

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET  
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020 @ 7:00 PM



The Honorable Charles Jones, Mayor (present)  
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 CHARLES JONES**
- II. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – DR. WILLIE MAE MARLIN**
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Councilman Giddens moved to approve the agenda and a second was offered by Councilman Jackson– *Motion Carries*
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Councilman Johnson motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Councilman Jackson – *Motion Carries*
- V. **SPEAKER APPEARANCES-NONE**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A) **EVENT APPLICATION “FINAL SALUTE” VETERANS-COVID 19 – R. HUMPHREY**  
Mr. Hayes reviewed the application noting the American Legion had used the West End of the Depot before, and recommended approval.  
  
Councilman Johnson motioned to approve the application for the American Legion and was seconded by Councilman Dupree – *Motion Carries*
  - B) **BEER/WINE APPLICATION-EZ CORNER 22 – MOHINY PATEL**  
Mr. Hayes informed the Council that this application had been approved by

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the Chief of Police and the City Manager, recommends approval.

Upon Motion by Council Jackson and a second by Councilman Giddens, the Beer/Wine application was approved – ***Motion Carries***

**C) IGA CITY OF SYLVESTER AND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mr. Hayes explained this IGA was between the City of Sylvester and the Board of Education's ownership of three tracts of land included in this proposition. The City is seeking to take possession of this property, and the proposal has been reviewed by Attorney Castellow. The terms of the agreement were outlined by Mr. Hayes, with him and the Superintendent formulating details. No funds will be exchanged for the property. The City Manager recommends approval of the IGA written by Attorney Castellow for the three tracts of land. Attorney Castellow stated the Board's attorney had not responded to the agreement because there was some confusion in respect to the ownership of the tracts. It was decided to table this decision until the BOE responds.

Councilman Giddens moved to table the decision and was seconded by Councilman Dupree – ***Tabled***

**D) VACTOR SEWER PUMP-OUT TRUCK – MR. HAYES**

Mr. Hayes desires to purchase the pump above due to the issues in the Sewer Department. Fleet Manager, Richie Childers, briefed the Council stating it will be a good deal for the City. Roman outlined many benefits it will provide. The truck will be purchased from the Waste Water Fund.

Councilman Johnson motioned to approve the purchase of the pump-out truck and was seconded by Councilman Jackson – ***Motion Carries***

**E) BYPASS PUMPS – MR HAYES**

Mr. Hayes pointed there were 14 lift stations with generators but would be of no service if the pumps went out. He proposes to buy mobile units to be able to use where needed. He ask Council to approve purchase of two pumps for \$30,000 which is very important to a sewer system.

Councilman Giddens moved to purchase the Bypass Pumps and was seconded by Councilman Dupree – ***Motion Carries***

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**F) RESOLUTION NO: 2020-20 ADOPTION OF GA STATUTES AND POLICIES FOR CHIP**

Mr. Hayes explained this Resolution was part of the CHIP requirement to adopt Georgia Statutes and Policies. This Resolution will be made part of the official record, and ask for approval.

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the Resolution and a second was offered by Mr. Jackson – *Motion Carries*

**G) ORDINANCE NO: 2020-01 AMEND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS**

Mr. Hayes noted that this Ordinance was addressed in the Public Hearing on Subdivision Regulations and asks for approval.

Councilman Johnson motioned to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Subdivision Regulations and a second was offered by Councilman Giddens – *Motion Carries*

**H) RESOLUTION NO: 2020-21 AMEND CHARTER CITY MANAGER APPOINT CITY CLERK**

Mr. Hayes explained the Charter Amendment was for the City Manager to appoint the City Clerk. It will be accomplished through home rule, which requires publication for 3 weeks before adoption. This will be the first meeting.

This Resolution will be tabled until the necessary requirements have been met- *Tabled*

**VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

- Staff have been hit hard with COVID 19
- Bids are back for PD vehicles
- Millage rate will not go up. Recommend adopt the roll back rate

**VIII. CITY ATTORNEY**

- Attorney Castellow discussed the land given to the City from the Bank of Camilla. The Bank is asking the City to indemnify them for any taxes from 2015 to 2020, but taxes are paid. He presented a parcel map for 4.693 acres to be conveyed to the City. He advised that this was a small risk compared to the almost 4.5 acres given to the City.

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Council Johnson moved to accept the stipulation from the Bank of Camilla and was seconded by Councilman Jackson – ***Motion Carries***

**IX. REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL – NONE**

Mayor Jones stated he had been approached concerning the possibility of a fence constructed along the right of way of Jeffords Park adjacent to Hwy 82. It will offer protection for children near the highway. He would like Mr. Hayes to obtain a cost estimate for the project. The Council thought it was a good safety issue.

A member of the audience expressed concern in relation to the restrooms at the parks being locked at various times. Mr. Hayes will address that issue. She asked if new park equipment will be installed-Mr. Hayes shared information referencing SPLOST that would address that issue.

Roman stated the #4 well starter had burned.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

Mr. Giddens motioned to adjourn and a second was offered by Mr. Johnson  
***Motion Carries– Unanimous Consent***

Mayor Jones duly adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

  
Charles Jones  
Charles Jones, Mayor

Carolyn Williams  
Carolyn Williams, City Clerk