

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
July 10, 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, Alan Dorsey, and Chris Hodges were in attendance. City employees that attended were City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, Major Bill Lavender, Investigator Melanie Bickford, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux and Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb, And Fire Chief Josh Riley. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did four (4) visitors. 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, gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADD TO AGENDA: Mayor Chidester asked that the agenda be amended to add as item 8(a) Butterfly Project Proclamation, as item 8(b) Liberty National to address Mayor and Council regarding supplemental insurance for employees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on June 12, 2023. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Ms. Cherie Giles addressed Mayor and Council regarding the July 15th Arts in the Park celebration as well as the request for the Butterfly Project Proclamation request. She stated that July 15th will be a wonderful and fun event with many activities and food trucks. She also requested that someone from council present the Proclamation to kick off the event.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the Mayor to execute a Proclamation for the Hindu Temple located at Houser's Mill Road in celebration of their 10-year anniversary. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2023-4) REGARDING ANNEXATION OF WALKER ROAD: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2023-4) PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER AND CODE OF BYRON AND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, AUTHORIZING THE

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CITY OF BYRON, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, TO ANNEX A PARCEL OF PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BYRON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adopt Ordinance #2023-4.

Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2023-5) REGARDING CHAPTER 40, UTILITIES: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2023-5) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 40-UTILITIES, ARTICLE 1. -IN GENERAL, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON BY REMOVING SECTION 40-6-CONSUMER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR WATER SERVICE, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND BY REPLACING WITH AND INSERTING A REVISED SECTION 40-6-CONSUMER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR WATER SERVICE, AS SHOWN BELOW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to adopt Ordinance #2023-5. Unanimous.

PERMANENT BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the BMP Maintenance Agreement with Critter Fixer located at tax map B01F 045A contingent upon the maintenance agreement being changed to read the legal name of 2DOCS, LLC. After that correction, the Mayor will then execute the agreement. Unanimous.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement with 2DOCS, LLC contingent upon the necessary corrections made to properly reflect the correct parcel numbers. After the correction is made, the Mayor will then execute the agreement. Unanimous.

BUTTERFLY PROJECT PROCLAMATION: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the Mayor to execute a Proclamation for the Butterfly Project and Arts in the Park for July 15, 2023. Unanimous.

LIBERTY NATIONAL: Ms. Melissa Shepherd and Ms. Breanna Williams spoke with Mayor and Council regarding Liberty National supplemental insurance for employees that can be done through payroll deduction. Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve

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the company to coordinate with the City Administrator and Department Heads and move forward with offering supplemental insurance to all employees. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:24 PM, Motion was made by Chris Hodges, 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 a personnel matter.

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, Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, Melanie Bickford, Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb, and City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to return to open session at 6:42 PM. Unanimous.

MOTION: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to authorize Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb to hire an Administrative Assistant at the rate that comes back from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council