

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET
MONDAY, JULY 02, 2018, 7:00 P.M.



The Honorable William "Bill" Yearta, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Randy Hill, Ward 2, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Melvin Powell, Ward 1 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Charles Jones, Ward 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Larry Johnson, Ward 4 Councilmember (present)
Autron Hayes, City Manager, (absent) • Carolyn Williams, City Clerk (present)
Flin Coleman, Attorney (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearta

INVOCATION GIVEN BY: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES - NONE

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

2) EVENT APPLICATIONS JERRY KIRKLAND

Mr. Kirkland wants to bring wrestling to the City and speak to kids about bullying. Would like to try August 25th and then the 4th Saturday in September. Will have professional wrestlers from Florida and Georgia, serve food and admission will be \$8-10 dollars. Attorney Flin stated that the City will be immune from liability. **PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA**

3) PEST CONTROL – DOUG HUGHES

Mr. Johnson stated that it had come to their attention that the local pest control was cheaper than the other companies. Mr. Hughes has always done a great job for Sylvester. He is asking to be the main supplier of pest control services to the City. **PLACE ON AGENDA**

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4) NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Lt. King would like to change the “Night Out Against Crime” to the “Margaret White Night Out Against Crime.” He is asking the Council for permission to proceed with the name change. This would be an honor for Ms. White because she started the event. The Mayor and Council had no problem with request. The Mayor also addressed the hands-free law that was effective July 1. Lt. King said they would use social media to educate the public. Mr. Powell asked for warnings first before just writing tickets. ***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

5) CITY HALL RENOVATIONS – JAMES BARKER

- Contractors doing a great job, storm drain finished
- Working on Sewer and water, almost ready for tap, ran into several problems
- Framing is 80% complete on downstairs office
- Electrical begins next week, elevator shaft coming along good
- Will pour concrete in Council room next week
- Want to remove 2 sections of concrete and will not cost very much, need new water tap, sewer and meter
- Repairing and replacing windows, some cannot be reused, trying to match what they can, elevator will have 3 stops, and working on roof,
- Will fix any problems outside, treat and paint
- Will try to rebuild windows, but may use energy efficient windows
- Confident that they are on schedule

6) GDOT TAP GRANT APPLICATION PROJECTS

Mayor noted that this was a contract with engineering company to apply for grants. Mr. Johnson stated that he thought we should move forward with grant. ***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

6) ZONING CODE UPDATE AGREEMENT

Mayor Yearta stated that this is an agreement between the Regional Commission and the City of Sylvester. ***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

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8) REVITALIZATION PLAN AMENDMENT

Mayor Yearta stated that this was a memorandum of understanding with the SRC regarding housing. They have done studies for the City in the past, and they want to add Pinson Street, Monroe Street and Albany Avenue. ***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

9) MEAG BOND VALIDATION

The Mayor reported this validation gives MEAG more flexibility to possibly get lower interest rates on bonds. All 49 cities approved the Bond Validation. ***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

10) SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT GDOT

GDOT is asking for an extension on the timeline for the Pedestrian Mall. ***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

CITY MANAGER (ABSENT)

WARD 1

- Can we extend sewage to South Main, pump station is there
- Listening Session was good. Team Sylvester was at their best. Issues were utility bills and animal control. Mr. McPhaul gave extensive insight regarding the conditions under which the Humane Society could intervene.
- Would like to see the City plant trees.

WARD 2 - NONE

WARD 3 – NONE

WARD 4

- Mr. Johnson would like to add an IT person to save money and time

MAYOR – NONE

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- **Executive Session regarding Personnel**

A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Powell to recess for a closed Executive Session. ***MOTION CARRIES***

The Executive Session began at 7:50 pm and adjourned at 8:32 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was a vote, second and unanimous vote to return to regular session. After discussion of personnel, no official action was proposed or taken and regular session was reconvened.

Mayor Yearta duly adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm. ***UNANIMOUS CONSENT***

William J. Yearta, Mayor

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk