City of Byron Mayor and Council Minutes April 20, 2020

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in Special Session as a virtual meeting during the COVID-19 crisis that normally takes place at the Byron Municipal Complex. A link was provided on the city's website at www.byronga.com to afford any citizen the means to attend the meeting. Mayor Chidester and Council Members Michael Chumbley, Rusty Adams and Chris Hodges were in attendance. Council Members James Richardson and Alan Dorsey were absent. City Attorney Tom Richardson attended the meeting as did City Administrator Derick Hayes, City Clerk Telina Allred, ECD Director Tiffany Sandefur and Director of Public Works Tiffany Bibb. Tom Owens of Raymond James attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Chidester called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

SERIES 2007 BOND REFINANCING: Mayor Chidester spoke on the refinancing of the bonds asking if everyone had an opportunity to review the information. Council member Michael Chumbley said the numbers looked good and he was pleased. Council Member Hodges was happy with the decision to get the savings in the first three (3) years and said it was the smartest thing he felt the city could do. Mr. Chumbley inquired if it was a private sale and Tom Owens assured all that it was a private sale. Mr. Owens stated that they are acting as the placement agent and are placing the bonds with a bank purchaser who is JPMorgan Chase and ultimate owner of the bonds. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the refinancing of the Series 2007 bonds and to allow the Mayor to execute the Resolution, Contract and Placement Agreement. Unanimous.

ENGAGEMENT WITH CARTER & SLOOPE: Director of Public Works Tiffany Bibb stated that both engineers, Carter & Sloope and Burke Murph, have reached out stating that with phase 4 stimulus package coming out mid-summer that these projects needed to be ready to go. She said she would like to get Carter & Sloope to work on the project of looping the line on Chapman Road, replacing the 6" and 8" pipe on the entire loop to 10" and with possibly widening Chapman Road at the same time as the project work is being done. Ms. Bibb did not know what type of funding it qualified for yet and won't know until everything comes down from the government. She further said that since Carter & Sloope has done the leg work, ran numbers and knows the lines that need to be replaced she feels they would be the best ones to work on that particular project. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to engage Carter & Sloope on the Chapman Road project. Unanimous.

ENGAGEMENT WITH BURKE MURPH: Ms. Bibb stated that Burke Murph with GWES would be working on project CIP-H which is the Manchester Subdivision that has flooding and is a high priority. With the city already giving him the go ahead to work on the Howard Street/Main issue, Mr. Murph said he thinks he can possibly apply for that one under CDBG and do GEFA funding under the other one. Ms. Bibb recommended engaging both engineers so when funding comes down they

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have items ready to present to the government. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to engage Burk Murphe on the CIP-H project. Unanimous.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, Rusty Adams to adjourn the meeting at 4:10PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred Clerk of Council