

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 @ 7 PM



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)
The Honorable Mark Giddens, Ward 3 Councilmember (present)
Autron Hayes, City Manager (present) • Carolyn Williams, City Clerk (present)
Lester Castellow, City Attorney (present)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR PRO TEM LARRY JOHNSON**
- II. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – DR. WILLIE MAE MARLIN**
- III. **UPDATE FROM SHERIFF WHITAKER AND LIEUTENANT BROOKS REGARDING UPCOMING PROTESTS**

Lieutenant Brooks informed the Council of a planned protest for June 9th beginning at 10 am. The route has not been identified as of yet. Mr. Johnson stated that no permit had been issued. Sheriff Whitaker contacted the NAACP and was told they had nothing to do with the protest coming to Sylvester. He noted that this will be Election Day and wanted to try to curtail any problems. They are asking that no women and children be in the protests, and the sheriff said that worried him. They are asked to stay away from voting precincts. The Sheriff has other agencies who will come in to help.

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Jackson moved to approve the agenda and a second was offered by Councilman Dupree – *Motion Carries*

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Dupree motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Councilman Giddens – *Motion Carries*

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VI. SPEAKER APPEARANCES – NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a) COMMON USE AGREEMENT-GEORGIA POWER AND CITY OF SYLVESTER

Mr. Hayes explained that this agreement allowed Georgia Power and Mitchell EMC to utilize each other's pole. This agreement set forth the provisions of this relationship. He noted that this happens quite regularly. He is asking for Council approval with no budgetary impact.

Councilman Giddens motioned to approve the agreement and was seconded by Councilman Dupree – *Motion Carries*

b) TURNER COUNTY JAIL AND CITY OF SYLVESTER AGREEMENT

Mr. Hayes outlined housing inmates with Turner County and the costs. He compared several other jail agreements with vary by county and believes this is a fair cost. The agreement specifies that the City has to pay medical costs. This is a budgeted item and recommends approval. Mr. Johnson asked for an opinion from Attorney Castellow. He asks for approval pending his review.

Councilman Dupree motioned to approve the agreement and second was offered by Councilman Jackson – *Motion Carries*

c) RESOLUTION NO:2020-09 AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GDOT CONTRACT FOR CARES ACT FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH SYLVESTER AIRPORT

Mr. Hayes stated this Resolution authorizes the City to accept the GDOT contract for the Cares Act Funding associated with the airport. It is required to pass this Resolution to receive the funds and staff recommends approval. This is a grant and has no budgetary impact.

Councilman Dupree moved to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Councilman Giddens – *Motion Carries*

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d) REAPPOINTMENT FOR WARD 3 PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER-EARL THOMAS, EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024

Mr. Giddens moved to appoint Earl Thomas for a 4 year term to the Planning Commission, a second was offered by Councilman Jackson – ***Motion Carries***

e) REAPPOINTMENT FOR WARD 4 PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER-EARNEST CARTER, JR., EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson motioned to appoint Ernest Carter, Jr. to the Planning Commission and was seconded by Councilman Dupree – ***Motion Carries***

f) BANK OF CAMILLA LAND DONATION

Mr. Johnson stated that the Bank of Camilla wanted to donate this land to the City, and it had been reviewed by the City Attorney. Councilman Giddens said they just wanted to get it off their books, and it might be useful for the City. Mr. Hayes stated that this land was located on Lee Street, and recommends approval of the donation and authorize the Mayor to execute documents.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to accept the land donation and authorize the Mayor to execute documents and was seconded by Councilman Giddens
Motion Carries

VIII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- Mr. Hayes thanked the Council for allowing him to return to the City.
- Staff will insert monthly financial statements to assist Council with your fiduciary duties. A monthly check registry and PO'S will also be enclosed to promote transparency.
- Working on keeping abreast of the Protest and will approve budget at the next meeting with no millage rate increase.
- Mr. Johnson announced that due to COVID 19 all meetings will be voting meetings to keep moving, and not have to wait 2 weeks.

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IX. CITY ATTORNEY - NONE



X. REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

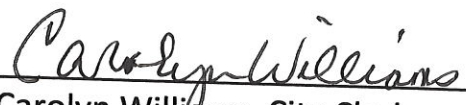
Councilman Jackson is concerned about trash bags on top of cans not being picked up, and when will they start again. Mr. Johnson informed him that this was a courtesy. They may purchase another trash can for overflow. The City may place dumpsters around town for public use.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Giddens
Motion Carries

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson duly adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.



Larry Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem


Carolyn Williams, City Clerk