

City of Byron  
Mayor and Council Minutes  
December 11, 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, Chris Hodges, and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Captain Bryan Hunter, Public Works Director Tiffany Bibb and Fire Chief Josh Riley. City Municipal Court Judge Larry Lee, and City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did (13) visitors. Representatives from the Byron Buzz, Leader Tribune and Concerned Citizens also attended 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.

AGENDA AMENDED: Mayor Chidester asked that the agenda be amended to add as item (23) Discussion of Ordinance 2023-12, Appendix A Land Development (24) Approval of inflatable fire house and trailer for the Fire Department and (25) Excess fund transfer from fire watch. Item (5) amended to only consider approving rate increase for 2<sup>nd</sup> can rate only. Items 2 and 16 were taken off the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on November 13 and November 27, 2023. Unanimous.

JUDGE LEE TO ADMINISTOR OATH'S OF OFFICE: Judge Lee administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Michael Chidester and Councilmembers James Richardson and Rusty Adams.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mayor presented Dan Gatlyn with a proclamation declaring December 31<sup>st</sup> Dan Gatlyn day in the City of Byron. Mr. Santae Zanders and the Peach County Touchdown Club came before council to introduce themselves and briefed council on the organization and talk about some of the member levels. Currently the Sneaker Ball/Silent Auction is on hold.

CANE RIVER EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the easement request and agreement with SRS Distribution Inc. regarding property located at 148 Cane River Drive (Tax map 055D 100) Unanimous.

WASTE MANAGEMENT INCREASE: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve a rate increase for additional cart monthly rate to \$15.75. Unanimous.

MGRC 2024 COUNCIL APPOINTMENT FORM: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to consider the appointment of Mayor Chidester and Councilmember James Richardson to the Council of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission FY 2024. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY2024: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution regarding the General Fund Operating Budget for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SEVERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024; 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 the same that Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron's budget for the fiscal year 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS OPERATING BUDGET FY2024: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution regarding the Special Revenue Funds Operating Budget for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024;

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 the same that Exhibit “B” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron’s Special Revenues Budget for the fiscal year 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

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SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEBT SERVICE FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY2024:

Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution regarding the Debt Service Fund Operating Budget for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEBT SERVICE FUND OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024; 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 the same that Exhibit “C” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron’s Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY2024:

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution regarding the Enterprise Fund Operating Budget for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024; 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 the same that Exhibit “D” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron’s Enterprise Funds Budget for the fiscal year 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

ORDINANCE (#2023-11) REGARDING CHARTER CHANGE: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND ITS CITY CHARTER APPROVED FEBRUARY 13, 1941, (Ga. L. 1941), AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT, OVERSIGHT, SUSPENSION, AND REMOVAL OF THE CITY CLERK BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, AND TO MODERNIZE LANGUAGE THROUGHOUT THE CHARTER DOCUMENT AND THE CODE OF BYRON, GEORGIA, AND FOR

OTHER PURPOSES: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve Ordinance # 2023-11. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (2023-13) REGARDING GMEBS DEFINED RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BYON, GEORGIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED ADOPTION AGREEMENT, ANY ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT, THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT SYSTEM (GMEBS) BASIS PLAN DOCUMENT, AND THE GMEBS TRUST AGREEMENT. WHEN ACCEPTED BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE CITY AND GMEBS, THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GMEBS, ALL AS AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED BY O.C.G.A 47-5-1 ET SEQ.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE GENERAL ADDENDUM TO THE GMEBS DEFINED RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Adoption Agreement for the General Addendum to the GMEBS Defined Retirement Benefit Plan regarding Public Safety rule of 55. Unanimous. FINAL APPROVAL AT JANUARY COUNCIL ALONG WITH ORDINANCE (2023-13)

ORDINANCE (#2023-14) REGARDING CHARTER CHANGE FOR MEETING NOTICE: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND ITS CITY CHARTER APPROVED FEBRUARY 13, 1941, (Ga. L. 1941), AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, SO AS TO AMEND THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL CALLED MEETINGS LOCATED IN THE CHARTER DOCUMENT AND THE CODE OF BYRON, GEORGIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

BYRON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to reappoint Jimmy Walker and Jeff Owens to the Byron Redevelopment Authority Board term to expire December 31, 2026 and to appoint Mike Patel to the Byron Redevelopment Authority Board term to expire December 31, 2026. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Motion was made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution to adopt amended job descriptions for the positions of Fire Captain, Fire Chief, Firefighter, and Fire Lieutenant in the Fire Department of the City of Byron. Unanimous.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROVE THE CITY OF BYRON AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE BYRON FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia to approve the City of Byron Amended Job Descriptions for the Fire Captain, Fire Chief, Firefighter, and Fire Lieutenant in the Byron Fire Department as set out in the 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 THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BAHS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Byron Area Historical Society. 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 BYRON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.; 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 Byron Area Historical Society, 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 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH EGS: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Energy Generation Solutions, Inc regarding the Police Department generator. 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 ENERGY GENERATION SOLUTIONS, INC. REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE WORK FOR THE CITY OF BYRON GENERATOR, 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 Energy Generation Solutions, Inc. regarding the performance of maintenance and service work for the City of Byron generator and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT WITH STEPHANIE T. WARD: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Stephanie T. Ward. 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 STEPHANIE T. WARD; 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 Stephanie T. Ward 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 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AGREEMENT WITH THE BYRON CVB: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Byron Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority. 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 BYRON CONVENTION AND VISITORS  
BUREAU AUTHORITY; 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 Byron Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority 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 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT TAX SOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution

authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Government Tax Solutions with an effective date of January 1, 2024. 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 GOVERNMENT TAX SOLUTIONS 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 Government Tax Solutions 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 December, 2023.

ORDINANCE (#2023-12) REGARDING LAND DEVELOPMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to move this item to January City Council agenda. City Council has requested more time to review. Unanimous.

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APPROVAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF A 4-ROOM FIRE HOUSE INFLATABLE AND 20' TRAILER. Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the purchase of both items from the fire watch funds. Unanimous.

APPROVE EXCESS FUNDS FROM ROOFING COMPANY FIRE WATCH CHARGES TO BE PUT TOWARD THE LADDER TRUCK PURCHASE: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the excess funds to be put toward the purchase of the Fire Department Ladder Truck. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:43pm, Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, 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 pending litigation.

#### MOTION APPROVED

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Alan Dorsey, and Chris Hodges. 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, Alan Dorsey, and Chris Hodges. Deputy Clerk Pam Flournoy, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur and Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford attended as well.

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

ANTI LITEM CLAIM: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to authorize the City Attorney to write a letter to the insurance company regarding the property discussed in Closed Session. Unanimous.

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

Tiffany Sandefur  
City Administrator

