



CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
City Council Regular Meeting

January 14, 2014

Minutes

7:30 pm

Mayor Burke called the regular meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting took place in the Council Chambers of the Morrow Municipal Complex, 1500 Morrow Road, Morrow, Georgia 30260.

Interim City Clerk Sylvia Redic called the roll and those present were Mayor JB Burke, Councilmember Jeanell Bridges, Councilmember C.R. Huie, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson, and Councilmember Virlyn Slaton; The City Clerk stated there was a quorum present.

Mayor Burke asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the Hecht Walker PC invoice #6198 dated January 6, 2014, in the amount of \$4,732.57 for the period November 26, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Huie moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor JB Burke was joined by Clayton County Judge Geronda V. Carter for the swearing in of Councilmembers Christopher Mills and Hang Tran. The oaths were read and repeated as follows:

"I, Christopher Mills, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Councilmember of the City of Morrow and that I will support and defend the Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America."

"I, Hang Tran, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of Councilmember of the City of Morrow and that I will support and defend the

Charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America.”

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

1. Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 under Annual Appointments were postponed by motion and vote to the January 28, 2014 Council Meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Mills motioned to make the change to the Meeting Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Ferguson, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion and a vote to add the approval of the Capitol Connections Agreement as Item 3 under New Business.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Mills motioned to add Item 3 under New Business to the Meeting Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Tran. Councilmember Mills and Councilmember Tran voted in favor of the agenda amendment, Councilmember Bridges and Councilmember Ferguson voted in opposition of the amendment. Mayor Burke broke the tie with a favorable vote and the motion passed.

3. Motion and a vote to add an appointment for City Manager under annual appointments.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Mills motioned to add the appointment of the City Manager to the Meeting Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Tran. Councilmember Mills and Councilmember Tran voted in favor of the agenda amendment. Councilmember Bridges and Councilmember Ferguson voted in opposition of the amendment. Mayor Burke broke the tie with a favorable vote and the motion passed.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mayor Pro Tem

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Mills motioned to appoint Councilmember Tran as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilmember Tran. Councilmember Tran and Councilmember Mills voted in favor of the appointment of Hang Tran as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Bridges and Councilmember Ferguson voted in opposition of the appointment. Mayor Burke broke the tie with an opposing vote and the motion did not pass.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Bridges made a motion for Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson to continue in that role until further notice. Councilmember Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion for Councilman Ferguson to continue as Mayor Pro Tem until further notice carries.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were moved to the January 28, 2014 meeting by motion and vote.

2. Record Custodian

- 3. CCMA Liaison
- 4. Municipal Judge
- 5. Associate Municipal Judge
- 6. Municipal Solicitor
- 7. Associate Municipal Solicitor

8. City Attorney

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Tran motioned to appoint Steve Fincher as City Attorney, seconded by Councilmember Mills. Councilmember Mills and Councilmember Tran voted in favor of Steve Fincher. Councilmember Bridges and Councilmember Ferguson voted in opposition of the appointment. Mayor Burke broke the tie with a favorable vote and the motion passed.

9. City Manager

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Mills motioned to appoint Ronnie Few as City Manager, seconded by Councilmember Tran. Councilmember Mills and Councilmember Tran voted in favor of the appointment. Councilmember Bridges and Councilmember Ferguson voted in opposition of the appointment. Mayor Burke broke the tie with a favorable vote and the motion passed.

10. Urban Redevelopment Authority

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| Re-appointment | Bert Watkins |
| Re-appointment | Jim Fears |
| Appointment | Dorothy Dean |

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Bridges motioned to approve the re-appointments and appointment to the Urban Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Councilmember Ferguson. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Downtown Development Authority

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| Re-appointment | Pete McQueen |
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MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Ferguson motioned to approve the appointment to the Downtown Development Authority, seconded by Councilmember Bridges. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PRESENTATION:**

There were no presentations given.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

7. **COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

The Council heard comments from the following:

Bob Huie
Cherry Crisp
Virlyn Slaton
Dorothy Dean
Rose Nelson
Marvin Presnel
Danny Rudd
Jane Masters
Tony Shaw
Sherrell Latson
Greg Hecht
Charlton Bivins
Virlyn Slaton

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with Clayton County for the SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax).
(Presented by Interim City Manager, Chief Leighty)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Ferguson motioned to approve Resolution 2014-01, seconded by Councilmember Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the Monthly Payment of \$25,530.62 to the United States Department of Treasury related to alleged Medicare Overpayment under dispute while appeal process in pursued legally on said claim.
(Presented by Finance Director, Chief Leighty)

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Bridges motioned to approve the \$25,530.62 payment, seconded by Councilmember Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Agreement with Capitol Connections for Public Affairs Services for an annual contract fee of \$42,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Mills motioned to approve the agreement. There was no second, the motion died.

10. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The Council heard comments from the following people:
Dorothy Dean

Comments from Interim City Manager Chief Leighty
Farewell comments from former Councilmember Bob Huie
Comments from Councilmember Jeanell Bridges
Comments from Councilmember Larry Ferguson
Comments from Mayor JB Burke

11. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Bridges made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Tran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Sylvia Redic, GPC
Interim City Clerk

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