

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
May 13, 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, and Chris Hodges were in attendance. Council Members Michael Chumbley and Alan Dorsey were absent. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, City Clerk Telina Allred, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, Director of Public Works Tiffany Bibb, Police Chief Wesley Cannon, Fire Chief Josh Riley, Fire Captain Mark Germscheid, and Police Captain Bryan Hunter. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did nine (9) visitors. Representatives from the Leader Tribune and Concerned Citizens 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 (15) Resolution regarding the Georgia Peach Festival.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on April 8, 2024. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing opened at 6:03 pm for anyone wishing to speak for or against the rezoning request for property located at 805 John E. Sullivan Road, map/parcel 052 014, from County R-4 to City R-1 low density residential. Those to speak in favor of the rezoning request: None. Those to speak against: None. The Public Hearing closed at 6:05 pm. James Richardson made a motion, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the rezoning request. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES: James Richardson made a motion, seconded by Chris Hodges, to approve the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting held on April 22, 2024. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Ms. Heather Fitzgerald spoke to Mayor and Council regarding the flooding issues at her property located at 827 John E. Sullivan Road. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that she has water coming onto her property from all sides. The Mayor said that

he was familiar with her issues and has been made aware of the problems she is facing through the City

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Administrator Tiffany Sandefur. She was advised that she may need to seek legal action against the builder.

GMA DISTRICT 6 OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025: James Richardson made a motion, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the proposed slate of GMA District 6 Officers FY2024-2025 and the submission of the ballot. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION FOR GEFA MODIFICATION CW2021030: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution regarding the GEFA Modification CW2021030. Unanimous.

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Loan Number: CW2021030

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed **\$2,000,000** from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Lender"), pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), dated MAY 17, 2022, between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note (the "Note"), dated DECEMBER 13, 2021, of the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Lender have determined to amend and modify the Loan Agreement, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note and Loan Agreement (the "Modification") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the form, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Modification are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest,

respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

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SO RESOLVED this 13th day of May, 2024.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve a Request for Proposal regarding residential and solid waste collection and disposal services for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2024-2) REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS: Second 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. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to adopt Ordinance #2024-2. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2024-3) REGARDING CHAPTER 34, STREET NAME CHANGE: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-3) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO CHANGE THE MANE OF A STREET PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 34-STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE II-STREET, ALLEY CLOSURE AND STREET NAME CHANGES, SECTIONS 34-31 THROUGH SECTION 34-33, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (2024-4) REGARDING MID-STATE ENERGY AUTHORITY: Removed and to be on the June agenda.

PETITION FOR A STREET NAME CHANGE: It was discussed that the petition for the street name change had all the needed documentation to move forward with advertising and all other

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requirements. This would change south West Heritage Boulevard to Harvey Jordan Drive. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING DATAWORKS PLUS, LLC: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with DataWorks Plus, LLC regarding the GBI Rapid ID device software for the Police Department. Unanimous.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the Special Event Permit application. Unanimous.

SCHEDULE OF FEES: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution regarding updates to the Administrative Schedule of Fees. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT; 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 attached Exhibit "A", Schedule of Fees, which by this reference is hereby made a part of this Resolution, is adopted as the Schedule of Fees for the Administration Department for the City of Byron effective May 14, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event any fee included on the Schedule of Fees is otherwise set forth in a City of Byron Ordinance, then said fee on the Schedule shall not apply but rather the Ordinance fee shall be applied.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GEORGIA PEACH FESTIVAL: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Georgia Peach Festival. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council