

City of Byron  
Mayor and Council Minutes  
March 9, 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, Rusty Adams, and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. Council Member Chris Hodges was absent. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, City Clerk Telina Allred, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, Deputy Clerk Elissa Lee, Fire Chief Josh Riley, and Fire Captain Bryan Hunter. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did 11 visitors. A representative from the Byron Buzz attended the meeting also.

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 Rusty Adams to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on February 9, 2026. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mr. Tim Rex asked Mayor and Council some general questions regarding recent moratoriums because it affects his ability to break apart some of his property to build on. The Mayor answered his questions and gave anticipated timelines to Mr. Rex.

Scout Pack 620 greeted everyone and told them how much they enjoy attending Council meetings. The troop leader stated the scouts need to attend a few meetings, but he himself has found it so much more positive and enjoyable now! Mayor, Council, and City Employees were taken aback by the wonderful compliment, allowed a quick picture to be taken, and thanked them for coming.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the quote of \$26,000.00 given by Thorn Construction, LLC for a smooth roof coating for the Byron Fire Department. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING PERSONNEL POLICY 5.1, WORK SCHEDULES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution regarding an update to Personnel Policy 5.1, Work Schedules. 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 AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY 5.1, WORK SCHEDULES; 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 City of Byron hereby adopts the following Personnel Policy amendment:

Policy No. 5.1 Work Schedules

A copy of said revised Policy is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and by this reference made a part of this Resolution. This revision shall be effective on March 10, 2026.

All policies or parts of policies in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this revised policy shall be made a part of the City of Byron Personnel Manual, and organized and numbered by the City Council Personnel Committee as the Committee shall deem appropriate.

SO ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF March, 2026.

INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Rusty Adams to authorize the Mayor to approve an Inspection & Maintenance Agreement with Unified Defense regarding property located at Tax Map B02A 057, B02a 056, and B02A 055. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with Stag Liuzza, LLC and Carothers & Mitchell, LLC regarding civil action and/or claims pertaining to AFFF PFAS Litigation subject to any City Attorney revisions and approval. 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 EXECUTION OF THE LEGAL SERVICES' AGREEMENT RELATED TO AFFF/PFAS LITIGATION SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Byron ("the City") is committed to delivering clean drinking water to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the City is also committed to identifying parties and taking reasonable steps to avoid passing on the costs to its consumers for the treatment and remediation of contamination; and

WHEREAS, STAG LIUZZA, L.L.C. has put together a team of uniquely qualified and experienced attorneys (the "Firm") who have joined together to assist public entities facing the challenges posed by contamination with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS"); and

WHEREAS, the Firm is comprised of experienced attorneys in both in PFAS litigation and in the representation of public entities and water suppliers in cases involving groundwater contamination; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it to be in the City's best interest to enter into the Agreement with the Firm and pursue any claims it may have related to PFAS; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the execution of the as Exhibit "A."

NOW 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 of Byron is hereby authorized to execute the Legal Services' Agreement with the Firm based upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and, in a manner, substantially similar to the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and the Mayor of Byron is authorized to execute a contract with the Firm for such services.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, ON THIS 9th DAY OF March, 2026.

RESOLUTION REGARDING GEFA CW2021030 SECOND MODIFICATION: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution regarding a GEFA Second Modification to Loan CW2021030 and all other necessary documents. 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 SECOND MODIFICATION TO THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY LOAN CW2021030; 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 Second Modification to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loan CW2021030 in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" 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 9th OF MARCH, 2026.**

**EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LAND DEVELOPMENT SECTION: A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER AND CODE OF BYRON, TO EXTEND THE CURRENT TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING, REZONING, DEVELOPMENT, REDEVELOPMENT, PLATTING, CONSTRUCTION, PERMITTING, LAND USES, LAND DISTURBANCES, AND RELATED MATTERS IN ALL LAND PARCELS ZONED AS A-1 AGRICULTURAL, R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, AND R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BYRON UNTIL JULY 14, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Motion made by Michael Chidester, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the extension of a temporary moratorium on Land Development Section of the Municipal Code of Byron. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

**CVB JAILHOUSE ALLEY PARK GRANT SUBMISSION:** Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the Convention & Visitors Bureau submission of a Train Watching Platform and Doggie Depot Dog Park at Jailhouse Alley Park. The deadline to submit is March 31, 2026. Unanimous.

**BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN AGREEMENT:** Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by James Richardson to approve the Brindlee Mountain Listing & Marketing Commission Agreement for the brokering of the 2002 Pierce Saber Pumper on the city's behalf subject to it being sold to another government agency. Unanimous.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:13 pm, motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey that the Mayor and Council go into closed session, all allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2 for the purpose of discussing legal matters/potential litigation and personnel matters.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Rusty Adams, and Alan Dorsey. Those voting against the motion for closure: None.

Those attending the Closed Session were Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members Rusty Adams, James Richardson, Michael Chumbley, and Alan Dorsey. City employees that attended the meeting were City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Deputy Clerk Elissa Lee and City Attorney Brian Causey.

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OPEN SESSION: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Michael Chumbley to return to open session at 6:43. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dprsey to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred  
Clerk of Council