

CITY OF SYLVESTER WORK SESSION MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Charles Jones

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearta

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

Mayor Yearta asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Powell requested an Executive Session for Personnel.

1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES – NONE

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

2) SHIPP SENIOR CENTER – IRA MOORE/JAMI HARPER

Ms. Moore stated the funds requested was for delivery from Albany to the Senior Center Monday thru Friday, averaging 800 miles per month. Due to budget cuts statewide, they are looking for ways to off-set the cost. Ms. Harper addressed the ongoing problem of vandalism. They have discussed the problem with Chief Drennon and thought maybe cameras or additional lighting might work. Mr. Powell said monies were budgeted before for seniors but were never used. Mayor Yearta said the funds were not in the current budget, but it can be looked at later.

3) EVENT APPLICATION – SHATEREIAN WALKER

Ms. Walker requests to do a home buyer seminar, and teach people how to repair their credit. She presented a buyer's packet outlining the benefits of home ownership. Ms. Walker identified the need in this area for this information, and will share with them how to begin the process of home ownership. *Consent*

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- 4) RAMS ALUMNI ANNUAL EVENT PROPOSAL – CHIQUITA GREENE
Mr. Jefferson thanked the Council for allowing them to continue the Community event, and each year it grows and the new venue has already been approved. He presented a packet that outlined the vision of the organization. They are asking that the fourth weekend in October be set aside for the Alumni each year and the Holley area be used as a permanent event. They are committed to giving back to the students in many ways. ***Consent Agenda***

- 5) 2019 MAIN STREET WORK PLAN – KAREN SINGLETARY
Ms. Singletary presented the 2019 Work Plan and asked for approval by the Council. The Mayor and Council noted that they had read the plan and had no questions. ***Consent Agenda***

- 6) 2019 GICH TEAM PROGRAM OF WORK – GLENICE STEPHENS
Ms. Stephens reported they wanted to work on how to get more affordable senior housing. The idea of organizing a homeless shelter is being explored for the City of Sylvester. The team plans to continue the home ownership workshop that they do each year. Mayor Yearata asked about the homeless count. Ms. Stephens said this was the first time it was done here, and they may have started too early. Mayor Yearata commented that partnering with the Salvation Army will be a good idea because there is an issue in Sylvester with homelessness.

- 7) GMA LEASE SUPPLEMENT
Mr. Colby stated that this was the lease purchase for the boom. ***Consent Agenda***

- 8) RESOLUTION NO: 2019-03 GMA SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE PROGRAM
Mayor Yearata said this is the actual Resolution for the Lease Agreement. ***Consent Agenda***

- 9) AMENDMENT NO. 3 ECG INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT
Mr. Yearata said this was an amendment to the contract for services that ECG provides in relations to pole attachments and calculations. ***Consent Agenda***

- 10) RESOLUTION NO: 2019-04 – ECG INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT
It was stated that this is the Resolution that approves the Amendment to the Intergovernmental contract. ***Consent Agenda***

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11) RFP CITY MANAGER

Mr. Powell wants the ad to be ran in Sylvester Local, ECG, Indeed, City Web page, GMA, until March 22nd. The Mayor is concerned that March 22nd does not give enough time for advertisement. He suggested to run through the end of April. Mr. Powell thinks six weeks is adequate. *Consent Agenda*

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to convene to Executive Session to discuss Personnel and land acquisition, it was seconded by Mr. Johnson. *Motion Carries*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:35

REGULAR SESSON RECONVENED: 8:22

Mr. Powell offered a motion to approve the Minutes as read in Executive Session and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson – *Motion Carries*

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

- Debatement hearings are February 25th
- Finished work on 4 lien cases, the properties have been cleaned up
- Will have another round of liens after the 25th

WARD – 1

- Mr. Powell said it had been discussed that the Depot would be used as a welcome center once the City Hall was finished. The Mayor said he thought that would be a good idea.
- Mayor Yearta mentioned adding matching brick pavers to put on the facing of the concrete blocks. Will get Steven to give a price.
- Mr. Powell would like an update on GMA building a new office at the next meeting

WARD 2 – NONE

WARD 3 – NONE

WARD 4

- Mr. Johnson said our local merchants seem to think we have a budget problem. If we have one, we don't know about it. Mr. Cecil said the audit would be ready for the next work session. Mayor Yearta said the storm put a strain on the budget, but should get reimbursed by FEMA.

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- Four years ago we decided to move money from reserves to MLK, and to his understanding, this has not been done. Mr. Johnson said these funds should be moved. The Mayor said this would be checked on.

MAYOR - NONE

The meeting was duly adjourned by Mayor at 8:30 PM.

William J. Yearta, Mayor

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk