meter Repair and Supply Company has been selected to provide the free assistance.

Council Discussion Items

Councilmember Tommy Guyton said the employees at the Recreational Department are under the impression that they will receive health coverage through the City. City Clerk Lisa Chastain is going to follow up on this and find out if these employees are eligible to receive insurance.

Councilmember Charles Cranford asked about the water samples and where they are sent for testing. City employee Greg Craft pulls samples and sends them off to a certified lab.

Councilmember Eric Bisher expressed concerns of the storm water and whether the holding pond located at the new Wal-Mart is sufficient.

According to Councilmember Guyton, the cushmen will not come to Cochran next year. Instead they will go to Perry.

Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson discussed the City's fiscal year. Council agreed to add this to the agenda as item # 4.

Item # 4 - Presented by Interim City Manager Jerry Murkerson

Change fiscal year back to July 1 – June 30.

Due to issues with the software upgrade and on the recommendations of Giddens & Bennett, the City is requesting to change its fiscal year back to July 1 – June 30. Council discussed changing back to a calendar

year (January 1 – December 30) once the administration has implemented the software upgrade and the audit has been submitted and approved.

Mayor Stoy called to adjourn in order to begin the regular council meeting.

Lisa Chastain
City Clerk