

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
May 9, 2022

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Michael Chumbley, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City employees that attended were City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Captain Bryan Hunter, and Fire Chief Josh Riley. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting and there were thirteen visitors at the meeting. Representatives from the Byron Buzz, Georgia Post and the Leader Tribune attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Michael Chidester called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, asked Council Member James Richardson to give the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDED: The Mayor asked that the agenda be amended to add as item 8(a) cemetery spraying and as item 8(b) GMA Supplemental Lease for a Ford F-150 for Public Works.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on April 11, 2022. Unanimous.

WADE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mr. Wade did not make the meeting, but Ms. Linda Reynold asked to speak on behalf of many residents in the Timber Ridge neighborhood. Ms. Reynolds said that 100 residents are members of the Home Owners Association but a few are not. She stated that Mr. David McCrory now owns the area where building is occurring to add new homes to Timber Ridge and it had doubled in size. The construction trucks are driving through the neighborhood and not using the construction road that was designated for big trucks and equipment and it is tearing up the existing roads in the neighborhood. Another citizen in the group stated that the sign that read "Construction Road" had been taken down after Mr. McCrory purchased the property. She provided pictures from her phone to Mayor and Council. Ms. Reynolds added that there was only one means of entrance and exit for the neighborhood. The concern is that the building of over 100 more new homes is going to be a major problem especially for any Public Safety issues that may arise. Police Chief Wesley Cannon said he will reach out to the owner and have them get their construction road up and running to stay off the neighborhood roads. The citizens were encouraged to submit any pictures of license plates to Captain Hunter if they enter the neighborhood again. Ms. Reynolds asked the Mayor and Council to consider more ways to enter and exit the neighborhood as well as providing at least three (3) speed bumps because of speeding concerns. Mayor Chidester said that the speed bumps will be taken under advisement and a patrol car will be patrolling the area.

GMA DISTRICT 6 OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the proposed slate of GMA District 6 Officers FY2022-2023 and authorize the Mayor to sign the ballot for submission. Unanimous.

NEW BANK ACCOUNT: Mayor Chidester stated that after much consideration of cost benefits to stay with Synovus after their decision to close the Byron branch, it was decided to stay with

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Synovus. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the opening of a new account for the new TSPLOST 2022 bank account. Unanimous.

ADDITION OF STREET LIGHTS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve a streetlight contract with Flint Energies for five (5) streetlights to be installed in the Sterling Place Subdivision. Unanimous.

PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the Mayor to authorize a Permanent BMP Maintenance Agreement with TACALA, LLC regarding tax map 055D 095. Unanimous.

RURAL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT GRANT: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the submission of an application for a Rural Downtown Development Grant through the Department of Community Affairs and to approve the 10% match. Unanimous.

CEMETERY SPRAYING: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the needed spraying at the Byron City Cemetery twice a year performed by Hedge Row Landscaping. Unanimous.

GMA SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to authorize the Mayor to execute a lease supplement under the GMA Direct Leasing Program for the purchase of a Ford F-150 for Public Works. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:25 PM, Motion was made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges that the Mayor and Council go into closed session all allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2 for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition/disposition.

MOTION APPROVED

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Chris Hodges 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, Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did City Clerk Telina Allred and City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to return to open session at 6:58 PM. Unanimous.

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ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council