

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
March 11, 2024

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 Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, City Clerk Telina Allred, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb, Fire Captain Mark Germscheid, and Fire Chief Josh Riley. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did four (4) visitors. Representatives from the Leader Tribune and Byron Buzz were also in attendance.

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.

AGENDA AMENDED: Mayor Chidester asked that the agenda be amended to add as item (9) petition for a street name change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on February 12, 2024, and Work Sessions held on February 1 and February 22, 2024. Unanimous.

VARIANCE REQUEST: Mayor Chidester opened the Public Meeting at 6:03pm for those to speak in favor of the variance request made by Pawn Smart regarding fencing. Those to speak in favor: none. Those to speak against: none. The Public Hearing closed at 6:05pm. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to deny the variance request. Unanimous. **VARIANCE DENIED.**

APPROVAL OF PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Michael Chumbley made a motion, seconded by James Richardson, to approve the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting held on February 26, 2024. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Ms. Cherie Giles gave a huge “thank you” to the Mayor, Council, and the City of Byron for a wonderful turn-out at the unveiling of the Jailhouse Park Little Free Library and stated what an honor it was to give back to the community. She shared her vision for Phase II of the park hoping to add plants and a walkway to spruce it up a bit and

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make it more inviting. She stated that she had also applied for a mini grant of \$100 and is in hopes of it being awarded as well. The Mayor and Council thanked her for a job well done.

LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE UPDATE: Mayor Chidester stated that Appendix A, Land Development Ordinance is still being updated by the City of Byron. He said that meetings are underway in the following week for a final clean-up and to make ready.

SUPPLEMENTAL LMIG 2024: Michael Chumbley made a motion, seconded by Chris Hodges to authorize the Mayor to sign and approve the submittal of the 2024 Supplemental Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application as well as the authorization to sign the LMIG contract and all corresponding documents. Unanimous.

SCRAP TIRE AMNESTY EVENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program Agreement. Unanimous.

GEFA APPLICATION AND AWARD: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to authorize the Mayor to execute an application and all other necessary documents for the acceptance of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority award money for Lead Service Line Inventory. Unanimous.

PETITION FOR STREET NAME CHANGE: Mayor and Council verified that the petition for a street name change request submitted by Alan Dorsey does have signatures of 60% of property owners and/or residents of Suncoast Drive as required by city ordinance.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:26pm, 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 a real estate matter.

MOTION APPROVED

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Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Alan Dorsey, 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, Alan Dorsey, and Chris Hodges. City Attorney Brian Causey, City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur and Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford attended as well.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to return to open session at 6:36pm. Unanimous.

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

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council