

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
June 10, 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, Fire Chief Josh Riley, and Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did four (4) visitors. Representatives from the Byron Buzz, 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 remove item (14) regarding SPLOST and item (17) regarding amended schedule of fees from the agenda. To add as agenda item (17) new shopping center at 247 & Walker Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on May 13 and June 3, 2024. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Mr. Emmanuel Solomon spoke to Mayor and Council regarding the RV Park in the City of Byron. He stated that he lived directly behind the site for the RV Center in Mills Circle and the lights coming into their home were a problem. He said he had spoken to the owner who had stated that he would make adjustments to the lighting. Mr. Solomon said he seemed very nice. Mr. Solomon also wanted the city to know of his concerns because it could be a potential safety issue for his neighborhood. Mayor Chidester stated that he would love any feedback on the matter at any time and thanked him for his concerns.

CITY COMMUNITY CENTER RENAMING: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve renaming the Byron City Community Center the Robert “Bob” Murdock Community Center. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FY2023: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution authorizing the various supplemental appropriations regarding the 2023 Audit. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO SUPPLEMENT THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION PASSED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THE 12th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council did by Resolution on the 12th day of December, 2022, adopt a budget for the operations of the City's functions for Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, various supplemental budget adjustments are necessary to conduct the affairs of the City and to implement the policies of the governing body as set out on the attached Exhibit "A", which by this reference is hereby made a part of this Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the additional sums of money itemized on the attached Exhibit "A", for the various operations of the City of Byron General Fund be hereby appropriated, and those sums in parenthesis are hereby disappropriated for any line item appearing opposite the same.

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 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCOUNTING SERVICES: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and Agreement with Bennett Financial Services, LLC for Certified Public Accountant Services with the City of Byron. 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 BENNETT FINANCIAL, LLC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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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 Bennett Financial, LLC. 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 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

RESOLUTION REGARDING JANITORIAL SERVICES: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Agreement with Jani-King of Macon regarding janitorial services for the City of Byron. 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 JANI-KING OF MACON; 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 Jani-King of Macon in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" 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 10th OF JUNE, 2024.

ORDINANCE (#2024-3) REGARDING CHAPTER 34, STREET NAME CHANGE: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-3) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO CHANGE THE NAME 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. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams

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to adopt Ordinance 2024-3. Those voting in favor: Chumbley, Adams, Hodges, and Richardson. Alan Dorsey abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE (2024-4) REGARDING MID-STATE ENERGY AUTHORITY: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-4) TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BYRON BY STRIKING LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 8.1 OF THE CHARTER IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE THE CREATION BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA OF THE MID-STATE ENERGY AUTHORITY AS THE REPLACEMENT FOR JONG AND THE MID-STATE ENERGY COMMISSION; TO SUBSTITUTE IN THE CHARTER A PROVISION IN WHICH THE CITY AUTHORIZES AND APPROVES THE TRANSFER TO THE MID-STATE ENERGY AUTHORITY OF ALL ASSETS, CONTRACTS, EMPLOYEES, INTERESTS, LIABILITIES, AND PROPERTY OF JONG AND THE MID-STATE ENERGY COMMISSION; TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM ALL TRANSFERRED CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, LIABILITIES, AND OBLIGATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND JONG OR THE MID-STATE ENERGY COMMISSION' TO REPEAL ALL CHARTER PROVISIONS, OTHER ACTS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2024-5) REGARDING CHAPTER 34, STREET NAME CHANGE: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-5) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO CHANGE THE NAME 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.

JOINT 2024 LMIG: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve accepting Reames and Sons as the low bidder for the FY2024 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant joint contract and authorize the Mayor to sign the joint contract. Unanimous.

NOTICE OF AWARD REGARDING WALKER ROAD: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the recommended Notice of Award to SCI Construction, Inc and authorize the Mayor to execute all other documents pertaining to the Walker Road Water Main Replacement Project for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the Mayor to authorize a Permanent BMP Maintenance Agreement with Hampton Inn regarding property located at Tax Map 055D 099. Unanimous.

BMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the Mayor to authorize a Permanent BMP Maintenance Agreement with Byron Travel Center regarding property located at Tax Map B01F 080. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve updating the Agreement with the Department of Revenue regarding school bus and school one traffic violations. Unanimous. Blue Line Solutions currently partners with the City of Byron regarding speed cameras.

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 GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; 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 Georgia Department of Revenue in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" 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 10th OF June, 2024.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the updated Special Event Permit application for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

EXCEPTION FOR SHOPPING CENTER AT 247& WALKER ROAD: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve an “over 9,000 square feet” exception regarding the new shopping center to be located at the corner of 247 connector & Walker Road. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:21pm, Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, 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 purposes of discussing potential threatening litigation and a real estate matter.

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. City Attorney Brian Causey, City Clerk Telina Allred, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, Fire Chief Josh Riley, and Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford attended as well.

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

REAL ESTATE MATTER #1: Chris Hodges made a motion, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the purchase of 5 acres of property as was discussed in closed session. Unanimous.

REAL ESTATE MATTER #2: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the purchase of property as was discussed in closed session. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Unanimous.

