

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
April 10, 2023

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, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City employees that attended were City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb, Chief Court Dede Thibodeaux, and Captain Hunter. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as well. There were 29 visitors at the meeting. Representatives from the Leader Tribune and The Byron Buzz attended the meeting as well

Mayor Michael Chidester called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, asked 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 13, March 15, March 27 and March 29, 2023. Unanimous.

REZONING REQUEST: TABLED until the May Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Tabled until the May Council Meeting.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mayor Chidester apologized for the inconvenience of the rezoning request as it had just been removed that afternoon. He assured everyone that it would be on next month's agenda and to please come back. Ms. Hollie Alaexandria stated she would be coming back. He invited everyone to please stay for the remainder of the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve re-appointing Phillip Shannon, Joseph Rumph, and Mitzi Hamlin to the Byron Housing Authority, term to expire May 1, 2028. Also, to approve the re-appointment of Gwendolyn Hardy as the Resident Board Commissioner to the Byron Housing Authority, term to expire May 1, 2024. Unanimous.

2023 PEACH COUNTY GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD DINNER: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the purchase of a table of eight (8) for the 2023 Peach County Golden Eagle Award Dinner to honor Thomas & Barbara Palmer in the amount of \$1,000.00. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve a Resolution to recognize Georgia Cities Week during April 23-29, 2023. Unanimous. City Clerk Telina Allred mentioned there would be drawings for many various giveaways and the dumpster days would be back again that week as well to help citizens with their clean-up efforts.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA RECOGNIZING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 23-29, 2023 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

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 23-29, 2023 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 10th day of April, 2023.

SURPLUS OF VEHICLE AND OTHER ITEMS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the surplus request from the Fire Department for a 1989 Ford F-800 Gruman Fire Truck as well as self-contained breathing apparatus, electric ladder rack, stock bumper for a 2017 F-350, and Hurst Hydraulic Tools. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING DATAWORK PLUS, LLC: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley 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 10th day of April, 2023.

RESOLUTION REGARDING BLUELINE SOLUTIONS, LLC: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with BlueLine Solutions, LLC regarding automated speed enforcement. 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 BLUELINE SOLUTIONS, 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 BlueLine Solutions, LLC 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 April, 2023.

ORDINANCE (#2023-2) REGARDING GMEBS DEFINED RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN: Second reading and adoption was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2023-2) AS AN AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN BY ELECTED OR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY WHO HOLD SUCH OFFICE ON OR AFTER APRIL 11, 2023; TO PROVIDE FOR NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE AT 65 WITH NINE (9) YEARS OF TOTAL CREDITED SERVICE FOR ELECTED OR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY; ESTABLISH NORMAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00 PER YEAR OF CREDITED SERVICE AS MAYOR AND \$40.00 PER YEAR OF CREDITED SERVICE AS A COUNCIL MEMBER; AND ESTABLISH A NINE (9) YEAR CLIFF VESTING REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTED OR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to adopt Ordinance #2023-2. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE GENERAL ADDENDUM TO THE GMEBS DEFINED RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Adoption Agreement for the General Addendum to the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System Defined Retirement Benefit Plan. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GENERAL ADDENDUM TO THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT

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 General Addendum to the GMEBS Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement 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 10th DAY of April, 2023.

ORDINANCE (#2023-3) REGARDING APPENDIX A, PART IV, ARTICLE III, PACKAGE LIQUOR STORES: Second reading and adoption was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2023-3) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO AMEND APPENDIX A- LAND DEVELOPMENT, ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, PART IV, ARTICLE III, SECTION 7-C-2 DISTRICT: DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND SECTION 6-C-1 DISTRICT: GENERAL COMMERCIAL AREA (HIGHWAY SERVICE), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON CONCERNING ZONING, PACKAGE LIQUOR STORES, AND AMENDING,

INSERTING, DELETING, MODIFYING, AND/OR ASSERTING IN THEIR PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adopt Ordinance #2023-3. Unanimous.

PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the BMP maintenance agreement with Meadow Walk located at tax map 054C 066. Unanimous.

PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the BMP maintenance agreement with The Bryson Farms Subdivision located at tax map 054D 154C. Unanimous.

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PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the BMP maintenance agreement with Cane River Drive located at tax map 055D 100. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:19 PM, Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley that the Mayor and Council go into closed session all allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2 for the purpose of discussing pending or threatening litigation.

MOTION APPROVED

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Chris Hodges 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, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did City Clerk Telina Allred, Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, and City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to return to open session at 6:35 PM. Unanimous.

REGARDING CLAIM: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Michael Chumbley to deny the claim as was discussed in executive session. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council