

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
September 14, 2020

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Auditorium in the Municipal Complex to allow for better social distancing. Assistant City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur had GOTOMEETING set up for those who attended virtually as well. Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Michael Chumbley, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City Attorney Tom Richardson attended virtually. City employees that attended were City Clerk Telina Allred, Assistant City Administrator/ECD Director Tiffany Sandefur, Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Chief Court Clerk Velma Ervin and Interim Fire Chief Josh Riley. There were two (2) visitors at the meeting and no media attended.

Mayor Chidester called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, asked Council Member James Richardson to give the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDED: Mayor Chidester asked that the agenda be amended to add as item 15(a) Meadows Walk drainage issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Council Meetings from August 10 and August 17, 2020 were unanimously approved upon motion by Chris Hodges and a second by Michael Chumbley.

PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on August 10, 2020 were unanimously approved upon motion by Alan Dorsey and Chris Hodges.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the reappointment of Darrell Lettice to the Planning & Zoning Board, term to expire September 13, 2022. Unanimous.

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the reappointment of Louis Evans to the Planning & Zoning Board, term to expire September 13, 2022. Unanimous.

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the reappointment of Terrence Fannin to the Planning & Zoning Board, term to expire September 13, 2022. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK: City Clerk Telina Allred spoke about upcoming events planned for Georgia Cities Week which is October 4-10, 2020. Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution to recognize Georgia Cities Week in the City of Byron. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FY2019: Michael Chumbley stated that adjustments were needed to be made to the budget to balance the prior years' activities. Michael Chumbley explained the several adjustments needed were made within the general fund as shown in the Exhibit "A" of the council package. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to authorize the supplemental appropriations regarding the 2019 Audit. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

RESOLUTION REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH PEACH COUNTY: Ms. Sandefur stated that there was an increase to the agreement this year making it \$75.00 per inspection but inspections will now take place Monday through Friday now giving more service days. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Peach County for the purposes of performing inspections. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY: Mayor Chidester and Assistant City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur worked on the Cares Act Reimbursement whereby the deadline was quickly approaching. Due to the deadline, Mayor Chidester stated that they needed the approval for the Public Safety submission that was put in for the past reimbursement because it was one streamlined amount and could be entered in easily to meet the cutoff. He further stated that the second wave will include the amounts for the building modifications that were previously approved. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the CARES ACT reimbursement for Public Safety. Unanimous.

SPLOST TRANSFERS: Mayor Chidester reminded council of the discussions with the city's Certified Public Accountant (CPA) last month. Ms. Sandefur stated that the bank accounts are set up and checks were written from the general fund but the transfers were not made timely. City Clerk Telina Allred stated that she is looking into a MICR printer that will print the accounts at the bottom of each check to save on transferring. Michael Chumbley made the recommendation to go ahead and get the printer now rather than wait. Mayor Chidester stated that the city can do the transfers immediately until the capability is there to pay directly with checks. Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the immediate transfer of SPLOST funds to the general fund when council authorizes items be funded by SPLOST funds until such time it can be paid directly with checks. Unanimous.

ESTABLISH AUTO TRANSFERS: Mayor Chidester stated that he was unsure that the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund ever accumulated enough money to auto-sweep so maybe the city should wait until the new software is set up and running. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to pull-off the agenda item until such time the city has the capability to better address the sweeping of the account. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2020-6) REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2020-6) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO REPEAL THE CURRENT FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY (SECTION 18-1 - 18-5) AND SUBSTITUTE IN ITS PLACE A NEW FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION CODE (18-1 -18-16) SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE MARSHAL, ESTABLISH FIRE PREVENTION DUTIES, SET FIRE LIMITS OF THE CITY, ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR MODIFICATION OF THE FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION CODE, ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS BY AGRIEVED PARTIES, ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR SPECIFYING NEW MATERIALS WHICH MAY REQUIRE PERMITS, ESTABLISH THE UNLAWFULLNESS OF SETTING OR TAMPERING WITH FIRE HYDRANTS, IDENTIFY CERTAIN ACTS INTERFERING WITH FIREFIGHTING ACTIVITIES, PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION CODE, ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR OPEN BURNING AND CONTROLLED BURNING, REQUIRE POSTING OF ADDRESSES FOR OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF REAL PROPERTY, DESIGNATE BUILDING AND FIRE RELATED CODES APPLICABLE TO EXISTING BUILDING, ESTABLISH A KEY LOCKBOX SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN STRUCTURES AND FOR BUILDING AS DESIGNATED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to adopt Ordinance #2020-6. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2020-7) REGARDING EXCISE TAX: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2020-7) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adopt Ordinance #2020-7. Unanimous.

A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION: Ms. Sandefur stated that of the three (3) quotes she got that Airmasters came in the lowest bid. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to ratify the replacement of a new 7.5ton air conditioning unit for the administration wing performed by Airmasters of Middle Georgia in the amount of \$8,550.00. Unanimous.

BYRON LIBRARY REGARDING NEEDED REPAIRS: Mayor Chidester stated that the Byron Library received some Library State Fund Assistance to aid in needed repairs to the Byron Library. Byron is splitting the remaining cost with the city's portion being paid from the 2015 Cultural/ Historic Facility Improvements. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve paying Peach Public Library the half of the repair balance in the amount of \$4,465.00 for the needed repairs to the Byron Library and to be paid from the 2015 Cultural/ Historic Facility Improvements. Unanimous.

LMIG FY2021: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the list of

Mayor and Council Minutes
September 14, 2020
Page 4, cont'd.

roads, submittal of the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) FY2021 and the 30% matching funds. Unanimous.

CHIP GRANT APPLICATION FY2021: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the Mayor to sign an application for the submittal of the Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Grant FY2021 and the approval of the \$12,000.00 administrative fee to go toward the city's match. Unanimous.

MEADOWS WALK DRAINAGE: Mayor Chidester explained that the drainage issue was discussed in the Utility Committee regarding the drainage issue behind certain lots in the Meadows Walk subdivision. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve entering into an agreement with CMD Homes, to waive their permit fees up to the \$10,000.00 cost and the city supply the dirt. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council