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**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

**Mayor JB Burke**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran**  
**Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges**  
**Councilman Larry Ferguson**  
**Councilman Christopher Mills**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 12, 2016**

**Minutes**

**7:58 pm**

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**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran** called the Regular Council Meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 7:36 pm on January 12, 2016. The meeting took place in the Council Chambers of the Morrow Municipal Complex located at: 1500 Morrow Road, Morrow, GA, 30260.

**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran** asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent reflection.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran** asked **Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** to call the roll.

**Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** called the roll and those present were **Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Larry Ferguson, and Councilman Christopher Mills.** **Mayor JB Burke** was absent. She stated there was a quorum present.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran** called for a motion to tape together and approve the December 8, 2015 Regular meeting minutes, the December 3, 2015 Special Called meeting minutes and the attorney Fincher Denmark & Minnifield invoice # 2818 dated November 11, 2015 in the amount of \$10,680.00 for period of October 6, 2015- October 30, 2015.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** **Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges** made the motion, seconded by **Councilman Larry Ferguson.** The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING AGENDA:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran** called for a motion to approve January 12, 2016 Meeting Agenda.



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**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Larry Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges. The motion passed unanimously.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:**

Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran asked Honorable Judge Ronald Freeman to step forward.

Judge Ronald Freeman called Mayor-Elect Jeffrey DeTar forward. Mayor-Elect Jeffrey DeTar repeated the oath, solemnly swearing and affirming to perform the duties of Mayor of the City of Morrow.

Mayor Jeffrey DeTar took his seat upon the dais.

Judge Ronald Freeman called Councilman Larry Ferguson forward. Councilman Larry Ferguson repeated the oath, solemnly swearing and affirming to perform the duties of Councilmember of the City of Morrow.

Councilman Larry Ferguson returned to his seat upon the dais.

Judge Ronald Freeman called Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges forward. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges repeated the oath, solemnly swearing and affirming to perform the duties of Councilmember of the City of Morrow.

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Jeffrey DeTar asked Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio read the items in this section.

1. Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Jeffrey DeTar called for a motion for this appointment.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Larry Ferguson made the motion to appoint Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilman Chris Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Records Custodian

Mayor Jeffrey DeTar called for a motion for this appointment.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges made the motion to appoint the Interim City Clerk as the Records Custodian, seconded by Councilman Larry Ferguson. The motion passed unanimously.

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3. CCMA Liaison

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** called for a motion for this appointment.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** **Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges** made the motion to appoint **Councilman Larry Ferguson** as the Clayton County Municipal Association Liaison, seconded by **Councilwoman Hang Tran**. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Planning and Zoning Board

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** called for a motion for these appointments.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** **Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges** made the motion to re-appoint Jack Bell to the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by **Councilman Chris Mills**. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** **Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges** made the motion to appoint Aaron Mauldin to the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by **Councilman Larry Ferguson**. During discussion **Councilwoman Hang Tran** requested for Mr. Mauldin to please stand. **Councilman Larry Ferguson** stated that Mr. Mauldin was born in Marietta, GA but moved to Morrow in 1989 when he married his wife Patricia Adamson, has a Bachelors in Science Mechanical Engineering Technology degree which will serve useful on the Planning and Zoning Board. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Associate Municipal Judge

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** called for a motion for this appointment.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** **Councilman Chris Mills** made the motion to appoint Nailah McFarlane as the Associate Municipal Judge, seconded by **Councilman Larry Ferguson**. During discussion **Councilwoman Hang Tran** asked if Ms. McFarlane's credentials were available, they were not available. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** asked **Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** read the items in this section.

**Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** read the following item:

1. Resolution 2016-01

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE MORROW HOUSING AUTHORITY, INC., OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**

*(Presented by City Manager Sylvia Redic)*

**City Manager Sylvia Redic** mentioned that the resolution would appointment the members who currently serve on the Downtown Development Authority to the Morrow Housing Authority for staggering terms however a Resident Commissioner will be chosen at a later time. **Councilwoman Hang Tran** asked **Attorney Fincher** whether allowing the members to serve on two boards would violate our charter. **Attorney Fincher** replied that he was unaware of any mention in our charter. **City Manager Sylvia Redic** stated that she verified with attorney Greg Hecht that within the bylaws of the Downtown Development Authority or the Morrow Housing authority there were no restrictions that would not allow members to serve on both boards.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** **Councilman Larry Ferguson** made a motion, seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges**. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** asked **Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** read the items in this section.

**Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** read the following item:

1. **Proclamation:** from City of Morrow Mayor and Council to Myron Maxey for in recognition of his long standing business.

*(Presented by: Mayor Jeffrey DeTar)*

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** presented Mr. Maxey with a proclamation and invited citizens as well as staff to recognize Maxey Insurance Agency for 47 years of doing business in Morrow.

**Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** read the next item in this section:

2. **Property Tax Update**

*(Presented by: Administration Support Director, Essie West)*

**Administration Support Director Essie West** advised that property tax bills went out of November 18, 2015 as of this time, \$954,928.87 has been collected. She also mentioned that there were still outstanding tax bills but the bills can be paid on or before January 22, 2016 without incurring a late fee.

**Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** read the next item in this section:

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### 3. Financial Update

*(Presented by: Accounting Manager Emory McHugh)*

**Accounting Manager Emory McHugh** explained that on December 29, 2015, the City of Morrow received a clean audit opinion from auditors on the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. He also mentioned that Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was supplied to all members of the Mayor and Council and did a quick review of where information could be found throughout the report.

### REWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

1. Interim Fire Chief Herb Jones- 10 years of service in Morrow Fire Department

*(Presented by: City Manager Sylvia Redic)*

2. Don Harry- 35 years of service in the Morrow Fire Department

3. G. Mosley- 15 years of service in the Morrow Fire Department

4. D. Reynolds- 15 years of service in the Morrow Fire Department

5. J. Hudgell- 10 years of service in the Morrow Fire Department

*(Presented by: Interim Fire Chief Herb Jones)*

6. Ernest Raper - 10 years of service in the Morrow Police Department

7. Amanda Young - 5 years of service in the Morrow Police Department

*(Presented by: Interim Police Chief Greg Tatroe)*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Jeffrey DeTar asked Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio for public comments on Agenda Item.

Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio stated that there were no comments.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Jeffrey DeTar asked Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio read the item in this section.

Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio read the following item:

#### 1. First Reading of Ordinance 2016-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 FOR THE CITY OF MORROW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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*(Presented by Accounting Manager Emory McHugh)*

**Accounting Manager Emory McHugh** stated that the amendments to the budget are so that the any funds that were not anticipated for during the adoption of the original budget would be reflected on in the actual budget. Grants or other expenditures that were not anticipated come in throughout the fiscal year and updates need to be made to ensure that the budget reflect those changes.

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** made note that since this was only the first reading, there would be no public input on this particular item at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** asked **Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** read the item in this section.

**Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** read the following item:

**1. Approval of the Probation Contract**

*(Presented by Administration Support Director Essie West)*

**Administration Support Director Essie West** reported that after the last approval of the probation contract the attorney's made a slight change in order to protect the city if an employee of the probation company was harmed while on city property.

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** called for a motion of Approval of the Probation Contract.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** **Councilman Larry Ferguson** made a motion, seconded by **Councilwoman Hang Tran**. The motion passed unanimously.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** asked **Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** for public comments on Agenda Item.

**Interim City Clerk Yasmin Julio** stated that there were no comments.

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** stated general comments are any comment that you want to make during Council Meeting. In order to speak a comment card should be filled out and turned into the City clerk but it is not a requirement.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** called for a motion to convene into Executive Session.



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**MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges** made a motion, seconded by **Councilman Larry Ferguson**. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session began at 8:14pm.

**Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges** called for a motion to reconvene the January 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and adjourn the Executive Session.

**MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson** made a motion, seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges**. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session ended at 8:42pm.

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** stated that there was no action taken in Executive Session.

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** called for a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session.

**MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges** made the motion, seconded by **Councilman Larry Ferguson**. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** called for a motion to amend the agenda to add the consideration of the recommendation of the Grievance Committee under New Business.

**MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson** made the motion, seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges**. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Grievance Committee regarding the Oglesby appeal.

**MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson** made the motion, seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges**. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Jeffrey DeTar** called for a motion to adjourn the January 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

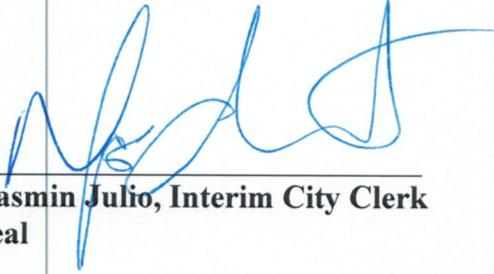
**MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges** made a motion, seconded by **Councilman Larry Ferguson**. The motion passed unanimously.

The Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 08:52 pm.

Approved this 26th day of January, 2016.

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**

**Attest**

  
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**Yasmin Julio, Interim City Clerk**  
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**Jeffrey A. DeTar, Mayor**

