

CITY OF SYLVESTER WORK SESSION MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 @ 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor William Yearata; Councilmen Randy V. Hill, Larry Johnson, Melvin Powell, Charles Jones; Carolyn Williams, City Clerk

ABSENT: Kimberly Reid, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearata

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Councilman Melvin Powell

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1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Mr. Morefield wants to bring a group called Food Truck Central to Sylvester, and wanted to know if the Council was interested. He gave several locations that they already did their set-up. They are licensed, pay taxes and like to showcase locations to bring in people to the area. He is trying to bring business here, and will soon have his wife's shop open here. He would like to have Food Truck Friday here once a month. The types he will bring are Ice, Hibachi, Seafood, Ice Cream, Mexican, Cupcakes, and even Korean and Cajun. If the City runs it, there will be more flexibility. If they ran it, he would have to honor his vendors. Mayor Yearata did not want to harm the local businesses, and would like to make sure our Ordinances are in order.

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

2) EVENTAPPLICATION/BOUNCY HOUSES @ JEFFORDS PARK-  
L.COLEMAN

This application was removed from agenda because there was no need for approval from the Council for bouncy houses.

3) FIREWORKS – KAREN SINGLETARY

Ms. Singletary gave an update on sponsorships and food at the event. She is not going to allow duplication. Josh Pearson's band will perform. the event will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. She has surpassed last year's sponsorships and has 2 platinum donors.

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4) ANIMAL CONTROL – MR. POWELL

Mr. Powell noted that there are problems that the Humane Society does not cover. He would like to close loopholes. Dogs are just everywhere and an individual was even threatened by a dog. He asked Mr. McPhaul to expound on what their duties are. He explained that they have the responsibility for animal control and try to get them adopted. If there is a bite case or rabies, we pick them up. You should call 911 if you want a dog picked up. This is a big county and a lot to cover, and is not a good situation. We send dogs to Pennsylvania for adoption. The Mayor stated that it appears to be a noncompliance issue, and there is a responsibility to dog ownership. State law says if you feed a dog for 3 days he is your responsibility, and you must pay to surrender the dog. It was decided to look at the Ordinances. Mr. Yearta suggested that this be looked into even if a fine could be imposed.

5) ADVANCE DISPOSAL CONTRACT

Mayor Yearta stated that the Advance Disposal contract was approaching and they needed to decide whether to bid it out or stay with them. It has been indicated that they would like to continue with no increase in price. Mr. Johnson is not in favor of contracting it out nor is Mr. Jones. Mr. Hill commented they have improved. Mayor Yearta will bring more information back to the Council.

6) AIRPORT CIP APPROVAL LETTER

The Mayor informed the Council that the City receives State and Federal Funds. A few issues were discovered during an inspection, obstruction around beacon, runway safety improvements, threshold bars, and striping on the runway. The City has to match a certain portion. As to the beacon issue, the obstruction is on private property. The landowner is interested in selling the property and he has been contacted. There is a possibility the City could apply for funding to help with purchase. *Consent Agenda*

CITY ATTORNEY (absent)

WARD 1 – NONE

WARD 2

- Mr. Hill complimented the City employees on Georgia Cities Week

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WARD 3

- Mr. Jones brought a project that he wanted to do at the duck pond, ramps for handicapped kids that want to fish. It exceeded the amount the City Manager could approve. It will be placed on the agenda and he will bring more information later.


WARD 4

- Mr. Johnson would like an Executive Session for Personnel, which will be done at the Library during City Manager application reviews.

Mr. Johnson moved to convene at the library for an Executive Session for Personnel and City Manager application reviews, and it was seconded by Mr. Jones – *Motion Carries*

The meeting was duly adjourned by Mayor at 3:05 PM.

  
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William J. Yearata, Mayor

  
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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk

