

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
January 12, 2026

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, Chris Hodges, Rusty Adams, 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, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Fire Chief Josh Riley, and Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did (5) five visitors. A representative from the Leader Tribune 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.

OATH OF OFFICE: Judge Lee administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Michael Chumbley, Chris Hodges, and Alan Dorsey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on December 8 and December 22, 2025. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to leave the list of Committee on Committees the same for the upcoming 2026-2027 year. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mr. Glen Williams, who resides on Main Street spoke with Mayor and Council regarding an issue with a neighbor whose bright lights from their home shine directly into his bedroom. He also stated there had been parking on his grass near the road instead of at the neighbor's home. Mr. Williams asked if there was anything the city could do to help him with the matter. Mr. Williams said he had a conversation with the neighbor before, but nothing has helped. Police Chief Wesley Cannon stated that he would look into the matter.

ORDINANCE (#2025-16) REGARDING ANNEXATION OF 055B 007A: Second reading of AN ORDINANCE (#2025-16) 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 #2025-16. Unanimous.

REZONING REQUEST: At 6:19pm, a public hearing was held to hear those speak for or against the request to rezone the property located at 055B 007 A, 307 Chapman Road from County C-3 Commercial to City C-1 Commercial. Those to speak in favor of the rezone: none. Those against the rezone: none. The public hearing closed at 6:22pm. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the rezoning request. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN STREETS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution to accept Bill Green Drive as a public road 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 PRIVATE STREET AS PART OF THE MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEMS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the development known as the new Dunbar Court Apartments is complete; and

WHEREAS, as part of said development, lands and/or a private drive on the development has been dedicated to the City of Byron as a City street to be included in the Byron Municipal Street System; and

WHEREAS, Reynolds Properties LLC owned but has dedicated by deed to the City of Byron two small parcels of land which are portions of what is the private drive to be accepted by the City, attached hereto are the dedication documents which are filed of record at book 744 page 767 et. seq. Peach County Superior Court Clerk's records; and

WHEREAS, Dunbar Court LP owns a private drive or lands that is currently an unnamed private drive and has dedicated by deed said private street to the City of Byron, attached hereto are the dedication documents which are filed of record at book 752 pages 568-575 Peach County Superior

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Court Clerk's records; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Byron owns parcel 054B 002A which is or will be part of the new city street hereby accepted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Byron, Georgia, that the lands and/or private drive, following the full dedication by the owners, is hereby formally accepted as a public street and hereby adopted as a part of the Municipal Street System of the City of Byron, Georgia, and named as "Bill Green Drive," to wit:

Bill Green Drive, as shown in the attached documents 920 linear feet, more or less, and 550 linear feet, more or less.

ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2026.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, ON THE 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

RESOLUTION REGARDING CVB AGREEMENT FOR OLD JAIL AND DEPOT: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution regarding an annual lease of the Depot and Old Jail with the Convention Visitors Bureau. 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 THE BYRON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AUTHORITY; 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 Byron Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority 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.

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SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 12th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

NEW BANK ACCOUNT: Motion made by Michale Chumbley , seconded by James Richardson to open an interest-bearing checking account for the Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST). Unanimous.

SENIOR CENTER DRAWINGS: Drawings to be reviewed and discussed further at an upcoming Work Session.

LMIG MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG). 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 A MULTI-JURISDICTION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND HOUSTON COUNTY, WARNER ROBINS, CENTERVILLE, AND PERRY; 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 a Multi-Jurisdiction Memorandum of Agreement with Houston County, Warner Robins, Centerville, and Perry 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 JANUARY, 2026.

RESOLUTION REGARDING LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS MICROGRANT PROGRAM: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents for the 2026 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Local First Responders Microgrant Program. 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 A 2026 LOCAL FIRST RESPONDER MICROGRANT COMPETITIVE REQUEST APPLICATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) REGARDING A FIRST RESPONDER GRANT PROGRAM; 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 2026 Local First Responder Microgrant Competitive Request Application between the City of Byron and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) 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 JANUARY, 2026.

SURPLUS OF FLATBED TRAILER: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to surplus a flatbed trailer at the request of the Fire Department. Unanimous.

REPAIR QUOTE REGARDING 2002 PIERCE FIRE TRUCK: REMOVED.

LIBRARY ROOF QUOTE: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the quote for needed repairs to the Byron Library roof. Unanimous.

DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE HWY 247 LIFT STATION UPGRADE: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to authorize the Mayor to execute documents with Georgia Water Environmental Services (GWES) regarding the Hwy 247 Lift Station Upgrade as

was approved in November 2025. Mayor Chidester stated the city will be looking further into the project regarding pipe capacity with upcoming development. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING NEW SKATEPARK: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution authorizing the cooperative purchase through the Sourcewell platform for the purchase of constructing a new skatepark. 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 USE OF THE SOURCEWELL COMPANY FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF BIDS RELATING TO THE BYRON SKATEPARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Byron is in the process of constructing a skatepark for the benefit of the citizens of Byron; and

WHEREAS, Georgia statutes and the City of Byron's financial policy require statutory compliance in the purchasing, bidding, awarding, and construction of the skatepark construction project; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a skatepark is a specialized project which requires specialized construction services which are not as common or available in the state of Georgia as other routine construction services may be; and

WHEREAS, the Sourcewell Company is a governmental entity in the business of providing services of procurement, purchasing, bidding, requests for proposals, and other services to governments including various states, counties, and municipalities on a nationwide basis; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that the use of the Sourcewell Company increases the likelihood that the City of Byron will be able to receive responsive, competent, and competitive bids from potential bidders who possess the specialized skills required for this project; and

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WHEREAS, the Sourcewell Company has been used by other Georgia governmental entities and ensures that it will provide such procurement services on a basis and in a manner which is compliant with all State and local laws, regulations, and policies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Byron believes that it is in the best interests of the health, welfare, and safety of its citizens to use the Sourcewell Company in this endeavor.

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 Sourcewell Company as a vendor in the manner described above and the Mayor of Byron is authorized to execute a contract with the Sourcewell Company for such services.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, ON THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm. Unanimous.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to re-open the Council Meeting at 6:33pm. Unanimous.

MAYOR PRO-TEM: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve Michael Chumbley as Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Byron; term to expire December 31, 2029. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council

