

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
January 11, 2021

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Auditorium at the Municipal Complex to allow for better social distancing. Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Michael Chumbley, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City employees that attended were City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Fire Chief Josh Riley, Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb and Court Administrator Velma Ervin. Firefighters Mark Rhoden, Chad Longo, Jason Wells, Mark Suddeth, Corey Gaston, Casey Joyner and Shelby Browning came to the meeting in support of Chief Riley taking the Oath of Fire Chief. No representatives from the media were present but eight (8) visitors attended the meeting.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on December 14, 2020 were unanimously approved by Michael Chumbley and Chris Hodges.

APPOINT ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT:

Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to appoint Betty Sims as Election Superintendent for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

SET QUALIFYING FEES:

Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve setting the qualifying fee of \$90.00 for Council Members regarding the November 2, 2021 General Election. Unanimous.

APPOINT CITY ATTORNEY:

Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to appoint Brian L. Causey of Mincey & Sherlock, LLC as the City Attorney for the City of Byron for 2021. Rusty Adams inquired why the item had not been discussed in personnel committee and the Mayor stated that Mr. Causey was not an employee of the city. The Mayor further stated that that he had two others that showed interest in the position, but Mr. Causey had a lower rate of pay and his experience made him a better candidate and was the recommendation of the Assistant City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur as well. Those in favor of the motion: Richardson, Chumbley, Hodges and Dorsey. Those voting against the motion: Adams. MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LMIG MEMORANDUM OF

AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Houston County, Warner Robins, Centerville, Perry, Hawkinsville, Pulaski County and Dooly County. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MULTI-JURISDICTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND HOUSTON COUNTY, WARNER ROBINS, CENTERVILLE, PERRY, HAWKINSVILLE, PULASKI COUNTY AND DOOLY COUNTY; 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 a Multi-Jurisdiction agreement with Houston County, Warner Robins, Centerville, Perry, Hawkinsville, Pulaski County and Dooly County in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

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 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

CHIP GRANT FY2021: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve Grant Specialists of Georgia to write and administer the 2021 Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grant for the City of Byron, of the two proposals submitted. Unanimous.

POLICY REGARDING COVID 19 PANDEMIC: Mayor Chidester asked if all had a chance to review the new policy stating that the Federal Law of 10 day paid leave did not continue after December 31, 2020. He further stated that the new policy would give another one 10-day cycle of paid leave per employee and after that cycle other things would have to be done. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the policy for the City of Byron regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Those voting in favor of the motion: Richardson, Chumbley, Hodges and Dorsey. Those voting against the motion: Adams. MOTION PASSED.

OATH OF FIRE CHIEF: Mayor Chidester delivered the Oath of Fire Chief and swore in Josh Riley as the Fire Chief for the City of Byron.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council

