

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
October 14, 2024

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester and 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, City Clerk Telina Allred, Chief Wesley Cannon, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, and Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting as did (15) 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 note that item (#3) will be amended from tabled to a second reading and to consider for adoption, to remove item (#5) landscape RFP from the agenda, and to add as item (#7) first reading of Ordinance #2024-10 regarding Fire Protection Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on September 9, 2024. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Ms. Bridgette Francis addressed Mayor and Council about owning goats as pets with regard to the Ordinance pertaining to livestock owners to acquire signatures of all homeowners within a 500-mile radius of her property. Ms. Francis lives at 307 New Circle Drive and has not completed getting all of her signatures but stated she was close. Her worry was because the Ordinance doesn't specify goats, would they be allowed. Chief Cannon said he would stop by after 4:00pm the next day to go over the signatures needed to be compliant with the Ordinance.

Mayor and Council congratulated Victoria Byrd for the beautiful flag box she built for her Eagle Project as well as Avelyn Flyer and her amazing work on building picnic tables for Jailhouse Alley Park. Mayor Chidester also read his letter of Congratulations to Rachel Whittington of Troup 919 who achieved her rank of Eagle Scout as well! The Mayor stated how proud Byron is of their hard work and dedication to the Scouts of America!

ORDINANCE (#2024-9) REGARDING STORM WATER: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 40-UTILITIES, ARTICLE VI-STORMWATER UTILITY, AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 16-ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLES IV, V, AND VIII, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, BY AMENDING, INSERTING, DELETING, MODIFYING, AND/OR ASSERTING IN THEIR PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to adopt Ordinance #2024-9. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution to approve a new job description of Accounts Payable Controller. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROVE A NEW CITY OF BYRON JOB DESCRIPTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia to approve a new City of Byron Job Description 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 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDED BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING SCHEDULE OF FEES: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees for the Building, Planning & Zoning Department in accordance with House Bill 461. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT; 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 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 Building, Planning & Zoning Department for the City of Byron effective October 15, 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.

SO RESOLVED this 14th day of October, 2024.

ORDINANCE (#2024-10) REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION FEES: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 40-UTILITIES, ARTICLE VI-STORMWATER UTILITY, AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 16-ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLES IV, V, AND VIII, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, BY AMENDING, INSERTING, DELETING, MODIFYING, AND/OR ASSERTING IN THEIR PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council

