

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
April 8, 2024

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 Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, City Clerk Telina Allred, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, and Captain Bryan Hunter. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did four (4) visitors. Representatives from the Leader Tribune and Byron Buzz were also in attendance.

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 (10) to begin work on the second portion of Article 2, Section 3 of Appendix A of the City Code.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on March 11 and April 4, 2024. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing opened at 6:04 pm for anyone wishing to speak for or against the amendments to Ordinance (#2023-12) regarding Appendix A, Part III, Administration, Article III, Procedure for Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, Section III (3) and to include Appendix A-Land Development, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, in particular, Article IV-Zoning Regulation and all subparts thereof of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia, including but not limited to, a complete repeal and replacement of said Appendix A-Land Development, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations of the Municipal Code and all subparts thereof. Those to speak in favor of the amendments: None. Those to speak against: None. The Public Hearing closed at 6:09 pm.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: Michael Chumbley made a motion, seconded by James Richardson, to approve the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting held on April 4, 2024. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: No one to speak.

ORDINANCE (#2023-12) REGARDING LAND DEVELOPMENT: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2023-12) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND PART IV, ZONING REGULATIONS, OF APPENDIX A-LAND DEVELOPMENT, ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, BY DELETING ONLY ARTICLES I, II, III, AND APPENDIX Z-1 OF SAID PART IV, ZONING REGULATIONS, IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND REPLACING AND ASSERTYTING IN THEIR PLACES THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adopt Ordinance (#2023-12). Those voting in favor: Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Chris Hodges, and Alan Dorsey. Those voting against: Rusty Adams. MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCE (#2024-2) REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-2) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 34-STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON CONCERNING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 34, AND PARADES, ASSEMBLIES, AND DEMONSTRATIONS, AND PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD/BLOCK PARTIES OR CITY PARK PARTIES BY AMENDING, INSERTING, DELETING, MODIFYING, AND/OR ASSERTING IN THEIR PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION REGARDING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution regarding Georgia Cities Week. Unanimous. (Resolution on file in the City Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA RECOGNIZING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 21-27, 2024, AND ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, city government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF BYRON DECLARES APRIL 21-27, 2024, AS GEORGIA CITIES WEEK.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF BYRON ENCOURAGES ALL CITIZENS, CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THIS WEEK IS RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED ACCORDINGLY.

SO RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia on the 8th day of April, 2024.

SURPLUS OF VEHICLES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve a request from the Police Department to surplus three (3) 2013 Ford Taurus Interceptors VIN DG199704, DG199705, and DG199703. Unanimous.

BYRON HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the reappointment of Gwendolyn Hardy, Resident Commissioner, to the Byron Housing Authority; term to expire May 1, 2025. Unanimous.

BYRON CODE UPDATES/ APPROVAL TO PROCEED: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve beginning the process to alter Article 2, of Section 3, of Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances regarding the appeals process to go through Planning & Zoning and make it uniform throughout the code. Unanimous.

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ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council