

CITY OF SYLVESTER WORK SESSION MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor William Yearata; Councilmen Randy V. Hill, Charles E. Jones, Larry Johnson; Jack Colby, Interim City Manager; Carolyn Williams, City Clerk; Kimberly Reid, Interim City Attorney

ABSENT: Councilman Melvin Powell

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearata

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

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1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES – NONE

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

2) 2019 MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

MAYOR PRO-TEM-----	CHARLES JONES
CITY MANAGER-----	INTERIM – JACK COLBY
RC REPRESENTATIVE – CITY -----	LARRY JOHNSON
CITY CLERK-----	CAROLYN WILLIAMS
AIRPORT-----	YEARTA, CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY-----	INTERIM – KIMBERLY REID
CITY RECORDER-----	WILLIE WEAVER
LIBRARY BOARD-----	RANDY HILL
MEAG COMMITTEE DELEGATE-----	JONES, COLBY
RECREATION BOARD-----	JACK COLBY
DELEGATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS DIRECTOR----	YEARTA, CM-PROXY
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY-----	MELVIN POWELL
CITY SOLICITOR-----	JAY CROWE

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INDIGENT DEFENSE ATTORNEY----- ERICA JOHNSON

CITY CHAPLAIN----- DR. WILLIE MAE MARLIN

Mayor Yearta stated these appointments were done every year. After discussion, the preceding names were added to the above listed positions. ***Consent Agenda***

3) WORTH COUNTY RAMS REUNION WEEKEND – CHIQUITA GREENE

Ms. Greene reported that this reunion brings a lot of business to the City. Many people from surrounding counties support this event. She asked the Council for October 25-27 to hold the event. Ms. Greene asked to use the Holley Gym Complex which would bring in more people and provide parking. Mayor Yearta commented that it would be a good location and they had outgrown the venue utilized in the past. The Mayor thanked them for their support during the storm.

***Consent Agenda***

4) REZONING OF PROPERTY – GLENICE STEPHENS

Ms. Stephens stated that Mr. Shipp requested to construct a building for commercial use on his East Pope Street property. The property in the area is zoned R2, which is residential. Ms. Stephens asked the Council to consider a City initiated zoning change to change all lots to C2. The 75ft railroad bed has prevented development in the area. Mr. Shipp said that the lots run at angle, and his property is located in the wider area. He also stated that he will ask for a variance, only if he needed it. Ms. Stephens said the area in question must accommodate 9-10 parking spaces. Mayor Yearta stated that this would be the best use of the property. It was agreed that it would be best for the City to change the zoning rather than Mr. Shipp submitting an application for rezoning.

***Consent Agenda***

5) SYLVESTER COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PLAN – G. STEPHENS

Ms. Stephens reported that all revisions, publications, and notices had been completed, and there were no public comments. She is asking for approval of the Revitalization Plan. ***Consent Agenda***

6) RESOLUTION NO: 2019-02 – SYLVESTER COMM. REVITALIZATION PLAN

Mayor Yearta noted that this resolution is the approval for the Revitalization Plan.

***Consent Agenda***

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7) UNDERWRITING POLICY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RLF

Mr. Rash said this new policy is to align with DCA, and it must be adopted by the City. *Consent Agenda*

8) RESOLUTION NO: 2019-01 – GUIDELINES FOR UNDERWRITING POLICY

It was understood that this is the Resolution to adopt the Underwriting Policy to comply with DCA procedures. *Consent Agenda*

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

- Continuing on nuisance abatement hearings to be held in February
- Waiting to hear from the County on joint task force agreement

INTERIM CITY MANAGER

- Mr. Colby asked Jinny to come forth and give an update on FEMA. Jinny said FEMA has approved for the City to conduct debris removal operations using contract labor and equipment in addition to services provided by the Army CORE of Engineers/Worth County. We have been cleared for Category A. Mayor Yearta stated this was good news and now we could assist with the debris situation.

WARD – 1- Absent

WARD 2 – NONE

WARD 3 – NONE

WARD 4 – NONE


MAYOR

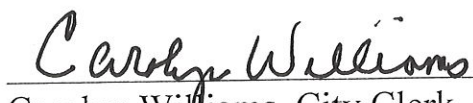
- The Mayor stated that we received a nice thank you note from Ruth's Cottage thanking the City for their support and helping provide the seed money to get the building completed.
- He is looking forward to working with everyone in the New Year.



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The meeting was duly adjourned by Mayor at 7:25 PM.

  
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William J. Yearta, Mayor

  
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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk

