



CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 27 2012 – 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, GA, 30260.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning called the roll and those present were Mayor JB Burke, Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Virlyn Slaton, Councilman C.R. Huie and Councilman Larry Ferguson. She stated there was a quorum present.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

City Clerk Evyonne Browning stated there were no changes to the Meeting Agenda:

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the Meeting Agenda. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Approval of the March 13, 2012 Regular and Work Session Minutes.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor ProTem Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE CHIEF CHRIS LEIGHTY

The official swearing in ceremony of Christopher Leighty as the City of Morrow's Chief of Police was performed by Mayor JB Burke. After Chief Leighty was sworn in, Mayor Burke introduced him and the Chief gave a brief speech to the City of Morrow.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Financial Update by Dan Defnall

FIRST PRESENTATION: None at this time

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item:

Approval of a Resolution authorizing the City of Morrow to collaborate with the Atlanta Regional Commission to implement the "Lifelong Community" Initiative in the City of Morrow, Ga; To authorize the Mayor and Council and the Director of Planning and Economic Development to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution; and to provide an effective date of this Resolution; and for other purposes.

Michael McLaughlin presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to table the item until the next meeting. Mayor ProTem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion.

Mayor Burke called for any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item:

Approval of a Resolution for the City of Morrow to submit the 457(b) Restated Adoption Agreement and Master Plan Documents to the Georgia Municipal Association's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan; and for other purposes.

Dan Defnall presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item. Mayor ProTem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item:

Approval of a Professional Contract between the City of Morrow and James J. Augustine, M.D. for Medical Director Services to be effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

Fire Chief Mark Herendeen presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion.

Mayor Burke called for any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Burke read the following statement:

Comment is a time for the citizens to make comments to the Mayor and Council and for them to listen to the concerns of the citizens. Citizens are to come to the podium if they wish to speak, stating your name and whether you are a citizen or business owner in the City. Comment cards will be provided by the City Clerk so the Mayor and Council will have a way to follow up with any citizen concerns during tonight's comment period. As another way for you to communicate your needs or suggestions to us, we have placed suggestion/comments sheets at the back of the council chambers for you to fill out and place in a suggestion box. We thank you for your input on how we can better serve our citizens.

Mayor Burke made the call to citizens for comments.

Mike Twomey with MBTA encouraged the citizens to attend a Naturalization Ceremony which are held monthly at the National Archives. He said he hopes to get information about the City of Morrow to these new citizens as they come to the ceremonies. He also wanted to invite everyone to attend the Community Garden meeting this Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 6:30 pm at the Tourist Center.

Mayor Burke said he attended the last Naturalization Ceremony and it was a very moving event. He said there were 289 people representing 79 countries. He greeted each one of them and had his picture taken with each of them as well.

Mayor Burke asked if the City Manager had any comments.

Jeff Eady welcomed Chief Leighty to the City and that he looks forward to working with him.

Jeff Eady also asked Captain Greg Tatroe to come up. He wanted to thank Captain Tatroe for his service as Interim Police Chief during these past few months and congratulated him on a job "well done." He then informed Captain Tatroe that the Mayor and Council have unanimously agreed to send him to the FBI Academy as a "thank you" for all he has done.

Chief Leighty also thanked Captain Tatroe for his service.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning stated she was asked by the Reynolds Nature Preserve to let everyone know that their annual Wild Azalea Festival will be held on April 14, 2012 from 10:30: am to 3:00 pm.

Mayor ProTem Jeanell Bridges welcomed Chief Leighty and his friends. She said she knows his co-workers are sad that he is leaving, but we are twice as happy to have him here. She also wanted everyone to know that Councilman Slaton's wife, Marianne, is in the hospital and asked for everyone's prayers.

Councilman Bob Huie also welcomed Chief Leighty. He then asked Roger Swint to give an update on the 5 K run for the Burn Foundation.

Firefighter Roger Swint said the event is being held on April 28th beginning at 8:30 pm and will start at the property on Reynolds Road. It is a 5K run and all proceeds will go to the Fire Fighter's Burn Foundation.

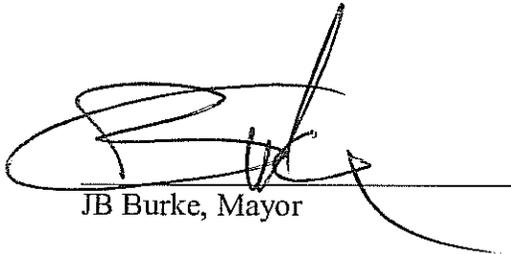
Councilman Larry Ferguson also welcomed Chief Leighty and his friends and family. He also welcomed all the officers who came in support of the new Chief and said having them here tonight makes him feel safer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote to adjourn the meeting.

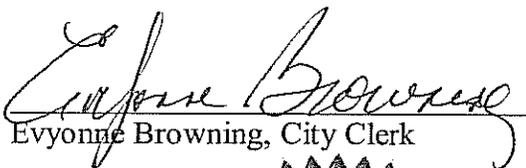
MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor ProTem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Approved this 10th day of April, 2012.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

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