

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019, 7:00 P.M.



The Honorable William "Bill" Yearta, Mayor (absent)
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)
John Hayes, City Manager; Carolyn Williams, City Clerk (present)
Kimberly Reid, City Attorney (present)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Charles Jones
- 2) INVOCATION GIVEN BY: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- i) Public Hearing – July 15, 2019
- ii) Council Meeting – July 15, 2019
- iii) Work Session – August 5, 2019

Councilman Powell moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Councilman Johnson – *Motion Carries*

5) **SPEAKER APPEARANCES - NONE**

6) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – NONE**

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

7) **UPDATES – KAREN RACKLEY**

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Ms. Rackley gave an in-depth presentation of upcoming economic development and gave many thanks for the readiness of the Industrial Park and the City for the bus tour.

- ❖ Industrial Park East is a “grad ready site,” all permitting done, ready for development
- ❖ Main Street, DDA, Chamber Directors, City Personnel and Coca Cola, made an impact
- ❖ Three Parks in Worth County-Industrial Park North, Industrial Park East and Industrial Park West
- ❖ The City of Sylvester supplies water to the West Park which alleviates cost
- ❖ Scale Systems and Automation is located in the West Park
- ❖ Domino’s building will be occupied shortly; Harveys building sale is complete; Tractor Supply will occupy that site; Freds is closing and building for sale; Pineknoll Golf Club will reopen; Walgreens is for sale; Zaxbys is coming

8) BEER SALES - BARK IN THE PARK

Mr. Powell expressed that this was Mr. Jones’ district and asked for his thoughts on this matter. Mr. Jones had spoken with several people and they did not want to have beer sales in the park, neither did he. Mr. Powell and Mr. Hill were not in favor of the request.

Councilman Hill moved to deny the request for beer sales at Bark in the Park and it was seconded by Councilman Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

9) UTILITIES – MR. POWELL

Councilman Powell has been approached by several people regarding high utility rates. He is proposing to send out energy saving tips to customers on a regular basis. Mr. Jones stated that the more people can curb their usage will help the City also. Mr. Johnson suggested a guide to show customers how to read their meter.

10) SPEED BUMPS – COUNCILMAN POWELL

Mr. Powell presented a petition from the residents of Anderson Street for speed bumps. He is asking the Council to approve speed bumps for this area.

Mr. Powell motioned to approve the request for speed bumps and it seconded by Mr. Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

11) PLAQUE QUOTES – COUNCILMAN JOHNSON

Councilman Johnson offered a motion to approve plaques for completed projects when the City Manager have funds available, seconded by Mr. Powell – ***Motion Carries***

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12) ITEMS FROM:

CITY MANAGER

- Update on move, phone system ready, transition end of week. Concern for functionality of monitors-\$6000 estimate
- Critical staffing for Finance and Police Departments
- Mr. Johnson asked how the phones will work
- Mr. Powell inquired about monitor usage

Mr. Powell motioned to authorize the City Manager to accept the most responsible and responsive estimate for the monitors, seconded by Mr. Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

CITY ATTORNEY

- Mr. Michael Allen, Housing Authority Director, is not ready to finalize the JW Holley contract, start date of October. Informed that they must have it on the agenda for September
- County attorney is working on elections agreement

WARD – 1 – NONE

WARD – 2

- Mr. Hill was concerned about bomb threats at school. He wanted to know if floorplans were available for law enforcement for quick response. Mr. Powell believes the Fire Department and others should have plans already.

WARD – 3 –NONE

WARD – 4

- Mr. Johnson wanted to make sure Public Works kept Pine Street swept. Mr. Powell asked that the inmates not “scalp’ the grass-no weed eaters on sidewalks.

Mr. Powell moved to convene an Executive Session for potential litigation and property, seconded by Mr. Johnson – Motion Carries

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:30 PM

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED: 8:00

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Mr. Powell moved to accept the minutes as read in Executive Session and was seconded by Mr. Hill – ***Motion Carries***

Mr. Powell motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Hill-***Unanimous Consent***

Mayor Pro Tem duly adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.





Charles Jones, Mayor Pro Tem



Carolyn Williams, City Clerk