

CITY OF SYLVESTER WORK SESSION MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018 @ 11:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor William Yearata, Randy V. Hill, Charles E. Jones, Autron Hayes, City Manager; Carolyn Williams, City Clerk.

ABSENT: Councilmen Larry Johnson and Melvin Powell; Interim City Attorney, Kimberly Reid

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearata

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Councilman Randy Hill

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1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Kyle Thompson addressed the Council on behalf of the Touchdown Club and the BFHS. They are asking for approval of their event for a 5K run along with Bark in the Park. He outlined the new route for this event. They are expecting around 150 runners, and extending it out to a 10K also. ***Consent Agenda***

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

2) PEST CONTROL BID – PEGI HUGHES

Ms. Hughes gave a background on Hughes Pest Control. She also noted that they were property owners here for 37 years and supports many activities in the City. She thanked the Council for their time. Mayor Yearata stated that we try to use local people, and it would be considered. ***No Action Taken***

3) JW HOLLEY YOUTH CLUB

Ms. Hall introduced herself and shared her extensive background. Members of the organization were present. She stated that they had raised \$10,000 but they must change the name. Ms. Hall said they are ready to get started helping the children of Worth County with tutoring, leadership development, homework, establishing healthy living, fitness improvement and even a hot meal in the evenings. She asked the Council to honor their commitment to the JW Holley Youth Club, and the monies that were set aside for the Boys and Girls Club. She presented a MOU to the City. Mayor Yearata stated that there needs to be structure at the Holley Center in the afternoon. ***No Action Taken***

4) COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mayor stated that there were many issues at the Garden that the Council was not aware of. He feels that the situation warrants further information on how to protect the City from liability. The interim attorney will work on these items.

***Tabled***

5) BEER APPLICATION – HS PATEL

Mr. Hayes stated that the background had been done and approved by himself and the Chief of Police, and he asked for approval from the

Council. ***Consent Agenda***

6) UGA PAY SCALE STUDY

Mr. Hayes explained that this study incorporated the surrounding cities and classifies each position and skill level. He recommends adopting the grade and step plan, and it would be able to be budgeted. The Mayor agreed that there needs to be structure and consistency in our salaries and also be competitive, to attract and retain qualified personnel. ***Place on Agenda***

7) MAIN STREET ACTIVITIES, FOX HOSTING MARKETING CLASS, CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE DOWNTOWN, ART GALA-SINGLETARY

Ms. Singletary stated that Fox wanted to host a free marketing seminar September 18th for small businesses and downtown businesses here at the Depot, and requests that we furnish finger foods. Christmas Open House on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with a concert on the 16<sup>th</sup>. November 2nd will have an Art Gala. Christmas parade will be December 1<sup>st</sup> with a movie night. The city will not furnish food and all other events are approved. The Gas station will be a restaurant. She also gave updates on other businesses that will be opening in Sylvester. ***Consent Agenda***

8) T-SPLOST

Mr. Hayes explained that this was a tax that the County will go after and if it is approved, there needs to be an agreement in place so the City may receive a distribution. He suggested that the city adopt the agreement. Mayor noted that it will be distributed by population, similar to SPLOST. ***Place on Agenda***

9) WC RAMS ALUMNI –HH WOOLARD BALL FIELDS – E. GREEN

The Alumni is requesting that the ball fields be reserved, grass cut and fields lined on 14<sup>th</sup> of September. ***Consent Agenda***

10) BALL FIELDS AT HH WOOLARD – MR. POWELL

Mr. Hill stated that anyone requesting the ball fields should complete an event permit, and then they will be reserved for that purpose. *Consent Agenda*

11) RESOLUTION NO: 2018-12 – BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Hayes said this was just a formality for the Finance Director to go ahead and make any adjustments to the past year's budget as needed. *Consent Agenda*

The Mayor thanked Mr. Hayes for his service to the City. He also introduced Raymond Drennon as our Interim Police Chief.

The meeting was duly adjourned by Mayor at 11:55 am. *Unanimous Consent*

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William J. Yearta, Mayor

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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk