

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019, 7:00 P.M.



The Honorable Charles Jones, Ward 3, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Melvin Powell, Ward 1 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Randy Hill, Ward 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Larry Johnson, Ward 4 Councilmember (absent)
John Hayes, City Manager (present); Carolyn Williams, City Clerk (present)
Kimberly Reid, City Attorney (absent)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Charles Jones
ABSENT: Councilman Larry Johnson; Kimberly Reid, City Attorney

2) **INVOCATION GIVEN BY:** Councilman Randy Hill

3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Powell motioned to add an Executive Session to the agenda to discuss Personnel and it was seconded by Councilman Hill – **3-0- Motion Carries**

5) **SPEAKER APPEARANCES** - None

6) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- i) Council Meeting – September 16, 2019
- ii) Work Session – October 7, 2019

Councilman Hill moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Councilman Powell – **3-0 - Motion Carries**

7) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- i) Event Permit /Jeffords Park – John McPhaul

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- ii) Event Permit-Pets and Pals Parade/DDA – Jean Brooks
- iii) Event Permit-Christmas Parade/DDA – Jean Brooks
- iv) Sip & Stroll/Art Gala – Karen Singletary
- v) Resolution No: 2019-13 – Chip Grant Application Fee
- vi) Resolution No: 2019-14 – Services of the SGRC
- vii) Resolution No: 2019-15 – SGRC Additional Admin Costs
- viii) Resolution No: 2019-16 – RC Grant Application Fee
- ix) Advanced Disposal Contract

Councilman Powell motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and it was seconded by Councilman Hill – **3-0 - Motion Carries**

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

8) JW HOLLEY YOUTH CLUB CONTRACT

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked for a motion to approve the contract. Councilman Hill moved to approve the contract and it was seconded by Councilman Powell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Powell asked to review the changes that were made in regards to the center being a Precinct on voting days. There was some discussion as to whether the contract was to be on the Consent agenda or placed on the agenda. Mr. Jones stated that it could move forward tonight as a discussion item. Mr. Jones wanted assurance that this Club did not replace a program that was already in place. Mr. Hill stated this would not interfere with the Daisy Gamble program. Mr. Hayes said this would enhance the existing program. The JW Holley Youth Club will have exclusive use of the facility from 3-6 p.m. The center will be available the day before, the day of, and the day after elections.

After discussion, motion passes **3-0- Motion Carries**

9) CYBER SECURITY (DATA PROTECTION) – COUNCILMAN POWELL

Mr. Powell wanted the staff to be aware of our vulnerability to a data attack. He questioned whether we had back-up systems in place and were we secure. He suggests the staff provide recommendations for cyber protection. Mr. Hayes will have NTS to review our systems and make sure we are protected as much as possible.

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10) SIP & STROLL – VOTE TO APPROVE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON CITY PROPERTY

Mr. Powell moved to allow the DDA to have alcohol on City property during the Sip and Stroll, a second was offered by Mr. Hill-**3-0 Motion Carries**

11) 2018 CDBG SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Charlie Tucker reported bids were opened on Friday and Doyle Hancock and Sons was the low bidder at \$679,914.00. He is very comfortable recommending them for the project because of their previous work with the City. The total award is approximately \$700,000 with a built in contingency of \$20,000. Mr. Powell asked about the possible starting date. Mr. Tucker has been in contact with Bob Roberson and Associates, and they requested a vote of approval of award contingent upon DCA clearing the contract.

Mr. Powell motioned to accept low bid from Hancock and Sons contingent upon clearance from DCA and it was seconded by Mr. Hill – **3-0 Motion Carries**

12) ITEMS FROM:

CITY MANAGER – NONE

CITY ATTORNEY – ABSENT

WARD – 1

- Mr. Powell want to look at funding to address dilapidated houses. He would like a reasonable budget to be put in place. In the past a contractor has been used to tear down houses but he suggests using the City's workforce, which is better for the landowner. Enforcing the Ordinance on the books is of utmost importance. Mr. Powell indicated that Mr. Adams was to get training to handle clients that were docketed for court action, to lower attorney fees. According to Mr. Hayes, this training has not taken place. Mr. Hayes is looking at other options along with putting together the land bank to address the dilapidated structure problem. Mr. Jones noted the asbestos problem, which staff will not be able to identify. Mr. Hayes will prepare a report for Council identifying funding, ability to perform work in-house, and reduction of legal fees. Mr. Powell said someone should be hired to inspect buildings, and the cost is passed to the homeowner.

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WARD – 2 – NONE

WARD – 3 – NONE

WARD – 4 - ABSENT

MAYOR PRO TEM

- Mr. Powell asked Mr. Jones was there an update on speed bumps for Dewberry. Mr. Hayes reported that Mr. Hitt has not had time to initiate acquiring the necessary signatures. Mr. Jones told the council that the Fire Department is not in favor of speed bumps, which slows response time. Mr. Powell suggests placing on the Petition application that they are aware of the implications of having them put in place.

Mr. Powell offered a motion to convene an Executive Session to discuss Personnel and it was seconded by Mr. Hill – **3-0 – Motion Carries**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:30

After discussion of Personnel, no official action was proposed or taken and regular session reconvened.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED: 8:00

Mr. Powell moved to accept the minutes as read in Executive Session and was seconded by Mr. Hill – **3-0 - Motion Carries**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Jones duly adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Charles Jones, Mayor Pro Tem

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk