

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
August 11, 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, and Chris Hodges were in attendance. Council Member Alan Dorsey was absent. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, City Clerk Telina Allred, Deputy Clerk Elissa Lee, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, Captain Bryan Hunter, and Police Chief Wesley Cannon. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did six (6) 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 add to item (11) to include another vehicle for surplus from the Police Department, to remove item (12) and replace it with firetruck repairs, and item (12a) sinkhole emergency repairs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on July 14 and August 4, 2025. Unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting held on August 5, 2025. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Ms. Barbara Schechterle addressed Mayor and Council about increased storm water flooding and debris to her property at 199 Red Oak Road that is causing erosion and devaluation. The Mayor assured her that Stormwater Master Plans are being worked, but it must be worked in various stages to alleviate the issues. He stated that the city is very aware and working hard to get this under control and that the city would be happy to come by and look at the property. Ms. Schechterle also mentioned speeding on her road is getting out of hand and looks to be some of the same vehicles if the city could also help with that. She thanked everyone for their time.

Mr. Clint Shipman stated that he received a letter from the city stating he had 10 days to correct issues at the property located near 203 Moseley Road and Harvey Jordan Drive where grass needed cutting. He was very upset about the letter and asked about his issue with the flooding that has rotted out his shop and what the city is going to do about that. The Mayor asked if Mr. Shipman had the letter he received with him and that he would be happy to look at it.

Mr. Miguel Alcantar inquired about the adoption of Ordinance 2025-11 regarding storefront churches. He was advised to stay at the meeting as the item was on the agenda.

MGRC MEMBERSHIP DUES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the FY2026 Middle Georgia Regional Commission membership dues for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-11) REGARDING CHAPTER 4, STOREFRONT CHURCHES: Second 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. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to adopt Ordinance 2025-11. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-12) REGARDING CHAPTER 10, GAMING MACHINES & VAPE AND HOOKAH: Second 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. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to adopt Ordinance 2025-12. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-13) REGARDING CHAPTER 10, GAS STATIONS: Second 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. Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to adopt Ordinance 2025-13. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-14) REGARDING CHAPTER 10, WRECKER SERVICE: Second 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. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to adopt Ordinance 2025-14. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2025-15) REGARDING CHAPTER 8, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS: Second 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. Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to adopt Ordinance 2025-15. Unanimous.

LMIG FY2026: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to authorize the Mayor to approve the submittal of the 2026 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application, the 30% matching funds from street SPLOST, and the authorization to sign the joint LMIG contract and all corresponding documents. Unanimous.

SURPLUS OF VEHICLE: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve a request from the Police Department to surplus a 2013 Ford Taurus, VIN 1FAHP2D88DG199702 AND A 2010 Ford Taurus, VIN 1FAHP2DW5AG147115. Unanimous.

PARCEL ON GOVDEALS: REMOVED.

FIRETRUCK REPAIRS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve high pressure oil pump repairs to a 2002 Fire truck performed by Rush in the amount of \$7200. Unanimous.

SINKHOLE EMERGENCY REPAIRS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve emergency repairs at a sinkhole discovered at Hwy 49 & 42. Unanimous.

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ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
City Clerk