

City of Byron  
Mayor and Council Minutes  
May 11, 2026

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester was absent. Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Chris Hodges, Alan Dorsey, and Rusty Adams were in attendance. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, City Clerk Telina Allred, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, Deputy Clerk Elissa Lee, Captain Bryan Hunter, and Chief Wesley Cannon. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did 15 visitors. A representative from the Byron Buzz attended the meeting also.

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Chumbley 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 Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on April 13, 2026. Unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Motion made by Chris Hodges seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting held on May 5, 2026. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Carol Lafferty spoke regarding not being afforded the opportunity to speak on the Data Center or Boy Scout property because it wasn't an agenda item. Her husband Lee Lafferty thanked the council for opening the meeting in prayer always and how they always appear to have the best of intentions for the city. He stated that even though the data center or Boy Scout land wasn't on the agenda, he wanted the City Council and Byron to know that he is praying that they make the best decisions for the good of the city. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Chumbley thanked him for the continued prayers and stated that the city hasn't received any paperwork concerning a data center as of this time.

HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the re-appointment of Gwendolyn Hardy as Resident Board Commissioner to the Byron Housing Authority, term to expire May 1, 2026. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE #2026-2 REGARDING ANNEXATION OF MAP/PARCEL 044B 020A:

Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2026-2) PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER AND CODE OF BYRON, GEORGIA, AND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, AUTHORIZING TH CITY OF BYRON TO ANNEX A PARCEL OF PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BYRON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. # 2026-2 Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adopt Ordinance 2026-2 regarding the annexation of the property located at Tract B, Peach Parkway; tax map 044B 020A. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE #2026-4 REGARDING ROADS FOR SPEED DETECTION DEVICES:

First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2026-4) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND AND UPDATE SUBSECTION 38.2 OF CHAPTER 38, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GEORGIA PEACH FESTIVAL AGREEMENT FY2026:

Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey 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 11th DAY OF MAY, 2026.**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING DATAWORKS PLUS: Motion made by Rusty Adams seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with DataWorks Plus 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; 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 in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this 11th day of May, 2026.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AMICUS BRIEF: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution regarding the Amicus Brief for Chang v. City of Milton. 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 PARTICIPATION IN AN AMICUS BRIEF IN CHANG v. CITY OF MILTON ON REMAND BEFORE THE GEORGIA COURT OF APPEALS OR, IF WARRENTED, THE GEORGIA SUPREME COURT

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

DISTRICT 6 OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the proposed slate of GMA's District 6 Officers FY2026-2027 and the submission of the ballot. Unanimous.

TRAFFIC STOP AT EAST STREET: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey, to approve a 3-way traffic stop at Woodland Drive and East Street. Unanimous.

TRAFFIC STOP AT COLLINS STREET: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by James Richardson to approve a 3-way traffic stop at Woodland Drive and Collins Street. Unanimous.

LIGHTING SERVICES AGREEMENT: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by James Richardson to authorize the Mayor to execute a Lighting Service Agreement with Georgia Power for the installation of two lights at Chapman Road ( Old Macon Road) & the Woodland Drive Intersection. Unanimous.

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LAND LEASE AGREEMENT RATIFICATION: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to ratify the Land Lease Agreement with Gatliff Farms regarding property tax map 053C 083 AA. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges seconded by James Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred  
Clerk of Council