

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
April 13, 2020

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session as a virtual meeting by way of “gotomeeting” in order to carry out the city’s business during the COVID-19 crisis that normally takes place at the Byron Municipal Complex. Mayor Chidester and Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Chris Hodge and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City Attorney Tom Richardson attended the meeting as did City Administrator Derick Hayes, City Clerk Telina Allred, ECD Director Tiffany Sandefur, Director of Public Works Tiffany Bibb, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Chief Court Clerk Velma Ervin and Interim Fire Chief Josh Riley. A link was provided on the city’s website at www.byronga.com to afford any citizen the means attend the meeting.

Mayor Chidester called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

AGENDA AMENDED: Michael Chidester was asked to add to the agenda as item 15(a) (1) amendment to Personnel Policy regarding Hazard Pay and as item 15(a)(2) how to pay and to whom regarding Hazard Pay if approved.

MINUTES APPROVED: Minutes of the Council Meetings held on March 9 and March 11, 2020 were unanimously approved upon motion by Michael Chumbley and Chris Hodges.

PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting held on March 23, 2020. Unanimous.

BYRON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve appointing Jeff Owens to the Byron Redevelopment Authority Board to replace Madison Lowe, term to expire December 31, 2020. Unanimous.

PROCLAMATION REGARDING SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the Mayor to sign a Proclamation for the observance of Sarcoidosis Awareness Month. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2020-1) CONCERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BYRON CITY CEMETERY: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2020-1) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF 12-3 OF THE CODE OF BYRON CONCERNING CEMETERIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adopt Ordinance #2020-1. Unanimous.

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ORDINANCE (#2020-2) REGARDING CONSTRUCTION SITE AND STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2020-2) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO AMEND SECTION 16-83 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON TO ADDRESS CONSTRUCTION SITE STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to adopt Ordinance #2020-2. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2020-3) REGARDING PUBLIC OFFICERS AUTHORITY TO PUBLIC NUISANCES: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2020-3) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO AMEND SECTION 16-402 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON SO AS TO IDENTIFY THOSE PUBLIC OFFICERS WITH AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE RULES, REGULATION AND LAWS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to adopt Ordinance #2020-3. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2020-4) REGARDING BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2020-4) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR A BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2020-5) REGARDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2020-5) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO AMEND CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS OF ORDINANCE SECTION 15-32, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE POWERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the Mayor to authorize a Permanent BMP Maintenance Agreement with Tire Distributors of Georgia, Inc regarding the location at Benjamin Hawkins Industrial Park. Unanimous.

LMIG 2020 GRANT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the LMIG 2020 contract and to authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary paperwork. Unanimous.

REFUNDING OF SERIES 2007 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BONDS: Mayor Chidester spoke on the bonds for the Municipal Complex building that had previously been talked about at a prior meeting stating that a reissue would save a great deal in interest over the remaining nine years of the bond. Discussion was had over which option to choose for the reissuance. He further

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stated that in Option #1 the city takes the savings November 2020, Option #2 would spread the savings over the first three (3) years or option #3 where the savings is taken at the end. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve Option #2 which will spread the savings over the first three (3) years. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REBC GRANT: Economic and Community Development Director Tiffany Sandefur stated that the grant, in the amount of \$50,000.00, would be used for the exit 149 interchanges. She further stated it will be 100% reimbursable once spent. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution authorizing the City of Byron to apply for a Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council (REBC) Grant through the Department of Transportation. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, many roadside areas within Department of Transportation rights of way must be maintained and attractively landscaped; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron desire to beautify and improve various rights of way by landscaping within the city limits of Byron; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron desire to authorize the Economic and Community Development Director to apply for an REBC Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation, and if awarded, to enter into a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Byron and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Byron, Georgia, the City Clerk of the City of Byron is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Department of Transportation and all other persons as directed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron at the regular meeting assembled this 13th day of April, 2020.

SALE OF LADDER TRUCK: Interim Fire Chief Josh Riley said that the potential sale of the ladder truck did not happen as the buyer backed out. He said that he could go through a broker agency to try and sell it. Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to authorize Interim Chief Josh Riley to sell the Fire Department Ladder Truck in the quickest, most expedient means possible. Unanimous.

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UNUSED EMPLOYEE VACATION LEAVE: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve allowing employee unused vacation time in year 2020 be allowed to rollover to year 2021 this one time due to the virus pandemic. Unanimous.

PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT REGARDING HAZARD PAY: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the City of Byron's amendment to a Personnel Policy with respect to hazard pay. Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey voted in favor of the motion. Rusty Adams voted against the motion. MOTION PASSED.

HAZARD PAY POLICY PROCEDURES: Discussion was had on how and to whom to pay regarding the Amendment to the Personnel Policy with regard to hazard pay. Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the Hazard Pay terms to be that all patrol officers be paid an additional \$6.00 per hour when on call, firefighter paid an additional \$6.00 per hour when on call as well as investigators in response to burglary, robbery, rape, assault, murder, etc.; that volunteer firefighters be paid an additional \$10.00 if they go on a call with payments to such employees be made at the end of the crisis based on Mayor and Council and the State of Emergency determination. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, Rusty Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council