

City of Byron  
Mayor and Council Minutes  
July 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 Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Rusty Adams, 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, Fire Chief Josh Riley. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did four (4) visitors. A representative from the Byron Buzz 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.

AGENDA AMENDED: Mayor Chidester asked that the agenda be amended to remove items 3, 4, and 14. To add as a new item (4) adding the opening of CDs for the City of Byron.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on June 9, 2025. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Ms. Kimberly Jump addressed the Mayor and Council regarding her request for speed bumps on Murdock Lane and Academy Street. Mayor Chidester asked for needed citizen engagement to record or submit tag pictures and report these speeders to the Police Department to help curtail them. Ms. Jump's argument is that it tends to happen when she is busy with the grandkids or late at night.

Willa Dean Barbor spoke about the extensive water that pours through her lot and under her home on Boy Scout Road after a rain. She requested a larger grate to drain water so that she doesn't have to constantly clean it out during a rain event. She states that since the road was built up, she has been catching water from Hamlin Street, Canady Street, and Boy Scout Road. She is a senior citizen and is asking for any help she can get. Mayor Chidester stated that the Director of Public Works is listening to her requests and will be following up with her.

Ms. Tabitha Barnes addressed the Mayor and Council about storm water flooding her driveway during a rain event. A resident of Alpine Drive for over 20 years and the flooding is about to take out her retaining walls and she fears she will one day come home and be unable to get to her home because of the water. Mayor Chidester stated that the city has her as a priority 3 right now with engineers working on several issues for Byron as well. He also said that the city is looking into

new ways to fund the water problem she speaks of. Ms. Bibb said she would be out in the next few days with someone to look into the issue at her residence.

SEALED BID OPENING: REMOVED.

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NEW COLONY BANK CD'S TO BE OPENED: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve five to six months' worth of money plus 20% for the city's day-to-day business and put the remainder in Certificate of Deposits with Colony Bank at a 4.0% interest yield at 5 months.. Unanimous.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT RATIFICATION: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to ratify the approval from the June Committee Meeting to replace a totaled Police vehicle. Item required a full vote of Council. Unanimous.

COVENANT TO ANNEX: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve a covenant to annex per request of Jeffrey L. and Linda S. Morrow regarding property located at 2080 Moseley Road; tax map 045 045 for the purpose of acquiring water service. Unanimous.

COVENANT TO ANNEX: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve a covenant to annex per request of David Lugo Ramos regarding property located at 482 Burnett Road; tax map 045 066 B for the purpose of acquiring water service. Unanimous.

RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the recommended Contract Award to Reeves Construction Company and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents pertaining to the Dunbar Court Improvement Project for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-11) REGARDING CHAPTER 4, STOREFRONT CHURCHES: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-11) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 4-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II-LICENSES, SECTION 4-54- PROXIMITY OF PREMISES TO CHURCHES, SCHOOL BUILDINGS OR OTHER SITES, OF THE CODE OF BYRON, GEORGIA, SO AS TO UPDATE A DEFINITION THEREIN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2025-12) REGARDING CHAPTER 10, GAMING MACHINES & VAPE AND HOOKAH: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-12) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 10-BUSINESSES AND BUSINESS REGULATION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS RELATING TO DIVISION 1 AND DIVISION 2 OF ARTICLE VII-VAPING AND HOOKAH ORDINANCE BY ADDING, AMENDING, INSERTING, MODIFYING , AND/OR ASSERTING A NEW ARTICLE, NEW DIVISIONS, AND NEW SECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PRUPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2025-13) REGARDING CHAPTER 10, GAS STATIONS: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-13) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 10-BUSINESSES AND 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.

ORDINANCE (#2025-14) REGARDING CHAPTER 10, WRECKER SERVICE: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-14) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 10-BUSINESSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON CONCERNING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 10, WRECKER AND TOWING SERVICES, BY AMENDING, INSERTING, DELETING, MODIFYING, AND/OR ASSERTING IN THEIR PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2025-15) REGARDING CHAPTER 8, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS: First reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-15) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 8-BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 8.5-PENALTIES, OF THE CODE OF BYRON, GEORGIA, SO AS TO UPDATE AND AMEND SAME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE CERTAIN STREETS: REMOVED.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING A SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a subcontractor agreement at the request of the city's insurance company and to be added as additional insureds as an extra layer of insurance for the city. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Byron enters into contracts or agreements with persons, companies, and other entities regarding various endeavors from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Byron generally requires written contracts when entering into said contracts and agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Byron and its insurer conferred regarding the use of a standardized form contract in writing to be used by the City of Byron when deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Byron reviewed the form contract and has approved its use generally when deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City may make such edits, deletions, additions, or other changes to the form contract, or use an alternate contract, after review by the Mayor, Council, Department Heads, City Personnel, and the City Attorney;

THEREFORE 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 City is authorized to utilize the form Subcontractor Agreement in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" by this reference is made a part of this resolution when the City deems the use thereof as appropriate.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:33pm, Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson 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/threatening litigation and real estate acquisition.

MOTION APPROVED

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

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Adams, James Richardson, Michael Chumbley, Alan Dorsey, and Chris Hodges. City employees that attended the meeting were City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur and City Attorney Brian Causey.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to return to open session at 6:46pm. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred  
City Clerk