

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
September 02, 2026

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in special session for the purposes of driving to different Data Center locations in the middle Georgia area. Those who were present for the van ride/quorum were Mayor Pro Tem Michael Chumbley, Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Alan Dorsey, and Chris Hodges were in attendance. Mayor Michael Chidester was absent. Peach County Board of Education Member Scott Hodges joined the trip as well. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, City Clerk Telina Allred, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Police Captain Bryan Hunter. Four (4) citizens joined the meeting and no media came along.

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Chumbley opened the special council meeting at 7:04am as Major Bryan Hunter began the drive to the first stop. Citizens that followed behind the van were Lee and Carol Lafferty, Jason Jones, and Pam Price.

Stop1: Hampton Technology Park located at 70 Woolsey Road in Hampton, Georgia. The group arrived at the QTS Data Center at 8:45am. This data center was under construction, and everyone felt it was a good look into the progress of a new construction site in the event one did come to Byron. Everyone stayed in their vehicles as it did not appear to be allowed for anyone to get out at the construction site. Mayor Pro Tem Chumbley made note of the transmission line location, and everyone viewed the vast amount of acreage totaling around 558.38 acres. Departed at 8:48am.

Stop 2: The QTS Data Center at 1435 Highway 54W in Fayetteville, Georgia went live in April of 2025. The site encompasses 13 buildings, 915 total acres, and is a closed-loop system. It was noted that there was a reading of 60.1 DbA at the building during construction. The group spoke briefly with a woman at the front gate and we were told to check in at the visitor's area. She was not at liberty to answer too many questions. She said that it was loud inside the building, but all wore the proper PPE. She stated that she could not hear anything outside the building, nor did she say that she ever had any trouble with headaches during her time working there. Micheal Chumbley asked questions to a few nearby construction employees, but they could not comment.

Stop 3: The van arrived at the Flexential Data Center at 1700 N. River Road in Lithia Springs, Georgia at 10:51am. It encompasses over 205,000 square feet. Readings of 60-62 DbA were taken. Three employees came out to see what everyone was doing as it almost felt like a security team. Police Chief Wesley Cannon introduced himself and told the folks that the City of Byron and a

few citizens wanted to check out some data centers in the area as one may come to their city one day. The employees spoke well of the data center. One gentleman stated that he had worked for data centers since 2009. He has worked for both large and small and has absolutely no issues. They were in favor of the closed loop system and folks have remarked to them that they can't even hear their generators. The group departed at 11:12am.

Stop 4: Once the van arrived at the Google Data Center at 300 Riverside Parkway in Lithia Springs, Georgia It was a group agreement that there was no safe place to park or get out as it was right in the middle of traffic and congestion. Scott Hodges called the Valera Riverside Apartments directly across the street from the data center and spoke with office personnel. Knowing that the new apartments were built after the data center was functional, he asked if there were any concerns with noise or any complaints. The lady stated that the apartments stay full and there have been no complaints regarding the data center. Scott thanked her for her time.

Stop 5: The data center located at 375 Riverside Parkway in Lithia Springs, Georgia was also a "no-go" because of traffic and congestion.

Stop 6: The van arrived at the Switch Data Center located at 1 Switch Way in Lithia Springs, Georgia. It was said to be a beautiful and clean campus. Scott Hodges, Jason Jones, and others walked to get some good readings. Scott noted 62 DbA taken 120 Feet from the fan. Readings came in at 61.2 DbA and 57 Dbc on the property line.

Stop 7: The group arrived at the QTS Data Center located at 1033 Jefferson Street NW in Atlanta, Georgia. Everyone was able to get out and get readings which were measured at 69-70 Dbc and 53 DbA. Everyone discussed the readings with Pam Price, Jason Jones and Carol Lafferty. A conversation that kept coming up was that if the data center happened, that roads and bridges need to be taken care of with concerns of heavy equipment and the wear and tear on an already badly worn road. Jason Jones discussed his concerns on "de-watering" the soil. City Clerk Telina Allred stated that it may fall under land disturbance, but they would investigate it. After a bit of research on the road, Scott Hodges shared that the de-watering is done at the surface and does not affect wells. Council Member Chris Hodges posed a question when riding to the next stop. His question was if a building could be positioned in such a way that the noise is inboarded and not facing the property line. Everyone felt that it was a good and valid question.

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Stop 8: The Flexential Data Center located at 12655 Edison Drive in Alpharetta, Georgia was a good stop where everyone could get out and get a good look at the campus. The overview with our citizens that tagged along on the road trip was positive. The group stated that they were glad they came and had a better sense of what all it entailed. Carol Lafferty stated that if a data center comes that is why it is so important to have those restrictions in place at the beginning. Pam Price stated that it had changed her thoughts on a few things even though she felt that having a strong Ordinance was essential.

After speaking with Lee Lafferty and others, everyone decided to skip Stop 9 and head back to Byron to avoid heavy afternoon Atlanta traffic. Everyone got on the road toward home at 2:51pm and reached Byron at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council