

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
October 9, 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 Hodgès were in attendance. Council member Alan Dorsey was absent. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Captain Bryan Hunter, Major Bill Lavender, and Fire Chief Josh Riley. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did twelve (12) visitors. Media representative Vickie Simmons of the Byron Buzz was 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.

Mayor Chidester addressed council to inform City of Byron received an award from the Georgia Municipal Association for City of Civility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on September 11, 2023. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Eagle Scout, Victoria Byrd, from Troop 919 addressed council regarding an Eagle Scout Service Project. She is building a Flag Retirement Drop Box and requesting it to be placed in Jailhouse Alley for the general public to deposit and dispose of flags properly. Byrd assured council that the box would be sealed and weatherproofed. Motion made by Michael Chumbley and seconded by Chris Hodges to allow. Unanimous. The box's exact position will be determined at a later date.

Sydney Hammock, 7th grade teacher from Byron Middle School, also addressed council expressing her appreciation for the fire safety knowledge given by the Byron Fire Department. She presented the fire department with a project board created by students from the knowledge they received. Ryan Hamlin from Concerned Citizens of Peach County introduced himself to council and expressed desire to work together as a community. Council thanked him for his time.

Joy Thomas also spoke reminding council members of her request for time capsule items from last months meeting. Tiffany Sandefur is working on this for Ms. Thomas with a deadline of 10/13/2023.

BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Micheal Chumbley to approve the Mayor authorizing a Permanent BMP Maintenance Agreement with Prince Properties, LLC regarding Byron C-Store located at Tax Map 055D 103. Unanimous.

LMIG 2024 APPLICATION: Motion made by Michael Chumbley and seconded by James Richardson to allow the Mayor to approve the submittal of the LMIG 2024 application, the 30% matching funds from streets SPLOST as well as the authorization to sign the joint LMIG contract and any corresponding documents. Unanimous

RESOLUTION REGARDING LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH MULE CREEK: Motion made by Chris Hodges and seconded by Rusty Adams to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a license agreement with Mule Creek. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2023-8) REGARDING CHAPTER 36, TAXATION: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 36-TAXATION, ARTICLE IV HOTEL/MOTEL TAX, SECTION 36-161-DEFINITIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Michael Chumbley and seconded by Chris Hodges to adopt Ordinance (#2023-8). Unanimous

ORDINANCE (#2023-9) CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 ANIMALS, ARTICLE 1-IN GENERAL, BY ADDING SECTIONS 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-12, AND 6-13, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-5(a), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2023-10) REGARDING ROADS APPROVED FOR SPEED DETECTION DEVICES: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND SUBSECTION 38.2 OF CHAPTER 38, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, TO REPEAL ORDINANCE #2023-6 THAT WAS ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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BYRON RECYCLING CENTER: Motion made by Michael Chumbley and seconded by Chris Hodges to approve JB Walker Homes design and construction plans regarding the Byron Recycling Center. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:22pm, 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 litigation and personnel matters.

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 Adams, James Richardson, Michael Chumbley, and Chris Hodges. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur and Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to return to open session at 7:01pm. Unanimous.

ANIT-LITEM CLAIM: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to turnover potential litigation to city attorney for further review. Unanimous.

ANIT-LITEM CLAIM: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to authorize a onetime \$5000.00 expenditure as discussed with a signed confidentiality agreement and release pending no insurance claims have been filed. Unanimous

PERSONNEL MATTER: Personnel matter was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to adjourn meeting at 7:09pm. Unanimous.

Pam Flournoy
Deputy Clerk

