

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
October 11, 2021

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Michael Chumbley, Alan Dorsey and Chris Hodges were in attendance. City employees that attended were City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux and Fire Chief Josh Riley. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting. There were five (5) visitors that attended the meeting with one being Pam Helton of the Georgia Municipal Association. Two representatives from the Leader Tribune and another from the Byron Buzz attended the meeting as well.

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: Mayor Chidester asked that the agenda be amended to remove item #10 COVID-19 Policy from the agenda as it still needed more work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on September 13 and September 22, 2021. Unanimous.

REZONING REQUEST: Mayor Chidester called for a Public Meeting at 6:04pm regarding a rezoning request for parcel 052 014A from its current C-3 PUD to R-1. Mr. Steven Rowland spoke for Wingate Custom Homes and explained to Mayor and Council the plans for the lots. Those speaking against the rezoning: None. The public hearing was closed at 6:13pm. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the request to rezone parcel 052 014A from C-3 PUD to R-1. Unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting held on September 23, 2021. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION TO HONOR LOCAL SCOUT: Mayor Chidester asked that a Resolution be considered for approval to honor a local Eagle Scout. Chris Hodges made a motion, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the Mayor to execute a Resolution to honor the local Eagle Scout. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN STREETS: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution to accept Shoals Street (.030 miles) within the corporate limits of the City of Byron, as part of the Municipal Street System. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BYRON TO FORMALLY ACCEPT CERTAIN STREETS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AS PART OF THE MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEMS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, The City of Byron desires to formally accept several streets, or portions thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Byron, as part of the Municipal Street System; and

WHEREAS, The streets listed within this resolution are or have been a part of the public road system of the City of Byron for several years or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, The City of Byron is and has been maintaining the streets listed within this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Byron, Georgia, that the following streets are formally accepted as public streets that are part of the Municipal Street System of the City of Byron, Georgia, to wit:

Shoals Street (.030 miles)

ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2021.

GMA PRESENTATION: Pam Helton from the Georgia Municipal Association presented City Clerk Telina Allred with a framed Certificate for completing training with GMA on Municipal Revenue Administration.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTION: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution to adopt an amended job description for the position of Administrative Assistant in the City Clerk Department for the City of Byron. 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 TO APPROVE THE CITY OF BYRON AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia to approve the City of Byron Amended Job Description for Administrative Assistant as set out in the 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 THIS 11th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH COURTWARE: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Courtware Government Software Solutions. 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 COURTWARE GOVERNMENT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS; 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 Courtware Government Software Solutions 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 OCTOBER, 2021.

ORDINANCE (#2021-11) REGARDING CHAPTER 15, CIVIL EMERGENCIES: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-11) OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO ENACT CERTAIN SECTIONS AND/OR SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 15, CIVIL EMERGENCIES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adopt Ordinance #2021-11. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2021-12) REGARDING CHAPTER 36, TAXATION: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2021-12) OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO ENACT CERTAIN SECTIONS AND/OR SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 36, TAXATION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDED POLICY REGARDING COVID 19 PANDEMIC: TABLED UNTIL NOVEMBER.

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BLIGHT/NUISANCE LETTER: Mayor Chidester clarified that the city is being authorized to go forward with the amendment to the code of ordinances regarding blight to approve this addition of this authority of the Mayor to issue a blight/nuisance letter. Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve a letter regarding Blighted/nuisance Properties. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:24 PM, motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges that the Mayor and Council go into closed session all allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2 for the purpose of discussing real estate matters.

MOTION APPROVED

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Chris Hodges, Rusty Adams and James Richardson, Michael Chumbley and Alan Dorsey. Those voting against the motion for closure: None.

Those attending the Closed Session were Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members Rusty Adams, James Richardson, Michael Chumbley, Alan Dorsey and Chris Hodges. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did City Clerk Telina Allred and City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to return to open session at 6:43 PM. Unanimous.

REAL ESTATE MATTER: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve City Attorney Brian Causey to begin negotiations on said property as discussed in closed session on behalf of the City of Byron. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council

