

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
May 12, 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, Chris Hodges, and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. Council Member Michael Chumbley was absent. City employees that attended were Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, City Clerk Telina Allred, Director of Public Works Tiffany Bibb, Captain Bryan Hunter, and Police Chief Wesley Cannon. City Attorney Brian Causey and Elections Superintendent Betty Sims attended the meeting as did 21 visitors. No one from the media attended 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on April 14, 2025. Unanimous.

REZONING REQUEST: At 6:09pm, a public hearing was called to hear those speak in favor of or against the rezoning request for property located at Moseley Road, map/parcel B02A 059. This would rezone the property from City R-1 to City R-3. Those to speak in favor of the rezoning: None. Those who spoke against: Renee Hughes who lives at 129 Moseley Road stated she didn't want the city to spot zone. Duplex housing would bring in more traffic to an already busy road. She also stated concerns about safety, more noise, and standing water. Tanya Matthews who lives across from Villa Rose said that it is already very difficult to pull out of her driveway due to congestion. She also worries about water and sewage as well as crime that can come with apartment living. The public hearing closed at 6:19pm. Alan Dorsey made a motion to uphold the denial from the Planning and Zoning Meeting, seconded by Rusty Adams. Unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meetings held on May 6, 2025. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mayor Chidester read a thank you letter to the City of Byron per citizen request, paying heartfelt appreciation to the Police Department.

COVENANT TO ANNEX: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve a covenant to annex per request of Kelvin Brown regarding property located at 400 Jones Road for the purpose of acquiring water service. Unanimous.

COVENANT TO ANNEX: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve a covenant to annex per request of Gabriel Garcia Pizano and Juana Hernandez Garcia regarding property located at 998 Jones Road for the purpose of acquiring water service. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-7) REGARDING ANNEXATION OF MAP/PARCEL 053C 083A: Second 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. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to adopt Ordinance #2025-7. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-8) REGARDING NUMBER OF GAS STATIONS: Second reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-8) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF 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 PURPOSES. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adopt Ordinance #2025-8. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-9) REGARDING VAPE AND HOOOKAH SHOPS: Second 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. Motion made by Alan Dorsey seconded by Rusty Adams to adopt Ordinance #2025-9. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-10) REGARDING CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-10) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON RELATING TO ANIMALS, ARTICLE II-DOGS, DIVISION I, GENERALLLY, BY AMENDING SECTION 6-39; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTO AID AGREEMENT WITH PEACH COUNTY:

Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Automatic Aid Agreement with Peach County regarding fire protection with 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 AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PEACH COUNTY.

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 Fire Chief is authorized to execute an Automatic Aid 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 12th DAY OF MAY, 2025.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GEORGIA PEACH FESTIVAL AGREEMENT FY2025:

Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Georgia Peach Festival 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 GEORGIA PEACH FESTIVAL, 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 Georgia Peach Festival, 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 12th DAY OF MAY, 2025.

RESOLUTION TO UPDATE BUILDING, PLANNING, AND ZONING SCHEDULE OF FEES: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges approve the following Resolution to amend the Building, Planning, and Zoning Schedule of Fees. 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 A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING 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 Building, Planning & Zoning Department for the City of Byron effective May 13, 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 12th day of May, 2025.

RESOLUTION REGARDING UPDATED PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOB:

DISCRIPTION: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution for an update to the Public Works Director job description for the City 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 TO APPROVE AN UPDATED CITY OF BYRON JOB DESCRIPTION; AND

FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia to approve an updated City of Byron Job Description as set out in the 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 THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2025.

SURPLUS OF VEHICLES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve a request from the Police Department to surplus a 2008 Ford Econoline Van, VIN 1FBSS31L78DA03080. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING DATAWORKS PLUS, LLC: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges 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. (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 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 12th day of May, 2025.

GMA DISTRICT 6 OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the proposed slate of GMA's District 6 Officers FY2025-2026 and the submission of the ballot. Unanimous.

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RAFB 21st CENTURY PARTNERSHIP: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the assessed amount of support in the amount of \$1598.00 from the Robins Air Force Base 21st Century Partnership. Unanimous.

WRITE OFF FOR SOLD BUSINESS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve a write off in the amount of \$58.57 regarding personal property on an old business that had been sold a few years ago. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
City Clerk