

**CITY OF SYLVESTER WORK SESSION MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019 @7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Charles Jones, Councilmen Larry Johnson, Melvin Powell, Randy Hill; City Manager, John Hayes; City Clerk, Carolyn Williams

ABSENT: Kimberly Reid, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Charles Jones

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES - NONE

2) SURPLUS PROPERTY LIST

Mr. Hayes noted that all surplus property equipment was listed. A baseline figure of \$15,000 was placed on the 1995 John Deere Backhoe. These items will be placed on Gov Deals for bidding, and will be at the shop. The items will be accessible to everyone, even from overseas. *Consent Agenda*

3) COMMUNITY GARDEN – COUNCILMAN JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson would like for wiring to be done for power to the Community Garden. The last figure was a cost of \$3100 plus installation. *Consent Agenda*

4) 2020 CITY OF SYLVESTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mr. Powell asked that the 2020 employee holiday schedule was placed on the consent agenda. *Consent Agenda*

5) HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS – MARIA LEONARD/KAREN RACKLEY

Mr. Jones stated that Ms. Leonard and Ms. Rackley were already appointed to the Board and approved, and this was a matter of record.

6) BEER/WINE/LIQUOR RENEWALS 2020

Michael Littleton Fat Boys BBQ	Swati Goyal Sylvester Food Mart	Laurie Lyn Barnard Walmart	Kimberly Sailor CVS	Daniel Blakely Boss Game Room
Yuliana Barradas El Metate Mexican Restaurant	Paul J. Hill Pizza Quick	Bobby Lawson Piggly Wiggly	Hasumatbens Patel Handy Express	Hasumatbens Patel Sylvester Express

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Harshad Patel E-Z Corner # 22	Harshad Patel E-Z Corner # 11	Harshad Patel Harry's Food Mart	Harshad Patel J & J Grocery	Harshad Patel E-Z Corner # 33
Monica Hunt Old Mexico				

All listed renewals were approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager. Mr. Powell questioned why some business owners were not on the list. Mr. Hayes told the Council that there was only one declination, and due to privacy the applicant was not published. Chief Urquhart stated that she had one more that was declined. Mr. Johnson would like those disapproved to come before the Council. There was discussion around privacy of the applicant's record. Mr. Hayes will email the Council with details of the denial. Mr. Hayes proceeded to read the name of the applicant and the infractions that warranted the disapproval by Chief Urquhart. It was decided that the list presented will be placed on the consent agenda. ***Consent Agenda***

CITY MANAGER

- On the 17th a Rep from CNS will be here to discuss broadband expansion. He and Mr. McGee will attend a meeting by the USDA to look at funding opportunities for broadband expansion. Working with County on a sizable grant that will also help expand broadband.
- Notices of the RFP for the City Attorney went out to various media outlets. No actual responses have been received, will close the 13th of this month.
- Attorney Erika Johnson, Public Defender, has submitted her resignation effective the end of the year. Will begin looking for a replacement
- Have had productive talks in reference to the Conagra situation, possible opportunity for other prospect for facility

CITY ATTORNEY – ABSENT

WARD 1

- Mr. Powell wanted to know the status of the dilapidated housing issue. Mr. Hayes stated that additional funding was added to cover the cost of demolition and disposal. Mr. Adams, Code Enforcement Officer, added that the process is halted due to the attorney situation. Mr. Adams expounded on the process and steps required to move to the actual demolition of blighted properties.
- Mr. Powell said there was a need for someone to set-up for sound at the Christmas Parade and tree lighting ceremony, Mr. Hayes will contact Eric Hatcher

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- Petitions are not collected. N Ayers Street and Atlantic Street comes to dead-end and a house is directly in front of the stop sign. Would like one speed bump installed on Atlantic Street. *Consent Agenda*

WARD 2 –NONE

WARD 3 – NONE

WARD 4 – NONE

Mr. Johnson motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Powell – *4-0 Motion Carries*

Mayor Pro Tem duly adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm – *Unanimous Consent*

Charles Jones, Mayor Pro Tem

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk