

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET
MONDAY, JUNE 04, 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, (present) • Carolyn Williams, City Clerk (present)
Hayden Hooks, 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) PINE STREET BID AWARD – CHARLIE TUCKER

Mr. Tucker reported that the bids opened last Thursday and the low bidder was Doyle Hancock & Sons Construction Company at \$772,204. He recommended that Hancock and Sons be awarded the contract. Mr. Powell brought attention to the fact that Mr. Hancock has not done sidewalks for the city in the past. Mr. Powell also noted that on Mr. Tucker's recommendation, he could not speak to the work of the sub-contractor. Mr. Tucker said that the contractor would not use Zane Gray.

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3) FAMILY CONNECTION CONTRACT

Mr. Hayes said this is the Annual Contract the City has with Family Connections as being the physical agent. This year's grant from the state is \$50,000. Mr. Hayes recommends approval of the contract. During discussion, it was noted that most of the funds are designated for salaries. Mayor Yearta asked that Ms. Dyslinski make a presentation at the next meeting and answer questions.

4) EVENT APPLICATION – BETTY DORSEY

Mr. Johnson said Ms. Dorsey wanted to do a community-wide fundraiser for several people diagnosed with cancer on July 14, 2018. She is requesting a fee waiver also.

PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA

5) EVENT APPLICATION UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH – PASTOR TROY DYKES

Pastor Dykes told the Council that they were requesting use of the duck pond to reach out to the community. They plan to have a cookout, concert, and just hang out with the kids.

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6) EVENT APPLICATION – JONATHAN LUKE

Mr. Luke stated on August 4th he would like to have a BBQ competition. He is requesting use of the park and waiver of fees. A portion of the proceeds would go to benefit the American Legion Post. There will be cash prizes and trophies, and will post on national websites for BBQ competitions. Mr. Luke will have to check with State about banners along the road. There will be a \$65 entry fee, and hope to make it a yearly event. The Mayor suggested that he check with the Health Department regarding food.

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7) GEORGIA PEANUT FESTIVAL CONTRIBUTION – JEAN BROOKS

Ms. Brooks thanked the City for their continued support of the Peanut Festival. She is asking the city to fund \$1300 for entertainment. ***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

8) DDA PARKING LOT PROJECT – KAREN SINGLETARY

Ms. Singletary spoke on behalf of the DDA. She presented a proposal to improve the parking lot on Main and Kelly Streets. They already had a firm from Atlanta make recommendations. If allowed to proceed, they welcome any suggestions from the Mayor

and Council. They need approval from the Council to move forward on getting estimates.

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If the costs exceeds their budget, they are asking the City for monetary help.

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9) FACILITY RENTAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Mr. Powell would like for the Hut to come back to City to simplify the process, and all applications be done by City staff. Jeffords Park is the only park not in residential area. Mr. Powell recommends taking back the Hut and extend the hours to 10 pm for inside the Hut. Dust 'til Dawn remains in effect in the other parks. ***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

CITY MANAGER

- Reviewing the internet, will get biographical info from Councilmen

WARD 1

- Mr. Powell asked Mr. Hayes what was the plan to fix MLK. Mr. Hayes believes it will take concurrence of the property owners to make this happen. Most of water is coming from field, and they must get with engineers and property to fix problem. Mr. Powell suggested a storm drain, and this may be an option. Mr. Powell wanted to know about fireworks security. He was assured that it was taken care of. Ms. Singletary has received many donations.

WARD 2

- Mr. Hill stated that he did not want to sound unappreciative, but the question was asked why flags were not placed in other parts of the city. The Mayor said we could give a contribution to the purchase of more flags. Mr. Hayes will meet with the Legion to get more information.

WARD 3 – NONE

WARD 4

- Mr. Johnson wanted to know when fishing will be allowed at Shipp's Park.

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MAYOR

- The Mayor noted a thank you letter from a citizen complimenting the cleanliness of the restrooms in the park. He appreciated City staff for their efforts and the Council for having the vision to construct facilities in the parks. It was asked whether there was interest in moving the Work Session to lunch on Tuesday. The Regular Council Meeting will remain at the same time.

Mayor Yearta duly adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm. ***UNANIMOUS CONSENT***

William J. Yearta, Mayor

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk