

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2009

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Virlyn Slaton, Mayor Pro Tem
C. R. Huie, Councilman
Charles O. Sorrow, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Jeff Eady, City Manager
John Lampl, Executive Director of the DDA
Laurel Henderson, City Attorney

Excused Absence:

Jim Millirons, Mayor
H. Mason Barfield, Councilman

Mayor Pro Tem Slaton called the regular meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting took place in the Council Chambers of the Morrow Municipal Complex, 1500 Morrow Road, Morrow, GA, 30260. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Work Session – July 14, 2009
Regular Meeting – July 14, 2009
Special Called Meeting – July 17, 2009

Councilman Huie made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Sorrow. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Pro Tem Virlyn Slaton opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing public input on an amendment to the text of the City's business tax ordinance.

Councilman Huie made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Councilman Sorrow. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

Item 1: First Reading of Ordinance 2009-09 to amend the business occupation tax ordinance for the City of Morrow.

Item 2: Resolution 2009-10 from the Mayor and Council of the City of Morrow endorsing the sponsorship of the 2010 Georgia Downtown Conference for the Georgia Downtown Association.

Councilman Sorrow made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-10, seconded by Councilman Huie. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Request from the Morrow Fire Department to deem the attached listed property as surplus and recommendation that it be donated to a Fire Department in Nicaragua.

Councilman Huie made a motion to approve the donation of surplus to Nicaragua, seconded by Councilman Sorrow. The motion passed unanimously.

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Item 4: The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police 2nd Vice President Blue presented the Morrow Police Department with their State Recertification Plaque and Certificate.

Item 5: Guest Speaker William E. Cooper, author of "Leading Beyond Tradition", discussed the value of Six Sigma and innovative planning.

William E. Cooper said, "the Morrow Police Department has a visionary leader. This City has the ambition and the courage to tackle the problems and put truly great people in positions of authority. Be extremely proud of this City and the Department Heads".

Item 6: Mayor Pro Tem Virlyn Slaton presents Six Sigma Black Belt Certificates to:

- Anou Sothsavath, Communications Director
- Dan Defnall, Finance Director
- Jeffery A. Eady, City Manager/Public Works Director
- Jeffery C. Baker, Police Chief
- John Lampl, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority
- Mark W. Herendeen, Fire Chief
- Mike Twomey, Morrow Business and Tourism Director
- Sylvia Redic, Grants Administrator

Item 7: Approval of Stephen Sullivan as Morrow Conference Center Director effective as of July 28th, 2009.

Councilman Huie made a motion to approve the new Morrow Conference Center Director, seconded by Councilman Sorrow. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 8: Approval of Matheson Homebuilders bid for structural upgrades to Lot 1 (Chaffin House) and Olde Town Morrow.

Councilman Huie made a motion to approve Matheson Homebuilders for bid on structural upgrades, seconded by Councilman Sorrow. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS:

Citizens –

Jerry Cepull from 6110 Phillips Drive: "The citizens of the City of Morrow are supporting you, keep doing what you are doing".

City Manager-

Jeff Eady: "I want to thank the Mayor and Council for their trust. I appreciate the trust of all the friends in the City and all the employees I have worked with for the past 26 years. I appreciate John and the 11 years as the City Manager, and all the accomplishments that he has brought forward. I spent 26 years in the Public Works Department, this is a whole new opportunity for me. I look forward in serving the citizens in a different capacity. I appreciate everything".

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Mayor and Council-

Councilman Huie: "Within these halls [of the City Hall and throughout the City of Morrow] we have a good history on Police, Fire Department, and everyone else".

Mayor Pro Tem Virlyn Slaton: "We will keep on doing what we are doing. We truly do have a shining star here in the City of Morrow. If we can keep our eyes focused on the target, we will go much further then we have today"

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Virlyn Slaton adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

JIM MILLIRONS, MAYOR



VIRLYN SLATON, MAYOR PRO TEM

CHARLES O. SORROW, COUNCILMAN



BOB HUIE, COUNCILMAN



EXCUSED ABSENCE

H. MASON BARFIELD, COUNCILMAN

ATTEST:

Malinda Vann, City Clerk