

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
April 14, 2025

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester and Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Michael Chumbley, Chris Hodges, and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, City Clerk Telina Allred, Deputy Clerk Elissa Lee, Director of Public Works Tiffany Bibb, Captain Bryan Hunter, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, and Fire Chief Josh Riley. City Attorney Brian Causey and Elections Superintendent Betty Sims attended the meeting as did 21 visitors. A representative from the Leader Tribune attended 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 Alan Dorsey to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on March 10, 2025. Unanimous.

VARIANCE REQUEST: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve a variance request for Byron Heritage Church located at 103 West Heritage Boulevard, tax map/parcel B01F 010 for a side setback variance of 15ft instead of 30ft when activity borders a residential area. Unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meetings held on March 4, and April 1, 2025. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Twenty-one visitors came to speak about the addition to the New Haven Subdivision off Highway 42 to express their concerns. Mayor Chidester did inform the citizens that the builders had pulled their variance requests and submitted for review an updated plan that did in fact comply with the law and all the requirements of the City of Byron have been met. Mr. Charles Hayes spoke on the matter and showed pictures of flooding on his property and a berm that had been removed that assisted in keeping back the water after rain. Leon Collins also spoke with concerns about flooding to their properties as well. He asked if the city had a consulting engineer to which it was answered that the city did, and it was Burke Murph of Georgia Water & Environmental Services (GWES). Nicholas Cowley stated that he is part of the

HOA and they are cleaning their retention area, which they are hopeful will help. Susan Ray wanted answers on slow-release structures to aid the overabundance of water at one time. Mayor Chidester let fellow citizens know that the City of Byron will make sure that the concerns expressed were heard and that the required protocol will be followed by the builders.

Martha Burnette thanked the Mayor and Council for the new 4-way stop at Moseley Road and Hwy 42.

PEACH SCHOOLS TO RECOGNIZE BYRON: Mayor Chidester shared news on the city being recognized at the earlier committee meeting by Peach County High School. Byron was presented with a plaque recognizing their commitment to work-based learning. Byron employs a PCHS student currently under the program. The City of Byron was deemed the April 2025 Business of the Month.

BYRON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the re-appointment of Gwendolyn Hardy to the Byron Housing Authority, term to expire May 1, 2026. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-5) REGARDING UTILITY BILLING DATE CHANGE:
Second reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-5) 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 AMENDING SECTION 40-12-BILLING; COLLECTING, AS SHOWN BELOW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adopt Ordinance #2025-5. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-6) REGARDING CHAPTER 18, FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND RESPONSE: Second reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-6) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 18-FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, BY AMENDING, INSERTING, DELETING, MODIFYING, AND/OR ASSERTING IN THEIR PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND RESPONSE FEES FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES RENDERED WITHIN THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by James Richardson to adopt Ordinance #2025-6. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-7) REGARDING ANNEXATION OF MAP/PARCEL 053C 083A: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-7) PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER AND CODE OF BYRON AND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BYRON, THROUGH ITS MAYOR AND COUNCIL, TO ANNEX A PARCEL OF PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BYRON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2025-8) REGARDING NUMBER OF GAS STATIONS: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-8) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FO THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 10-BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VII-GAS STATIONS, TRAVEL CENTERS, AND OTHER FUELING CENTERS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON BY AMENDING, DELETING, ADDING TO , OR REPLACING SUBSECTIONS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PRUPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2025-9) REGARDING VAPE AND HOOOKAH SHOPS: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-9) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 10-BUSINESSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VII-VAPING AND HOOKAH ORDINANCE, DIVISION 2-HOOKAH AND HOOKAH BARS, SHOPS, AND LOUNGES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BYRON TO ADD, AMEND INSERT, MODIFY, AND/OR ASSERT NEW LANGUAGE OR PORTIONS OF SECTIONS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION TO UPDATE FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF FEES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees for the Byron Fire Department. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO ADOPT AN UPDATED SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; 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 attached Exhibit "A", Schedule of Fees, which by this reference is hereby made a part of this Resolution, is adopted as the Schedule of Fees for the Byron Fire Department for the City of Byron effective April 15, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event any fee included on the Schedule of Fees is otherwise set forth in a City of Byron Ordinance, then said fee on the Schedule shall

not apply but rather the Ordinance fee shall be applied.

SO RESOLVED this 14th day of April, 2025.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING BATTLE OF BYRON AGREEMENT FY2025: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Battle of Byron. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City 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 BATTLE OF BYRON, INC. AND THE CITY OF BYRON; 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 the Battle of Byron, Inc. 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 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN STREETS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley top approve the following Resolution to accept Hudson Drive that is within the corporate limits of the City of Byron, as part of the Municipal Street System. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BYRON TO FORMALLY ACCEPT A CERTAIN STREET AS PART OF THE MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEMS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the owner of a private street commonly referred to as "Hudson Drive" desires said private street to the City of Byron, and

WHEREAS, the City of Byron desires to formally accept the private street within the corporate limits of the City of Byron as part of the Municipal Street System; and

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WHEREAS, the street described below within this resolution is or was dedicated to the City of Byron to be a part of the public road system of the City of Byron by the developer or owner as shown in the attached plat of record which is found at Deed Book 29, Page 95 in the Peach County Superior Court Clerk's records;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Byron, Georgia, that the following street is formally accepted as a public street and hereby adopted as a part of the Municipal Street System of the City of Byron, Georgia, to wit:

ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF April, 2025.

NEW DUNBAR ROAD DRAINAGE: Chris Hodges made a motion, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve up to \$10,000 for drainage repairs to New Dunbar Road. Unanimous,

LRA SUPPLEMENTAL LMIG FY2025: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to authorize the Mayor to sign and approve the submittal of the 2025 Local Road Activity (LRA) Supplemental LMIG FY2025 Application as well as the authorization to sign the LMIG contract and corresponding documents. Roads approved for work include Peach Parkway, Robbie Drive, and Lindsey Drive. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
City Clerk