

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019, 7:00 P.M.



The Honorable William "Bill" Yearta, Mayor (present)
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)
Carolyn Williams, City Clerk (present)
Kimberly Reid, City Attorney (present)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Yearta

INVOCATION GIVEN BY: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) SPEAKER APPEARANCES – NONE

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i) Council Meeting – April 15, 2019
- ii) Called Meeting – April 22, 2019
- iii) Called Meeting – April 26, 2019
- iv) Work Session – May 2, 2019

Councilman Hill offered a motion to approve the Minutes and it was seconded by Councilman Jones – ***Motion Carries***

3) CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

- i) Airport CIP Approval Letter

Councilman Johnson offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and it was seconded by Councilman Hill – ***Motion Carries***

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GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

4) EVENT APPLICATION –IT’S TIME TO STOP! BULLYING IS A FORM OF ABUSE –R. HARRIS

Ms. Harris was absent and could present her application - ***TABLED***

5) EVENT APPLICATION – BFHS – JODY YARBROUGH

Mr. Yarbrough stated that the Bark in the Park had grown, and events had been added. He is having a BBQ event with teams of about 350 people. With the addition of the new events, he was looking at an attendance of possibly 12-1500 people

Councilman Powell offered a motion to approve the application and it seconded by Councilman Johnson – ***Motion Carries***

6) CHAMBER YEARLY REPORT – KAREN RACKLEY

Ms. Rackley thanked the Council for support of the Chamber, and presented the yearly report. She noted that membership had almost doubled. The Chamber is promoting their Calendar of Events that is open to everyone in the community. A chamber AP that is easy to use was also rolled out. These are additions that will help promote our community. Mayor thanked the Chamber and its Board of Directors.

7) PEANUT FESTIVAL – WENDY KENNEDY

Ms. Kennedy briefed the Council that the Festival will be the 3rd weekend in October, and they have the vendors held over from last year. The Carnival will be back again this year. She expressed her gratitude to the City for all the hours and help the staff puts in. The City plays a major role in logistics. Road closures will be submitted later.

8) JINNY BOYD – FEMA UPDATE

Ms. Boyd presented to the Council all categories that had been submitted to FEMA which totals \$467,652.84 for reimbursement. All of these have been accepted and funds will be available when they finish their processes, which can take from 8-12 weeks. Category F is still being worked. The Council has 18 months to determine how to spend allocated funds from previous storms. Ms. Boyd recommends all employees that work with public works and utilities take the new training matrix. A group class can be done here at no cost and will ensure compliance. It is also recommended that the Council take the training. Ms. Boyd was appreciated for a great job.

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9) LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – BUDDY HARRIS

Mayor Yeara offered a motion to reappoint Buddy Harris to the Library Board and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson – *Motion Carries*

10) NTS BLACKBERRY ANNUAL MOBILE RENEWAL – MR JONES

It was noted that this is an annual renewal that is required to keep the service.

Mr. Powell motioned to approve the annual renewal with NTS and it was seconded by Mr. Jones – *Motion Carries*

11) WATER SEWER SUPPLIES

Mr. Hill moved to approve the water sewer supplies and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson
Motion Carries

12) CAT EXCAVATOR REPAIRS

Mr. Johnson informed the Council that the excavator was in need of repair, the shop manager and the superintendent recommended approval of repairs

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the CAT Excavator repairs and it was seconded by Mr. Hill
Motion Carries

13) REFRIGERATORS CITY HALL

Mayor Yeara asked for a motion to approve the refrigerators for City Hall

Mr. Powell motioned to approve the refrigerators for City Hall and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson – *Motion Carries*

14) FURNITURE CITY HALL / FLOOR PLAN

Mr. Barker said the quotes came from the same company that did the Depot. Still looking for quote on blinds. They have a state contract with good prices. Mr. Powell asked for listing of who will be in what room. Mr. Barker noted that this has not been done. Everything is included in price.

Mr. Hill moved to accept the furniture quote and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson
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15) LIGHT DEPARTMENT REQUISITION

Mr. Powell said these were transformers needed for West Industrial Park and one for future business.

Mr. Powell moved to approve the light department requisition and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson- *Motion Carries*

16) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TERRELL COUNTY/CITY OF SYLVESTER INMATE WORK DETAIL

Mr. Johnson advised the Council that Terrell had offered another detail for the same agreement as the first. We would have to get another van and equipment. The shop manager will look for the van.

Mr. Johnson moved to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2nd Detail of Inmates and it was seconded by Mr. Powell – *Motion Carries*

17) RESOLUTION NO: 2019-09 – RECERTIFICATION CITY OF ETHICS

Mayor Yearta advised the Council that the designation as City of Ethics was expiring and this Resolution is needed to be approved for GMA Convention.

Mr. Powell moved to approve Resolution No: 2019-09 and was seconded by Mr. Johnson *Motion Carries*

18) PRIEST STREET/WEST YOUNG STREET REQUESTS SPEED BUMPS – MR POWELL

Mr. Powell stated the residents are concerned for the safety of their children.

Mr. Powell moved to approve installation of speed bumps for Priest Street and West Young Street and to approve quotes for materials and it was seconded by Mr. Johnson

19) SPEED BUMPS PRICING AND QUOTES (included in above motion and approval)

20) QUOTE SIGN REPAIR MATERIALS

Councilman Johnson motioned to accept the quote from the Big Green Sign company and it was seconded by Mr. Powell – *Motion Carries*

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21) ORDINANCE NO: 2019-02 – TO AUTHORIZE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES A CITY EVENTS ON CITY PROPERTY AND TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN OPEN CONTAINERS IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Mayor Yearta stated this Ordinance will allow licensed businesses to sale at downtown events. Attorney Reid highlighted two components of Ordinance: (1) Council may authorize sale of alcohol on City property for City Events. (2) If business is authorized for on premises consumption, may allow customer to exit with drink between hours of 5pm to 10 pm in the limited district, to stroll shops downtown. A sign must be posted near exit to let patrons know they cannot go outside of historic district. A few other safeguards have also been put in place.

Mr. Johnson offered motion to accept the Ordinance 2019-02 and dispense of the second reading by unanimous consent and was seconded by Mr. Jones – ***UNANIMOUS CONSENT***

22) PUBLIC WORKS REQUISITION

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the amount needed for asphalt and it was seconded by Mr. Powell – Motion Carries

CITY ATTORNEY

- Reviewing Food Truck Ordinance and will bring recommendations to next meeting
- Working on title work for nuisance abatement and has been authorized to proceed on another
- Requests Executive Session

WARD – 1 (NONE)

WARD – 2

- Mr. Hill asked about tractor that cut ditches. Richie advised that they sent wrong part and the right part should be here by the end of the week

WARD – 3 –NONE

WARD – 4 – NONE

- Waiting for invoice for striping at the airport

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MAYOR

- Advance Disposal accepted the same price, no changes
- Chief wants to tint windows on Police cars; Councilman Johnson opposes idea citing public relations.
- We have 3 quotes for Seabrook Drive and the low bid is from Doyle Hancock and Sons to repair area under railroad bed, will be completed in 45 days

Mayor Yearta made motion to allow Hancock and Sons to do emergency work on Seabrook Drive using GEFA funds and it was seconded by Mr. Powell – ***Motion Carries***

Mr. Johnson motioned to convene to Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation and it was seconded by Mr. Powell – ***Motion Carries***

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:55 PM

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: 8:10

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

Mr. Johnson motioned to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Powell- ***Motion Carries***

Mayor Yearta duly adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

William Yearta, Mayor

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk