

CITY OF SYLVESTER  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2019 @ 12:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor William Yearata; Councilmembers, Randy V. Hill, Melvin Powell, Larry Johnson; Carolyn Williams, City Clerk and Kimberly Reid, City Attorney,

ABSENT: Councilman Charles Jones

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearata

SUBJECT: To Discuss City Operations

Mayor Yearata called the meeting to order to set-up spending parameters and direction for City Hall and Council approval. It was decided to allow a \$1000 approval by City Hall for PO's and anything over must come to full Council.

Mayor Yearata offered a motion to allow a \$1000 limit on City Hall approval and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

Mr. Powell offered a motion to allow the Mayor to fill in for Mr. Jones in his absence and it was seconded by Mr. Hill – ***Motion Carries***

Mayor Yearata motioned to allow the City Clerk and the Finance Director to approve PO's for \$1000 or under in present budget, seconded by Mr. Hill – ***Motion Carries***

Councilman Powell moved to allow the City Clerk and the Customer Service Supervisor to negotiate any extensions with utility customers and it was seconded by Mr. Hill – ***Motion Carries***

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve all striping listed and it was seconded by Mr. Powell – ***Motion Carries***

Mr. Powell moved that all PO's go to the Chair of the Department to sign off and then to City Hall for approval seconded by Mr. Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

Mayor Yearata moved to rescind the previous motion, and authorize Superintendents up to \$500 in discretionary spending, up to \$1000 will be authorized by the Finance Director and the City Clerk, anything over goes to Council. It is also established to hold a Call Meeting before each Work Session as long as we do not have a City Manager, motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

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There was discussion around budgets showing “out of budget.” Attorney Reid advised to amend the budget, which is not unusual.

Ms. Johnson asked for clarification around the date to begin the Youth Program.

Motion by Mr. Powell to begin the program the day after Memorial day and end a week before school begins, seconded by Mayor – *Motion Carries*

The Mayor duly adjourned the Special Called Meeting at 12:25 p.m. – *Unanimous Consent*

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William Yearata, Mayor

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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk

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MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019 @ 12:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor William Yearata; Councilmembers, Randy V. Hill, Charles E. Jones, Melvin Powell, Larry Johnson; Carolyn Williams, City Clerk and Kimberly Reid, City Attorney,

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearata

SUBJECT: To Discuss City Structure

Mayor Yearata called the meeting to order to discuss the structure of the City. First, he stated that there were several events taking place this week. Georgia Cities week and tours. Ms. Rackley shared that Business After Hours would be on Thursday, and the student government tour on Friday. She wanted Business After Hours to be held at the Pedestrian Mall to show it off.

Mayor Yearata thanked Department heads and upper level staff for being present. Mr. Powell said there was some confusion from employees as to who to report to. As a result, some structure should be set.

The duties of Mayor were read; consequently, it was stated that this portion of the charter had been revised. Ms. Reid informed the Council that if changes had been made, they should be sent to Municode. The Mayor was concerned about the Council running departments. Mr. Powell suggested that the Council volunteer to place their names on the form to cover certain departments. As a result: Mr. Johnson has Public Works; Mr. Powell has Water, Gas and Light; Mr. Jones has City Hall, Mr. Hill has Code Enforcement, and Mayor Yearata has Police Department. Any major issues will be brought before the Council. Any appeals would be heard by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Powell asked that applicants without the specified degree be removed from the list of candidates for City Manager.

Mr. Powell motioned for the City to contract with Terrell County for inmate labor and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson – *Motion Carries*.

Mr. Johnson offered a motion to convene an Executive Session so discuss personnel and it was seconded by Mr. Hill – *Motion Carries*

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EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED – 12:20 PM

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED – 12:30

Mr. Powell offered a motion to accept the Minutes of the Executive session as read and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson – *Motion Carries*

The Mayor duly adjourned the Special Called Meeting at 12:32 p.m. – *Unanimous Consent*

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William Yearta, Mayor

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Carolyn Williams, City Clerk