

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020 @ 7:00PM



The Honorable Larry Johnson, Ward 4, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Walter Dupree, III, Ward 1 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Isaac Jackson, Jr., Ward 2 Councilmember (present)
John Hayes, City Manager (present); Carolyn Williams, City Clerk (present)
Lester Castellow, City Attorney (present)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1) **CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Johnson**

2) **INVOCATION GIVEN BY: Dr. Willie Mae Marlin**

3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Councilman Dupree - **3-0- Motion Carries**

5) **SPEAKER APPEARANCES – NONE**

6) **RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR JUSTIN SMITH, WATER/SEWER DEPT**

Mr. Hayes recognized Mr. Smith for his accomplishment and the contribution he will make to this department. Attaining this goal will be a savings in this area. He also noted that Mr. Smith volunteered for this assignment. He has completed the first phase and has two more classes for the waste water treatment certification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2020

Work Session Minutes – February 3, 2020

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Councilman Dupree moved to approve the Minutes and Councilman Jackson offered a second-
3-0 Motion Carries

8) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- i)** Rib Festival – Pastor Judy Hall/Minister Webbie Hill
- ii)** Event Application-Christian Community Fellowship Day – Mr. Farley
- iii)** Event Application-American Legion 1-Mile Walk, 5k/10/K Run – Jim Hamsley
- iv)** Event Application-Tri-Turkey Trot – Ray Humphrey
- v)** Event Application-Sylvester Helicopter Fly-In and the Southwest Georgia Vietnam Veterans 2020 Reunion – Ray Humphrey
- vi)** Future Events-D-Day Memorial/Flag Day/Memorial Day/Patriots Day/Veterans Day/ Pearl Harbor Day – Ray Humphrey
- vii)** Main Street 2020 Work Plan/Stakeholders Breakfast/Quarterly Sip & Stroll Approval
Karen Singletary
- viii)** Partners Benefit Group Insurance Renewal – Courtney Howell
- ix)** Bid Award -- East Coast Construction

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

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

9) RESOLUTION NO: 2020-01-SUPPORTING LEGISLATION FOR THE GEORGIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY ACT

Mr. Johnson informed the Council that this Act would allow the City to make purchases along with the county in a pool. He completed a survey as part of the requirement to participate in the program. He asked for approval of the Resolution.

Upon motion by Mr. Dupree and a second by Mr. Jackson, Resolution No: 2020-01 was approved – **3-0 Motion Carries**

10) CHANGE IN CITY CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE FROM VERIZON TO AT&T

Mr. Hayes said the discussion with AT&T affords an opportunity to cut monthly costs approximately \$1000 per month. The First-Net Program offered by AT&T gives greater connectivity and is invaluable in a disaster for communication. Mr. Johnson approves of the switch because it will provide an avenue for “hot spots” downtown.

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Councilman Dupree moved to approve the switch from Verizon to AT&T and a second was offered by Councilman Jackson – **3-0 Motion Carries**

11) ITEMS FROM:

CITY MANAGER

- Mr. Hayes reported that we had obsolete equipment that is very costly to repair. The cost is \$213,000 for a sweeper built by Pelican that will be suitable for the configuration of our streets. Three other bids were also sought, but this one was chosen as best for the City. Good financing rates are available- \$40,000 a year and paid off in 5 years.

Mr. Johnson moved to purchase the sweeper at \$213,700 financed at \$40,000 a year and it was seconded by Mr. Jackson – **3-0 Motion Carries**

- The Annual Retreat will be in Thomas County March 6 and 7. A tentative site is confirmed, and we are still developing the agenda. March 6 will be staff meeting and Council on the 7th. Any suggestions are welcomed.

CITY ATTORNEY – NONE

WARD – 1-NONE

WARD – 2-NONE

WARD – MAYOR PRO TEM-NONE

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and seconded by Mr. Dupree it was voted to convene an Executive Session to discuss litigation and land acquisition
3-0 Motion Carries

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:20

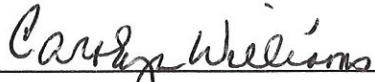
REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED: 7:40

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson duly adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm. ***Unanimous Consent***



Larry Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem



Carolyn Williams, City Clerk

