

City of Byron  
Mayor and Council Minutes  
May 8, 2023

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, and Chris Hodges were in attendance. Council Member Alan Dorsey was absent. City employees that attended were City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Investigator Melanie Bickford, Officer Clay Fauquier, Officer Christopher Moore, Officer Kyle Wood, Officer Trent Barnes, Officer Steve Parrell, Major Bill Lavender, Officer Wesley Griffis and Officer Tim Bechtel and Captain Bryan Hunter. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as well. There were 85 visitors at the meeting. Representatives from the Leader Tribune and The Byron Buzz were also at 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.

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 10, 2023. Unanimous.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Police Chief Wesley Cannon invited Jimmy and Betty Cliett to come forward along with Officer Kyle Wood and Mayor Chidester as he honored Kyle with the American Police Hall of Fame Life Saving Award. This award was merited when Mr. Woods answered a call that saved Mr. Jimmy Cliett's life when he found him unresponsive. Kyle's fellow officers, employees, and friends gave him and the Cliett's a standing ovation in respect and pride of this esteemed honor.

REZONING REQUEST: Mayor Chidester informed everyone that Mr. Dodd had withdrawn his rezoning request to change the current zoning of C-1 to C-3 for the property located at 760 Peavy Road, tax map 053B 085. A citizen came forward to ask questions about how to stay informed if and when the request came forward again. Mayor Chidester informed her that she could attend Planning & Zoning meetings to stay informed and gave her those dates and times of the meetings. He stated that a sign would be posted on the property as well.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting minutes from March 14, 2023. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: No one to speak.

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BYRON DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the appointment of Jeff Owens to the Byron Development Authority to replace Jerry Reynolds, term to expire November 12, 2023. Unanimous.

GRANT REGARDING RECYCLING CENTER: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resource's regarding a recycling center and to sign any and all needing documents. Unanimous.

**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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; 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 Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources 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 8th DAY OF MAY, 2023.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING SKATEBOARD PARK GRANT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to consider approving the following Pre-Application Resolution regarding all requirements and documentation required of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF) grant through the Department of Natural Resources is approved. Unanimous.

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Byron, Georgia, held on May 8, 2023, a motion was made and duly seconded that the City Council of the City of Byron, Georgia, agrees to submit a pre-application for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The City Council of the City of Byron, Georgia, further agrees that in the event that the pre-application is recommended for funding by the Department of Natural Resources, the City Council of the City of Byron,

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Georgia assures that it has the ability and intention to finance their 50 percent of the total project cost and will move forward with due diligence to prepare, or have prepared, appropriate documentation required for a formal LWCF application.

PEACH COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS 2023 LETTER OF COMMITMENT: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve a Letter of Commitment for \$25,000.00 for a Peach County Park Improvements 2023 LWCF Grant. Unanimous.

PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the BMP Maintenance Agreement with Byron Apartments located at tax map 055D 110. Unanimous.

GMA DISTRICT 6 OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the proposed Slate of GMA District 6 Officers FY2023-2024 and the submission of the ballot. Unanimous.

UPDATE LETTER FROM RAFB 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PARTNERSHIP: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the payment of \$1581.57 to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership contribution in support of Robins Air Force Base. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred  
Clerk of Council