CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 22, 2011 – 7:30 pm

Note: These are summary minutes. For anyone who would like the full dialogue of the meeting, CDs are available in the City Clerk's office through the open records act.

Mayor Jim Millirons 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 Jim Millirons, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Virlyn Slaton, and Councilman C.R. Huie. She stated there was a quorum present.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following change to the Meeting Agenda.

Under New Business add A Resolution to adopt a Moratorium on the issuance of Occupational Tax and for other purposes.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. 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 October 25, 2011 Regular and Work Session Meeting Minutes.

2. Approval for Councilman Bob Huie to perform the duties of Mayor Pro Tem for the remainder of 2011 due to Mayor Pro Tem and Councilman Mason Barfield's retirement.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and vote.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following item under Appointments:

Appointment of Larry Ferguson as Councilmember to fulfill the unexpired term of retired Councilman Mason Barfield.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the appointment of Larry Ferguson. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning stated the next item is the swearing in of Larry Ferguson as Councilman and called Judge Freeman and Larry Ferguson forward.

Judge Ronald Freeman read the Oath of Office as he sworn Larry Ferguson in as Councilman.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. **City Clerk/Superintendent of Elections Evyonne** Browning read the Official Results from the November 8, 2011 City of Morrow General Election as follows:

   On November 8, 2011, the City of Morrow held a General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Councilmembers.

   The following is the certified results of that General Election:

   Total valid votes counted were 347

   The Mayoral race had the following results:

   JB Burke received 174 votes (which is 50.1%)

   Jeff DeTar received 173 votes (which is 49.9%)

   After the votes were released, Mr. DeTar requested an immediate recount. Both candidates had a representative of their choosing present during the recounting process. After the recount was completed, the results remained the same, 174 for JB Burke and 173 for Jeff DeTar, making JB Burke the new Mayor Elect.

   The Council race for seat 1 and seat 4 were both unopposed with the following results:

   Jeanell Bridges for seat 1 received 233 votes (which is 67%)

   Larry Ferguson for seat 4 received 242 votes (which is 69.7%)

   These results have been filed with the Secretary of the State and with the Clayton County Board of Elections.

2. City Manager Jeff Eady made a presentation to Mark Herendeen in the designation of Chief Fire Officer by the Commission on Professional Credentialing dated November 15, 2011.

3. Captain Greg Tatroe presented a 15 year pin to Lieutenant Scott Olson with the Morrow Police Department

4. Planning and Economic Development Director Michael McLaughlin gave the Staff Recommendation from Planning and Zoning meeting held November 15, 2011, regarding amendments to the City of Morrow Sign Ordinance.

5. Finance Officer Dan Defnall gave a Financial Update on the City.

FIRST PRESENTATION:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following First Presentation item and stated there are no comments or votes on First Presentation Items:

1. An Ordinance Entitled an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Morrow, Georgia, as amended, concerning Title 2, General Government, Chapter 3, Article D, Section 2-3-31 – Departments Established; To repeal conflicting Ordinances; and for other purposes.

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item:

Approval a Resolution to re-affirm that a certain Intergovernmental Contract entered into as of May 1, 2008 between the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Morrow and the City of Morrow, Georgia as Security for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Morrow Revenue Bond (Conference Center Project), Series 2008 in the original principal amount of $10,000,000.

City Manager Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Virlyn Slaton moved to approve the item. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion.

Mayor Jim Millirons 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 authorizing the submission of a Grant Application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Recreational Trails Grant Program.

City Manager Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the item. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion.

Mayor Jim Millirons 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 which was added by motion and vote:

Approval of a Resolution to adopt a Moratorium on the issuance of Occupational Tax Certificates to Pain Management Clinics; to repeal conflicting laws and resolutions; to provide for severability; and for other purposes.

City Attorney Laurel Henderson presented the item.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and second.

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

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Jim Millirons made the call to citizens for comments. There were none.

Mayor Jim Millirons asked the City Manager if he had any comments.

City Manager Jeff Eady congratulated Captain Olson for his 15 years of service. He also thanked Councilman Larry Ferguson for stepping into the Council seat vacated by retired Councilman Mason Barfield.

Mayor Jim Millirons asked if the council had any comments.

Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges stated that the Mayor Elect JB Burke is present and she is glad he is doing better and able to get out.

Mayor Elect JB Burke thanked everyone for their well wishes and concerns and that he has been in good hands with his sister and thanked all his friends and family for their support.

Mayor Jim Millirons also thanked Larry Ferguson for coming on-board early. He also identified a long-time family friend of the Millirons' family who was in the audience.

Mayor Jim Millirons read the following regarding statements made recently on social media websites concerning City employees and his family:

"As a matter of practice, I will not dignify ill-founded lies about me personally by responding to each issue; however, I will not stand idly by while ignorant or ill-informed persons maliciously attack hardworking and totally honest people who work for me. These employees are dedicated to serving every citizen of this City, irrespective of party or political ambition, while some people choose to demean and vilify them.

Let the record show that I totally believe in the integrity and professionalism of every employee and appreciate their dedication and that I, personally, totally reject anything to the contrary and detest the underlying mean spiritness of those who choose to disrupt the business of the City for their personal gain.

In conclusion, I want to address some snide and irresponsible remarks recently made about my wife. Those comments seemed to be made by people who thought them more cute by their asininities than the other. None seemed to me to have any extra intellectual capital or the least bit of knowledge of what they were talking about. They were not cute, nor wise."

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (To Discuss Legal and Personnel Matters)

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and second to go into executive session to discuss a matter of threatened litigation and to receive confidential legal advice and to discuss personnel issues.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to adjourn into Executive Session. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and second to adjourn the Executive Session.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously and the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Approved this 13th day of December, 2011.

Jim Millirons

Jim Millirons, Mayor

Attest:

Evyonne Browning, City Clerk