

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
October 12, 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. Deputy Clerk Dede Thibodeaux 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, Deputy Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Court Administrator Velma Ervin and Lt. Bryan Hunter. A representative from the Byron Buzz attended the meeting and no visitors attended.

Mayor Chidester called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM, asked Council Member James Richardson to give the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Council Meeting from September 14, 2020 were unanimously approved upon motion by Michael Chumbley and a second by Chris Hodges.

PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting held on October 8, 2020 were unanimously approved upon motion by Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey.

PROCLAMATION REGARDING RED RIBBON WEEK: City Clerk Telina Allred spoke on Red Ribbon Week as the City of Byron was asked to write a Proclamation for Mitchell County Middle/High School Young Marines and to observe and support the drug-free campaign the week of October 23-31. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the Mayor to sign the Proclamation in support of Red Ribbon Week. Unanimous.

MILLAGE RATE: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the millage rate for the City of Byron at 9.0 FY2020. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2020-8) REGARDING A JOINT UTILITY COMMISSION:

First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2020-8) OF THE CITY OF BYRON BY ADDING A NEW SECTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7.10-7.17-GENERAL PROVISIONS, TO BE DESIGNATED AS ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 1-4-JOINT VENTURES AND AUTHORITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO A JOINT UTILITY COMMISSION; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ACTS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mayor Chidester stated that the Ordinance will amend the Charter for the creation of a Joint Utility Commission between Byron, Hawkinsville, Perry, Cochran and Warner Robins, Georgia known now as the Jointly Owned Natural Gas.

CDBG 2020 RESOLUTION: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the 2020 Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$742,928 and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents pertaining to the grant with Grant Specialists of Georgia, Inc, to execute a Language Access Plan, to execute Policies and Procedures for the 2020 CDBG and to open a non-interest bearing bank account for the CDBG funds. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITION RELATING TO THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY SO RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON AGREE TO ACCEPT THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AWARDED TO THE CITY BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND IT IS HEREBY SO RESOLVED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ALL AWARD DOCUMENTS FOR SAID GRANT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY SO RESOLVED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUT A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND GRANT SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA, INC. IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM AS THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" WHICH BY ITS REFERENCE IS MADE A PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY SO RESOLVED THAT CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF THE 2020 CDBG BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF BYRON AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM AS EXIBIT "B", ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED HEREIN.
2. A NEW BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE CDBG WILL BE OPENED. THE ACCOUNT WILL BE A NON-INTERESTR BEARING ACCOUNT AND THE MONTHLY FEES WILL BE WAIVED OR PAID FROM CITY FUNDS.
3. THE CITY OF BYRON APPROVES A LANGUAGE ACESS PLAN ("LAP") FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE 2020 CITY OF BYRON

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. SEE EXHIBIT "C"
ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED HEREIN.

SO RESOLVED this 12th day of October, 2020.

BYRON LIBRARY REGARDING NEEDED REPAIRS: Michael Chumbley briefed everyone on needed repairs for the Byron Library. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve paying the matching funds of \$3250.00 from the awarded grant received from a Library State Fund Assistance Grant FY2021 that was awarded to the Peach Public Libraries/Byron Library regarding needed window repair to the Byron Library and to be paid from the 2015 Cultural/Historic Facility Improvements. Unanimous.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH XEROX: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Xerox for the maintenance and supplies on a new MICR encoding printer for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND XEROX REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE WORK FOR THE CITY OF BYRON MICR ENCODING PRINTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Xerox regarding the performance of maintenance and service work for the City of Byron MICR encoding printer and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council

