

CITY OF SYLVESTER WORK SESSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 02, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: NONE

CALL TO ORDER: Autron Hayes, City Manager

INVOCATION GIVEN BY: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) SWEARING IN CEREMONY – MAYOR, COUNCILMEN

Mr. Hayes swore in William J Yearata as Mayor and Charles Jones and Larry Johnson as Councilmen, each for 4 year terms.

2) SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Ms. Shawn Green addressed the Council concerning the intersection at Pope Street and Isabella, unable to see oncoming traffic. She suggested a traffic light or some other way to alleviate the problem. The Council agreed that it was a safety issue and Mr. Hayes would contact DOT and see if there is any solution.

3) 2018 MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Hayes noted that the RC Representative was presently vacant, and it must be filled by an elected official. It was suggested to rotate the position by ward. All were in favor of rotation, with Mr. Jones of Ward 3 accepting the appointment. The Mayor and Council accepted all 2018 Appointments.

Place on Consent Agenda

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

4) LAS SPRAYFIELD RECOMMENDATION – CHRIS GAY

Mr. Gay stated that Mr. Bryan no longer wishes to cut the hay at the LAS facility. He recommends Brandon Morris, who has a background with Crop Production Services. Mr. Morris agrees and understands what is required to operate the LAS facility. The City Attorney has already drafted the contract,

which will be presented to the Council for approval. All concerns have been addressed in the new contract. *No action taken*

BY REQUEST FROM CITY MANAGER

MONTHLY BUDGET FINANCIAL REPORT – CECIL RASH

Mr. Rash reported that he saw nothing inconsistent with previous years. SPLOST was used for street paving and Police Department payment.

5) BEER LICENSE APPLICATION – GREGORY B WALLACE “DREAM”

Mr. Wallace applied for a beer license and passed the background check according to our Ordinance. The Police Chief recommends approval, and he has 90 days to obtain a state license. *Place on Consent Agenda*

6) GOLF CART FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Mr. Hayes would like to get the State to designate safe crossing routes for golf carts and other similar vehicles for the overall community. Attorney Flin shared any cart driven on city streets must meet strict standards, unless it was before 2012. Mr. Hayes will investigate and bring back more information.
No action Taken

CITY MANAGER

- ❖ Isabella Street Phase II Street-Scape currently grading and forming driveways, on schedule for completion early 2018
- ❖ Sylvester transportation depot plans submitted to GDOT, will resubmit January or February
- ❖ Landscape beautification grant approved by GDOT
- ❖ MLK project 95 percent complete
- ❖ Water system project 67 percent complete
- ❖ Billing software improvements are continuing and information transfer ongoing
- ❖ Pine Street sidewalk surveying is underway
- ❖ 2018 CDBG-any ideas or applications, please get with staff as we meet with Mr. Roberson to discuss the upcoming 2018 CDBG
- ❖ City Hall pre-bid conference January 9, 10 a.m.
- ❖ Recreation Department have fabricated recreational building in Industrial Park, but will re-bid out the inside
- ❖ Southern Technical College would like to use our facility for GED testing
- ❖ Waiting to hear from PSC regarding City’s Select application for Internet

COUNCILMAN POWELL

- ❖ Stated that it was decided that the Community Block Grant would focus on housing, but is unsure as to whether Mr. Roberson does housing

- ❖ Houses are not marked with addresses
- ❖ Congratulations to the Mayor and Councilmen on the election

COUNCILMAN HILL

- ❖ Congratulations to the candidates

COUNCILMAN JONES – NONE

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON – NONE

- ❖ Suggested having a retreat for Council and City Manager

MAYOR YEARTA – NONE

Mayor Yearta duly adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

William J. Yearta, Mayor

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk