

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
May 11, 2020

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the council chambers of the Municipal Complex as well as virtually by way of “gotomeeting” in order to carry out the city’s business during the COVID-19 crisis. Mayor Chidester and Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Chris Hodges 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. A representative from the Byron Buzz attended the meeting in person.

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

MINUTES APPROVED: Minutes of the Council Meetings held on April 13 and April 20, 2020 were unanimously approved upon motion by Michael Chumbley and Chris Hodges.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE MODIFICATIONS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the modifications by Jones Glass, Inc. for the option #3 amount of \$3640.18 and to also approve up to \$2,000.00 for making the wall cut-out. Unanimous.

NEW POSITION FOR ASSISTANT TO CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Michael Chidester stated that with the notice of retirement date January 20, 2021 that was given by City Administrator Derick Hayes, the creation of a position for an Assistant City Administrator would help in making that transition easier for the city. The job description was also provided for review at the meeting. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson. Those voting in favor: Chris Hodges, James Richardson, Rusty Adams and Alan Dorsey. Those voting against: Michael Chumbley. MOTION PASSED.

ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve Tiffany Sandefur for the position of Assistant City Administrator. Those voting in favor: James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey. Those voting against: Michael Chumbley. Mr. Chumbley stated that he meant no disrespect to Ms. Sandefur as he felt she does a great job. He further stated he felt that the city should advertise the job to the public so as to get someone with actual Administrator experience. MOTION PASSED.

NEW POSITION FOR ASSISTANT TO BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING UNDER ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the newly created position of Building, Planning & Zoning Assistant under the Economic & Community Development Department. Those voting in favor: James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey.

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Those voting against: Michael Chumbley. MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCE (#2020-4) REGARDING BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY: Second 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. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adopt Ordinance #2020-4. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2020-5) REGARDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY: Second 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. Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to adopt Ordinance #2020-5. Unanimous.

BOND REFINANCE COMPLIANCE: Mayor Chidester stated that with regard to the Series 2007 Bond refinance comes compliance policies whereby he needed the authorization to execute. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to authorize the Mayor to sign a Post-Issuance Compliance Policy and an IRS Publication 4079 concerning tax-exempt governmental bonds included as Attachment 2 regarding the Series 2007 Bond Refinancing. Unanimous.

PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the Mayor to authorize a Permanent BMP Maintenance Agreement with 30AIP Byron, LLC regarding the location at Tax Map # 055D 098. Unanimous.

COVENANT TO ANNEX: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve a Covenant to Annex per request of Keith and Jennifer Wozniak regarding property located on 2791 Moseley Road so as to acquire water service. Unanimous.

WILLOW OAK/RED OAK ROAD REPAIRS: Director of Public Works Tiffany Bibb provided several quotes to Mayor and Council regarding repairs needed to Willow Oak and Red Oak Roads. Upon review, motion was made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the quote of Option #2 from LaKay Enterprises, Inc in the amount of \$38,500.00 for the necessary repairs to damaged areas of road on Willow Oak and Red Oak Roads. Unanimous.

REQUEST FOR SURPLUS: Police Chief Cannon stated that the surplus request concerns two vehicles that have way too many miles and are worn out. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the Police Department request to surplus a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria and a 2012 Ford Interceptor on GovDeals.com. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:24 PM, motion was made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Michael
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Chumbley that the Mayor and Council enter into closed session as allowed by the O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for the purposes of discussing a real estate matter.

MOTION APPROVED

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: James Richardson, Michael Chumbley, Alan Dorsey, Chris Hodges and Rusty Adams. Those voting against the motion for closure: None.

Those attending the Closed Session were Mayor Chidester, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Chumbley, Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey. City Clerk Telina Allred, ECD and Building, Planning & Zoning Director Tiffany Sandefur and City Attorney Tom Richardson (by phone) attended as well.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to authorize the City of Byron to purchase said property as discussed in closed session and to approve up to and to take no less than \$3500.00. Unanimous.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to return to open session at 6:43 PM. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Alan Dorsey, Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council