

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
June 12, 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, 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, Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Investigator Melanie Bickford, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux and Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as well. There were eight (8) visitors at the meeting. Representatives from the Leader Tribune and The Byron Buzz were also at the meeting.

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.

ADD TO AGENDA: Mayor Chidester asked that the agenda be amended to add as item 13(a) Paulk Landscaping quote for Interstate Exchange fertilization, as item 13(b) Paulk Landscaping quote for maintenance at the Municipal Complex, item 13(c) JaniKing Contract Renewal, and as item 13(d) consider approving the Mayor to do a Proclamation for the Archbishop of the AME Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on May 8, 2023. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Ms. Lisa Martin of the Timber Ridge Subdivision addressed Mayor and Council regarding issues she has been having with cats coming into her yard from other homes. She presented everyone with her documentation and asked what could be done. Mayor Chidester stated that it would fall under the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance and asked that she make a report with the Police Department. Brian Causey was then tasked with having a look at the Ordinance and preparing it for the judge to review. He asked for her patience in the matter and thanked her for coming to them.

GMA VOTING DELEGATE: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve authorizing Mayor Michael Chidester to represent the City of Byron as the voting delegate for the 2023 GMA Annual Convention Business Meeting. Unanimous.

BATTLE OF BYRON FINANCIAL REPORT: The Battle of Byron CEO Austin Simar presented Mayor and Council with the Financial Report for the Battle of Byron Festival FY2023. Mayor and Council once again praised Mr. Simar for his hard work and the festival being such a success.

RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FY2022: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Supplemental Appropriations FY2022 and the allocated \$663,989.00 to the Contingency Fund. Those voting in favor: Chumbley, Hodges, and Richardson. Those voting against the motion: Adams. MOTION PASSED. (Resolution on file in the clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO SUPPLEMENT THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION PASSED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THE 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council did by Resolution on the 13th day of December, 2021, adopt a budget for the operations of the City's functions for Fiscal Year 2022; and

WHEREAS, various supplemental budget adjustments are necessary to conduct the affairs of the City and to implement the policies of the governing body as set out on the attached Exhibit "A", which by this reference is hereby made a part of this Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the additional sums of money itemized on the attached Exhibit "A", for the various operations of the City of Byron General Fund be hereby appropriated, and those sums in parenthesis are hereby disappropriated for any line item appearing opposite the same.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCOUNTING SERVICES: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Bennett Financial Services, LLC for Certified Public Accountant Services with the City of Byron. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the 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 BENNETT FINANCIAL, 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 Bennett Financial, LLC. 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 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDED SCHEDULE OF FEES: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the amended Schedule of Fees for the City Clerk Administrative Department. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2023-4) REGARDING ANNEXATION OF WALKER ROAD: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2023-4) PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER AND CODE OF BYRON AND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BYRON, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, TO ANNEX A PARCEL OF PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BYRON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2023-5) REGARDING CHAPTER 40, UTILITIES: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2023-5) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 40-UTILITIES, ARTICLE 1. -IN GENERAL, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON BY REMOVING SECTION 40-6-CONSUMER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR WATER SERVICE, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND BY REPLACING WITH AND INSERTING A REVISED SECTION 40-6-CONSUMER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR WATER SERVICE, AS SHOWN BELOW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

UTILITIES APPLICATION UPDATE: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the updates to residential, realtor and commercial utility applications for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the BMP Maintenance Agreement with Dunbar Court located at tax map 054B 005. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN STREETS: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution to accept portions of Sterling Drive along with Majestic Drive and Serenity Court that are within the corporate limits of the City of Byron, as part of the Municipal Street System. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

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 below within this resolution are or were dedicated to the City of Byron to be a part of the public road system of the City of Byron by the developer and/or prior owner; and

WHEREAS, The City of Byron desires to formally accept the below streets listed within this resolution.

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:

Sterling Drive (that portion within the City limits) approximately 1,190 linear feet;
Majestic Drive, approximately 1,062 linear feet; and
Serenity Court, approximately 495 linear feet.

ADOPTED this 12th day of June, 2023.

PAULK LANDSCAPE PROPOSAL FOR BYRON INTERSTATE EXCHANGES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the fertilization only of plants at the interstate exchanges in the amount of \$1750.00. Unanimous.

PAULK LANDSCAPE PROPOSAL FOR BYRON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the replacement of dead shrubs and installation of fresh pine straw at the Municipal Complex in the amount of \$4685.00. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING JANITORIAL SERVICES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the renewal contract with JaniKing of Macon regarding janitorial services for the City of Byron. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the 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 JANI-KING OF MACON; 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 Jani-King of Macon 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.

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**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON,
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PROCLAMATION FOR THE AME CHURCH: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to authorize the Mayor to draft a Proclamation for the Archbishop of the AME Church. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council