

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
April 11, 2022

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, and Chris Hodges were in attendance. Council Member Alan Dorsey was absent. 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 and there were two (2) visitors at the meeting. A representative 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on March 14 and March 18, 2022. Unanimous.

REZONING REQUEST: At 6:02 PM, a Public Hearing was held regarding a request to rezone parcel 054D 144 A located on West White Road from A-1 to R-3. Those to speak in favor of the rezoning: None. Those speaking against the rezoning: None. The Public Hearing closed at 6:04 PM. Chris Hodges made a motion, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the rezoning request. Unanimous.

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE: Michael Chumbley made a motion, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve a variance request for Parcel 052A 084 regarding front setbacks from 25 ft to 20 ft in the Hawk's Ridge Phase 2 development. Unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings held on March 24, 2022. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution to recognize Georgia Cities Week during April 24-30, 2022. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA RECOGNIZING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 24-30, 2022 AND ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, city government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

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WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Byron declares April 24-30, 2022 as Georgia cities week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF BYRON ENCOURAGES ALL CITIZENS, CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THIS WEEK IS RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED ACCORDINGLY.

SO RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia on the 11th day of April, 2022.

RESOLUTION REGARDING MGAG ANNUAL ELECTIONS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution making Mayor Michael Chidester the voting delegate and Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb the alternate for the MGAG Annual Elections. Unanimous.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Byron that

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Mayor Michael L. Chidester is hereby appointed to serve as the City's voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Election Committee, with authority to cast all votes to which this City is entitled. Tiffany Bibb is appointed as alternate voting delegate.

This 11th day of April, 2022.

WRATS FY2023: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the FY2023 Warner Robins Area Transportation Study pro rata share of the match for Byron in the amount of \$638.00. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TSPLOST FY2022: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the TSPLOST FY2022 Intergovernmental Agreement and Bond Confirmation of Construction Funds. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, AND FORT VALLEY; 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 intergovernmental agreement between the City of Byron, Peach County, and Fort Valley 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 APRIL, 2022.

RESOLUTION REGARDING FINANCIAL POLICIES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution to adopt Financial Policies as proposed by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO ADOPT FINANCIAL POLICIES AS PROPOSED BY THE CARL VINSON INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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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 City of Byron hereby adopts the following Financial Policies described in the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this 11th day of April, 2022.

LMIG FY2022: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) 2022 contract and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Unanimous.

PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the Mayor to authorize a Permanent BMP Maintenance Agreement with Jeff Smith Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center Wash & Repair regarding tax map 054B 008. Unanimous.

LAND SURVEY FOR LASHLEY STREET: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the land survey to be done for Lashley Street. Those voting for: Chumbley, Hodges, and Richardson. Those voting against: Adams. MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING DATAWORKS, LLC: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with DataWorks Plus, LLC regarding the GBI Rapid ID device software for the Police Department. 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 DATAWORKS PLUS, LLC.; 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 DataWorks Plus, LLC. in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this 11th day of April, 2022.

RESOLUTION REGARDING A FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution for a Firefighter Recruit Training Reimbursement Agreement for the City of Byron Fore Department. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO ADOPT A FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT; 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 City of Byron hereby adopts the following Firefighter Recruit Training Reimbursement Agreement as described in the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this 11th day of April, 2022.

MARY BLANKENSHIP TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mary Blankenship visited the council meeting to inquire about any new updates to the Walker Road water improvements. Ms. Blankenship stated that she had come to council almost a year ago with concerns for the Walker Road area and wanted to personally get answers. She understood that the grant the city was aiming for did not come through and wanted to know the next step. Mayor Chidester stated that the city had a plan for the update to be done in three (3) phases that will get funded anyway but when the opportunity to get the grants came up, it was bundled in with the grant opportunities hoping to get the Walker Road area done as well. He further stated the city is painfully aware that the grants may not work out so something will have to be done to the water line. The ARPA grant did not come through so the city is back at looking at the three (3) phases. Tiffany Bibb said that the EDA grant is still awaiting approval but it may take a while to find out if the city is gets it. Mayor Chidester stated that the EDA grant could take a while to find out if the city gets approved so the city should get started on the original plan. The Mayor assured Ms. Blankenship that she had not been forgotten.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:16 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/disposition.

MOTION APPROVED

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

Those attending the Closed Session were Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members Rusty

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Adams, James Richardson, Michael Chumbley and Chris Hodges. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did City Clerk Telina Allred, Tiffany Bibb and City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to return to open session at 6:21 PM. Unanimous.

REAL ESTATE MATTER: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to authorize the disposition of land as discussed in closed session and authorize the Mayor to sign the Quit-Claim Deed. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council