

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET  
MONDAY, MARCH 05, 2018, 12:00 P.M.



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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)  
Franklin T. Coleman, III, Esq. (present)

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor William Yearta

**INVOCATION GIVEN BY:** Councilman Randy Hill

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES – NONE**

**DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**2) EVENT APPLICATION – DAVID BENTLEY, JR**

Mr. Leon Jefferson rose to present the application for an Easter Egg Hunt at Irene Hall Park by the Sylvester Shrine Club on March 31, 2018. *Place on Consent Agenda*

**3) MARGARET JONES PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE – LEIGH WILEY**

Ms. Wiley thanked several Council members for serving on the Library Board. She pointed out that wireless foot traffic had surpassed computer usage. The library has a new vendor, for their electronic material, RB Digital, which has caused their pricing to be cut in half. They now have access to electronic magazines. ***NO ACTION TAKEN***

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**4) SYLVESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY UPDATE – MICHAEL ALLEN**

Mr. Allen informed the Council that the Board had voted to convert to a Section 8 based program, RAD, (Rental Assistance Demonstration) which will allow funding on a more stable level. Going to RAD will allow 100% funding and allow upgrade to units. Mr. Allen also noted that plans were to build senior properties and affordable homes on properties in blighted areas. The GICH Team presented their Work Plan showing projects, goals, resources, obstacles and technical assistance needs. ***NO ACTION TAKEN***

**5) RUTH COTTAGE/PATTICAKE HOUSE – N. BRYAN/L. LOVETT/S. MCCRARY**

The Patticake House is a Child Advocacy Center and Ruth's Cottage is a Domestic Violence Prevention Program. Ms. McCrary indicated that they have outgrown their present facility and have a new project that they would like the City's support. These facilities are located in Tifton, but serve Worth County also. ***NO ACTION TAKEN***

**6) CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – SIGN PRESENTATIONS**

Karen Rackley, Chamber members and vendors were present to ask the City to partner with the Chamber to purchase a new Digital sign to replace the one destroyed by the tornado. The group was very informative regarding costs, designs, customer service, durability, etc. ***NO ACTION TAKEN***

**7) TELECOM AGREEMENT CITY OF CAMILLA & MITCHELL EMC**

The City Manager recommended approval of the Agreement for use of the City's system to hookup the office in Sylvester for an initial price of \$2500 for connection fee and monthly sum of \$500. This is a source of revenue for the City. ***Place on Consent Agenda***

**8) FEMA UPDATE – JINNY BOYD**

Ms. Boyd brought and update on the September 11, 2017 storm that severely affected the City. There are four (4) categories that have been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

Category A – Debris Removal	Public Works Department	\$83,367.83
Category B – Emergency Protective Measures	All Departments	\$44,487.73
Category F – Utilities	Power Restoration Light Department	\$104,125.12
Category E – Buildings and Equipment		\$37,976.53
	5% administrative cost DAC Plan	\$13,511.36
<b>TOTAL ALL PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$283,738.57</b>

The Council congratulated Ms. Boyd on her workmanship with FEMA. The other



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departments were recognized for their work during the storm. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**9) DDA/MAIN STREET APPOINTMENTS – KAREN SINGLETARY**

DDA Main Street has two members whose term will expire on April 19<sup>th</sup>. A downtown merchant, Angel Webb has expressed a desire to be on the Board. The City Manager will bring a recommendation to the next meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**10) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – COLQUITT COUNTY INMATE LABOR**

Mr. Hayes recommended approval of the Agreement to use inmate labor from Colquitt County to address the litter problem in the community. The City will provide a van and equipment, and the inmates will work 5 days a week, weather permitting. The cost of one city employee will cover the entire group. **PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**11) CSRA PROBATION SERVICES, INC – CONTRACT MODIFICATION**

Amanda Garrett of Probation Services stated that changes had to be made to the 2016 contract and could be done by the Amendment that was presented. A five year cap for renewal was added along with guidelines for reviewing consecutive cases. Attorney Coleman stated that the Judge had already signed the contract modification giving his approval. **PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**12) ORDINANCE NO: 2018-01 – MUNICIPAL JUDGE TERM**

The City Manager recommended adoption of the Ordinance that deals with Municipal Court Judge terms first, before adopting the Service Agreement. Attorney Coleman informed the Council that this is an effort to protect Judges from Arbitrary actions by the Council. The Council will have to set a term for the judge. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**13) MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SERVICE AGREEMENT**

The Council must set a term and salary. Mr. Hayes presented salaries for Municipal Court Judge's from surrounding Cities. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

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**14) RESOLUTION NO: 2018-03 – EDGE DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Hayes requested for above Resolution to be put on Consent Agenda to participate in Edge Program. ***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

**15) RESOLUTION NO: 2018-04 – ECG POLE ATTACHMENT AMENDMENT**

The City Manager asked that the above Resolution be placed on the Consent Agenda. The ECG is allocating the costs differently which helps the City of Sylvester.

***PLACE ON CONSENT AGENDA***

**CITY MANAGER**

- The City Audit accepted by state with no corrective actions
- Isabella Street sidewalk complete
- Will work to rectify situation on Williams Street
- Isabella Street closed on Saturday for Storm Drain crossing at Williams St.
- Bid opening March 29, 11:00 am, for Sylvester Transit Depot
- Landscape beautification grant plans approved
- Currently working with Consultant for lighting options and DOT permit for MLK Drive project
- Tyler billing software onsite today for general ledger and AP software
- Pine Street sidewalk preliminary plans sent for review, working thru details with local DOT office, will do erosion control, possibly ready for review end of April.
- Materials are in for the Pole Replacement Project and Feeder Tie Line Project
- Electrical service to new High School has been installed and completed, installing conduit for the outdoor lighting phase of High School
- Gas line has been installed, waiting to tie in and pressure test and install meter
- Gervaise Park Pond dredging complete, waiting to do final phase grading and grassing
- Firefighter Cody Slusher is going to the Century 21 Convention and will feature the Sylvester Police Department
- Transitioned to new health plan, employees check with provider to see if they accept plan

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- Contractor will bring papers to sign for City Hall Renovation on Wednesday

**MAYOR**

- The Mayor thanked the public for accommodating the Council so they could tour Plant Vogtle.

Mayor Yearta duly adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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William J. Yearta, Mayor

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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk