

CITY OF SYLVESTER COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor William Yearata; Councilmembers Melvin Powell, Randy V. Hill, Charles E. Jones, Larry Johnson; Autron Hayes, City Manager; Flin Coleman, City Attorney, Carolyn Williams, City Clerk.

ABSENT: NONE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearata

INVOCATION GIVEN BY: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES / CITIZEN'S INPUT – NONE

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i) Regular Council Meeting – December 18, 2017
- ii) Work Session – January 2, 2018

Upon Motion by Mr. Hill to Approve the Minutes and seconded by Mr. Jones –  
*Motion Carries*

3) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- i) 2018 Mayor and Council Appointments
- ii) Beer License Application – Gregory Wallace

Upon motion by Mr. Hill to approve Agenda Items and seconded by Mr. Johnson – *Motion Carries*

4) GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

i) AGREEMENT-MANAGEMENT OF HAY PRODUCTION

The City Manager informed the Mayor and Council that the Agreement had been amended as requested, and was asking for approval of the

Amended Agreement.

Upon Motion by Mr. Hill to approve Agreement and seconded by Mr. Jones –  
***Motion Carries***

ii) 2018 CHRISTMAS PARADE DATE – KAREN SINGLETARY

Ms. Singletary asked that the Christmas Parade be scheduled for the first Saturday in December. Mayor and Council had no objections to the new date, December 1, 2018.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson to approve date and seconded by Mr. Jones  
***Motion Carries***

iii) CONCERT WORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND – KAREN SINGLETARY

The Worth County High School Band Director asked Ms. Singletary if it would be possible to have a concert on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Depot. If there was inclement weather, he asked for an alternative date of May 5<sup>th</sup>. There would be no admission to the concert but would like for their band boosters to set-up concessions. They would also obtain all permits necessary for the event.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson to allow the Worth County High School to set-up at the Depot for the event and seconded by Mr. Powell – ***Motion Carries***

MAYOR YEARTA: NEW DISTILLED SPIRITS LICENSE

Mayor Yearta stated that a new business was coming to Sylvester and the background checks had been approved by the City Manager for a Distilled Spirits License. If it pleased the Council, he would like for a vote to be taken paving the way for the new Mexican Restaurant to proceed with opening. They expect to be open the first of next month.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill to grant the License and seconded by Mr. Johnson  
***Motion Carries***

CITY MANAGER – AUTRON HAYES

- Will be closing out on the 2015 CDBG and will have a public hearing at the next work-session, to let them know we plan to apply for funds

- Billing software project is ongoing, about 50% complete
- Pine Street sidewalk surveying has been started and is ongoing
- Isabella Street project presently ongoing and pouring sidewalks
- Transit Depot Streetscape, will rebid plans and submit to DOT
- MLK project will finish punch-list items
- Sylvester landscape beautification Grant plans have been approved by GDOT, waiting for maintenance agreement from Atlanta
- City Staff met with the Gas Authority to discuss Gas Systems Expansion
- Mainstreet Staff will be having a walk-through with the Department of planning and Council is invited
- City Hall mandatory bid was held and there were two contractors
- Notice regarding address sign ordinance flyers were placed in utility bills.
- Attorney Coleman filed the four dilapidated properties that were brought before Council
- Gervaise Park has poles placed to prevent traffic on track
- Retreat will be scheduled around April or May

#### WARD 1

- Mr. Powell asked what will be different about the Streetscape Transit resubmitted bid
- Mr. Hayes said the price was over budget and it will be scaled back
- Mr. Powell had a concern regarding the billing software, stuck on 50%
- The retreat will be at Lake Blackshear

#### WARD 2 – NONE

#### WARD 3 – NONE

#### WARD 4

- Mr. Johnson said the process of Business Licenses was slow
- Mr. Hayes would like to be notified if anyone has a problem with the process

#### MAYOR

- Where are we with the fiber going to the Industrial Park. Mr. Hayes stated that there will be a meeting with CNS on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Mayor would like to see it broken down and made affordable so smaller businesses could have connectivity
- Litter is still a problem. Public Works is not large enough to do litter. Can trustees do the highways, or can we come up with other solutions
- Want to look at ways to combat the litter problem
- Mr. Johnson suggested adopt-a-mile
- Mr. Jones said there is a problem with utility poles

Mayor duly adjourned Regular Council Meeting at 7:25 PM.

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William Yearta, Mayor

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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk