

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019, 7:00 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)  
Jack Colby, Interim City Manager, (present) • Carolyn Williams, City Clerk (present)  
Kimberly Reid, Interim City Attorney (present)

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearta**

**INVOCATION GIVEN BY: Councilman Randy Hill**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor and Council amended the agenda to include the Public Hearing on Zoning

**1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES – NONE**

**2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- i) Public Hearing CDBG – February 18, 2019**
- ii) Public Hearing Zoning – February 18, 2019**
- iii) Council Meeting – February 18, 2019**
- iv) Work Session – March 4, 2019**

Councilman Hill offered a motion to approve the Minutes and it was seconded by Councilman Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

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**3) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- i)** Event application – Dynette Jackson
- ii)** Event Application – Wayne Cooper
- iii)** Event Application – Davian Green
- iv)** Event Application – Jessica Wallace
- v)** Event Application – David Bentley
- vi)** Change Order Parking Area Proposal
- vii)** City Hall Audio/Visual/CCTV System-GoFroe – James Barker

Councilman Johnson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and it was seconded by Councilman Hill – ***Motion Carries***

**GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**4) ZONING APPLICATION**

Mayor Yearta stated that the application had been heard in the Public Hearing regarding the City's request to change from R-2 to C-2 and asked for a motion.

Councilman Hill motioned to accept the recommendation to rezone to C-2 and it was seconded by Councilman Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

**5) LOUD MUSIC AT CURTIS SHIPP PARK – IRA CHEEVERS**

Mr. Cheevers presented the Council with a packet of documents covering prior sessions pertaining to Shipp Park. He was present at a session in 2010, and still having the same problem today-people not leaving park, not obeying park rules and parking, and confining music to inside of building. He feels it is unfair and an invasion of privacy. Music played from 8:30 til 11:40 pm. The Mayor, City Manager, and Mr. Powell were contacted. He asked why the PD do not follow the policy to shut down an event that violates rules. The original intent of the park was for kids, but now it is an adult facility for parties. He has called 911 countless times in the past years.

Mayor Yearta said the park should be closed at sundown. It was decided that all park guidelines and policies should be visited at a work session.

**ASPIRE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES – JOEL VANDENBERGH**

Mr. Powell informed the Council that this is done every year. When school is out, they utilize the Hut to see the children.

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Mr. Powell offered a motion to grant the request of Aspire to use the Hut and it was seconded by Mr. Hill – ***Motion Carries***

**7) ADMINISTRATOR and ENGINEER CDBG SELECTION FOR 2019 – JACK COLBY**

Councilman Johnson moved, seconded by Councilman Powell that based upon a review of the proposals received, the scoring of the criteria on the administrative worksheets, and following discussion of the proposals, City hired Bob Roberson as administrative consultants, and Carter and Sloope as engineering consultants, to design, and to complete CDBG projects for the City as proposed. The Motion was passed unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

- Received Orders on last 2 nuisances
- Next 2 hearings are set for April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Cemetery Ordinance has been drafted
- Request Executive Session for potential litigation

**CITY MANAGER – NONE**

- Airport Inspection last week, coming along nicely
- Advance Disposal contract comes up in a few months, would like input

**WARD – 1**

- Mr. Powell addressed the fact that the City should not continue to support the Boys and Girls Club because our kids do not participate
- Is there a fee differential for the installation of LED lights, and are there plans to change to LED lighting
- He praised School Board for working well with the City

**WARD – 2 – NONE**

**WARD – 3 – NONE**

**WARD – 4**

- Problems with Seabrook Drive again
- Mayor said we needed to talk to Carter and Sloope to see what can be done right away because the problem need to be alleviated. May need outside help to fix problem

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- Mr. Johnson would like to begin interviews with the City Manager applicants


Councilman Powell motioned to convene to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Jones – ***Motion Carries***


**EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:38 PM**

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED 8:00 pm**

Councilman Powell motioned to accept Executive Session minutes as read and was seconded by Councilman Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

The Mayor duly adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM – ***Unanimous Consent***

  
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William Yeararta, Mayor

  
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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk