

CITY OF SYLVESTER WORK SESSION MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearta

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

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1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Dr. Marlin informed the Council that the children at Daisy Gamble had read 100 books. She thanked the City for celebrating the accomplishment with the children.

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

2) MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY – SANDRA COSBY

Ms. Cosby is Chair Person for Region 4 Advisory Council for Worth County. She gave an in-depth account of Mental Health information that is available to citizens in this area. She presented copies of a survey to be completed and returned to her to identify needs and issues. At the end of the survey, she will be able to report back to Worth County and say “this is what Worth County identified as their primary needs for mental health addictive disease and developmental disabilities.” She asked if anyone was familiar with the Georgia Crisis Access Line. Ms. Cosby pointed out several other agencies that are not locally known.

3) EVENT APPLICATION AMERICAN LEGION POST 335 INC – RAY HUMPHREY

Mr. Humphrey is requesting an event application for the airport to bring in a Huey Helicopter to promote Sylvester and the airport. Vietnam Veterans will come in and offer rides to kids, and hope to make it an annual event. Later, hope to use Jeffords Park to have a Tri-Turkey Trot. All monies will go back into the community’s need at Thanksgiving. Councilman Jones asked for a copy of their liability insurance, and was told they would furnish a copy before the event. In regards to Flags, 1500 will be put up by Memorial Day from the city limit from Albany and city limit towards Walmart. *Consent Agenda*

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- 4) EVENT APPLICATION WRESTLING WITH A MESSAGE – PASTOR WILLIS  
Pastor Willis was absent. Mayor asked that this application be placed on the Council Meeting Agenda for the third Monday in April.
  
- 5) EVENT APPLICATION DOWNTOWN THROWDOWN – TIM HAIRE  
Mr. Haire is a business owner of a shop called Alchemy. He is proposing to use the Pedestrian Mall to bring entertainment to the City. He plans for this to be a monthly art and music festival, which will promote the mall. He believes this will be a money making opportunity for the City to rent out booth spaces. He is looking at several other activities to tag with this to make it even more enjoyable. He would like to have a month to promote the event. It was suggested to coordinate with the DDA. Mayor Yearata stated that work was still being done and plans to utilize the Mall had to be discussed.
  
- 6) ROAD CLOSING PERMIT “A TASTE OF WORTH” – KAREN SINGLETARY  
Ms. Singletary presented the Council with a request from the DDA to bring back a Taste of Worth. They are asking to close Kelly Street on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to allow restaurants to set-up for the event. *Consent Agenda*
  
- 7) RESOLUTION NO: 2019-06 – GEORGIA CITIES WEEK  
Ms. Singletary brought forth the Resolution for Cities Week that is done yearly. Monday, Mock City Council; Tuesday, Tree Planting; Wednesday, Employee Luncheon; Thursday, Legislative Luncheon / Business Afterhours and Friday, Governmental Tour and Tams Concert. *Consent Agenda*
  
- 8) ORDINANCE NO: 2019-01 – GRAVE MARKERS IN CEMETERIES  
Attorney Reid noted the change to the Ordinance, *Sec. 30-32 relating to metal markers required on grave sites*. It identifies what the markers should be made of and the length of time allowed to place them on the graves after burial.  
*Place on Agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

- Hearing date for Sumner Lane and Pinson Streets, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Mr. Adams reported the bid was in on Crockett St.

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INTERIM CITY MANAGER - NONE

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- An Executive Session for Personnel was requested
- Mr. Powell wanted to know what was the plan for the LED lights
- It was noted that the cost doubles in price for these lights
- Mr. Powell wanted to know if the prices need to be changed. Tyree said the only option in the future will be LED, and they last longer

WARD 2 – NONE

WARD 3 – NONE

WARD 4

- Mr. Johnson would like for the Personnel Policy to be addressed by Council
- Need to set a date to go over City Manager applications
- A time should be set, maybe a workshop, to review all parks-events, charges, rules, safety, etc.
- Mr. Powell reminded the Council that the hands-free cell phone usage law for employees has not been addressed

MAYOR

- Would like for Council to consider resurfacing tennis courts in upcoming budget, get estimates on costs
- Make sure alcohol ordinances are up-to-date for City-sponsored events

Mr. Powell motioned to convene to Executive Session for Personnel and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson – ***Motion Carries 7:50 PM***

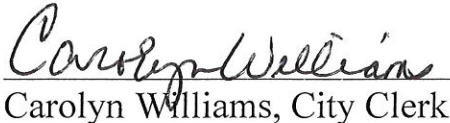
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**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION – 8:20 PM**

Motion was made by Mr. Powell to accept the Minutes as read from the Executive Session, and was seconded by Mr. Hill – *Motion Carries*

The meeting was duly adjourned by Mayor at 8:20 PM.

  
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William J. Yearta, Mayor

  
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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk



Mr. Powell stated to accept