

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
May 10, 2021

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Michael Chumbley, and Chris Hodges were in attendance. Council Member Alan Dorsey was absent. City employees that attended were Deputy City Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb, Police Chief Wesley Cannon and Lt. Bryan Hunter. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as well. A representative from the Byron Buzz was present and well as three (3) visitors.

Mayor Michael 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: Michael Chumbley asked that the agenda be amended to add as item 15(a) Resolution of city owned property to be annexed into the city limits of Byron and as item 15(b) Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on April 12, 2021 were unanimously approved by Michael Chumbley and Chris Hodges.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Greg Boike, David Lane and Dean Nelson from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission spoke to Mayor and Council about the Comprehensive Plan update needed to comply with state law. The law requires an update every five (5) years. The timeline will run from May through January as explained by Dean Nelson with the adoption set for January. Mayor Chidester informed the group that the Complex could be made available for the Comprehensive Plan meetings if need be.

GMA DISTRICT 6 OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the proposed slate of GMA's District 6 Officers FY2021-2022 and the submission of the ballot. Unanimous.

MID-STATE ENERGY GAS CONTRACTS: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the transfer of gas contracts to Mid-State Energy and to authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Unanimous.

GEFA LOAN MODIFICATION REQUEST: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the submission of a request to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for the modification of CWSRF Loan Number CW2016048 to further the needed repairs to the sanitary sewer system through the rehabilitation project. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2021-6) REGARDING CHAPTER 12, CEMETERIES: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-6) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO ENACT CERTAIN SECTIONS AND/OR SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 12, CEMETERIES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR

OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to adopt Ordinance #2021-6. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2021-7) REGARDING CHAPTER 14, COURTS: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-7) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO ENACT CERTAIN SECTIONS AND/OR SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 14, COURTS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to adopt Ordinance #2021-7. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR MINIMUM STANDARD CODES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the adoption of Administrative Procedures for the Enforcement of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM STANDARD CODES; 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 adopt Administrative Procedures for the Enforcement of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" 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 10th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

ORDINANCE (#2021-8) REGARDING CHAPTER 8, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-8) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO ENACT CERTAIN SECTIONS AND/OR SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 8, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING FINANCIAL POLICIES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government regarding needed financial policies for the City of Byron. 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 AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND THE CARL VINSON INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT; 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 Carl Vinson Institute of Government in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this 10th day of May, 2021.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING JANITORIAL SERVICES: Motion was made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to renew the contract. Discussions were had on the nature of the contract with JaniKing Janitorial Services where council had questions on certain pricings. Motions were rescinded until questions can be answered. Item was TABLED until the next meeting before the next month per motion by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING MACON OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE TESTING: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution authorizing the City of Byron to enter into an Agreement with Macon Occupational Medicine for breath alcohol and drug screen services. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at 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 MACON OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE; 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 Macon Occupational Medicine in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" 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 10th OF MAY, 2021.**

PERSONNEL POLICY REGARDING PTO FOR BIRTHDAYS: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve a Personnel Policy for paid time off for employee birthdays. Unanimous.

A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to ratify the installation of a new air conditioning unit for the Municipal Complex Public Works and Planning & Zoning offices performed by Airmasters of Middle Georgia. Unanimous.

TREE REMOVAL AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the quote from Mike's Tree Service to remove two (2) damaged trees located at the Municipal Complex. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION FOR ANNEXATION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the annexation of property already owned by the city into the city limits of Byron. Unanimous.(Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BYRON TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF BYRON WHICH LIES WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BYRON; AND TO OBTAIN A RESOLUTION FROM THE PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGREEING TO SAID ANNEXATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, The City of Byron desires to annex property owned by the City of Byron which lies without the corporate limits of the City of Byron; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Code requires county resolution/agreement as a pre-condition to the annexation of land by its municipal governing authority; and

WHEREAS, Peach County, Georgia, acting through its governing body/Board of Commissioners and elected officials, has no objections to said annexation; and

WHEREAS, Peach County, Georgia has passed or intends to pass a Resolution agreeing to the annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Byron,

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Georgia, that the annexation of the property described below in Peach County, Georgia into the corporate boundaries of the City of Byron, Georgia, is hereby approved, to wit:

ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2021.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON,
GEORGIA ON THE 10th DAY OF May, 2021.**

SCRAP TIRE ABATEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM: Mr. Hodges stated that the amnesty program through the state is where they pay for the disposal of used tires. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Unanimous.

Dede Thibodeaux
Acting Clerk of Council