

City of Byron  
Mayor and Council Minutes  
February 8, 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, Deputy Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, Fire Chief Josh Riley, Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb, Chief Wesley Cannon and Court Administrator Velma Ervin. A representative from the media was present and two (2) 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.

AGENDA AMENDED: Mayor Chidester was asked that the agenda be amended to add as item 16(a) Fire Apparatus quote and as 16(b) a BMP Maintenance Agreement at Timber Ridge Subdivision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on January 11, 2021 were unanimously approved by Michael Chumbley and Chris Hodges.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to appoint Tiffany Sandefur as the City Administrator for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to authorize the Mayor to sign an Audit Engagement Letter with Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants, to perform the 2020 Audit for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

NEW BANK ACCOUNT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve opening a new bank account for the Utility Department. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE OF FEES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the updated Administration Schedule of Fees. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2021-1) REGARDING STANDING COMMITTEE: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-1) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO AMEND SECTION 2-49 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON CONCERNING STANDING COMMITTEES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2021-2) REGARDING CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-2) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS AND/OR SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2021-3) REGARDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-3) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS AND/OR SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OR ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2021-4) REGARDING CHAPTER 4, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-4) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS AND/OR SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 4, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2021-5) REGARDING CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-5) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS AND/OR SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

OLD CITY JAIL REPAIRS: Of the two (2) quotes Ms. Sandefur said that she received, JB Walker homes came in at a lower price. Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to award a bid for repair work to be performed at the old city jail to the low bid JB Walker Homes at \$4342.00. Unanimous.

COURT AMNESTY PROGRAM: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the Court Amnesty Program to collect on outstanding balances and unpaid citations dating back to 2010; to run beginning March 1st through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING OPEN EDGE MERCHANT CONTRACT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Open Edge Solutions as the merchant provider to integrate with the new Tyler software, contingent upon final changes/edits agreed upon with the company and the City Attorney. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Complex.)

**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 OPEN EDGE REGARDING MERCHANT SERVICES; 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 Open Edge in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE JOINTLY OWNED NATURAL GAS TRANSITION TO MID-STATE ENERGY COMMISSION: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the consent and acknowledgement agreement waiver for Jointly Owned Natural Gas' transition to the Mid-State Energy Commission. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Complex.)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BYRON TO EXECUTE A CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AGREEMENT WAIVING CERTAIN FORMAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS IN THE MID-STATE ENERGY COMMISSION INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATING AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE JOINTLY OWNED NATURAL GAS ENTITY AND ITS TRANSITION INTO THE MID-STATE ENERGY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Byron was partner/member/owner of the Jointly Owned Natural Gas entity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jointly Owned Natural Gas entity is transitioning into the Mid-State Energy Commission which is a body corporate and politic deemed to be a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and a public corporation, created by Joint Charter Amendments of the Cities of Byron, Cochran, Hawkinsville, Perry, and Warner Robins, which are its members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Byron is a party to the Mid-State Energy Commission Intergovernmental Operating Agreement (IOA) with the Cities of Cochran, Hawkinsville, Perry, and Warner Robins effective as of January 1, 2021 relating to the above; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Byron duly and lawfully amended its Charter by Ordinance 2020-8,

the Joint Charter Amendments, on December 14, 2020, relating to the creation and membership of the Mid-State Energy Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Byron acknowledges that fully transitioning from operating together as Jointly Owned Natural Gas to operating through Mid-State Energy Commission is a multi-step process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Byron desires to provide assistance and aid in the transition process;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

Section 1: That the City of Byron shall execute the Consent and Acknowledgment attached hereto as Exhibit "A;" and

Section 2: That the City of Byron acknowledges that fully transitioning from operating together as Jointly Owned Natural Gas to operating through Mid-State Energy Commission is a multi-step process; and

Section 3: That the City of Byron consents to waive formal compliance with the IOA as necessary during the transition period, provided that

- a) Such transition period is completed no later than July 1, 2021; and
- b) The net financial effect of compliance with the IOA is effected on or before July 2, 2021; and
- c) Mid-State Energy Commission uses good faith efforts to effect strict compliance with the IOA as soon as practicable, but in no event later than July 1, 2021.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.**

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to appoint Harry Patel to replace his late father Nick Patel on the Byron Redevelopment Authority Board, term to expire December 31, 2021. Unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to appoint April Hodges to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board to replace Terrence Fanning who has moved from the area, term to expire September 13, 2022. Unanimous.

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FIRE APPARATUS QUOTE: Chris Hodges stated that a recommendation had been made in the past year to do no more than minimum repairs to the 1997 Chevrolet 2500, but now is recommending that it be surplus. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to surplus the 1997 Chevrolet 2500. Unanimous.

BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the Mayor to authorize a BMP Permanent Maintenance Agreement with Project Development and Management, LLC for the next phase of Timber Ridge (Timber Ridge Phase 4/Forest Ridge Phase 2). Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred  
Clerk of Council