

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
February 13, 2025

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in special session at 3:30 pm in the Office of the Mayor at the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Michael Chumbley, Chris Hodges, and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City Attorney Brian Causey was absent. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, City Clerk Telina Allred, , Police Chief Wesley Cannon, and Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford. There were no visitors at the meeting and no representatives from the media were in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Chumbley called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

AGENDA AMENDED: Mayor Chidester asked that the agenda be amended to add as item (2) DCA Grant for Infrastructure and as item (3) Manchester Subdivision update.

HOUSE BILL 581 DISCUSSION : Mayor Chidester spoke on his meetings with the county and members of the County Commission regarding House Bill 581 regarding staying in or opting out. He said if Fort Valley opts out, it eliminates asking for the penny tax and the City of Byron cannot levy and is stuck under the tax cap unless it opts out. He stated that BJ Walker and Commissioner Roy Lewis had been running numbers and educating members on what the best decisions might be. City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur stated she wants to honor the vote of the citizens and stay in, but that may mean a millage rate increase down the road and she requested the support of Mayor and Council if it becomes necessary in operating the city.

DCA INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT: Ms. Sandefur informed Mayor and Council of a 2.5-million-dollar Rural Workforce Housing Project Grant through the Department of Community Affairs that could be used in the development of the Early Estates Subdivision. The City would apply and administer the grant and there are no city matching funds required.

MANCHESTER UPDATE: Ms. Sandefur updated Mayor and council of the need to go ahead and get appraisals for the easements needed for the Manchester Subdivision.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 4:28pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council