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CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2014 **Minutes** **8:52 pm**

Executive Session

At 5:54 pm **Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, a real estate matter and a legal matter.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Tran motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:52 pm **Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges motioned to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Larry Ferguson. The motion passed unanimously.

Due to the Executive Session started early, Regular Council Meeting began at 8:52 pm

Mayor JB Burke called the regular meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 8:52 pm. The meeting took place in the Council Chambers of the Morrow Municipal Complex located at: 1500 Morrow Road, Morrow, GA, 30260.

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

1. **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor JB Burke asked **City Clerk Viet Tran** to call the roll.

City Clerk Viet Tran called the roll and those present were Mayor JB Burke, Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran, Councilman Larry Ferguson, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, and Councilman Christopher Mills. He stated there was a quorum present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of September 9, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of September 9, 2014 Executive Session Minutes
3. Approval of September 29, 2014 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 Consent Agenda.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Christopher Mills made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran. Councilman Christopher Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran, and Councilman Larry Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges abstained. The abstention was counted as a yes vote and motion passed.

3. MEETING AGENDA:

1. Approval of October 14, 2014 Meeting Agenda.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 Meeting Agenda.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran motioned to approve the Meeting Agenda with an amendment: To move Section 9 to section 4 of the meeting agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Authorization for the City Manager to make month to month payment under an expired contract to MBTA until further notice.

Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran made a motion to approve the authorization for the City Manager to make month to month payment under an expired contract to MBTA until further notice. **Councilman Larry Feguson** added an amendment to the motion: MBTA has the right to use Executive Center office space as previously used with the City pays utilities. In addition, they also operate the Tourist Center with the City pays utilities on month to month until the approval of new contract.

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

2. Authorization for Mayor JB Burke to execute the legal documents for Sanjit, Inc. case.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran made a motion to approve the authorization

for Mayor JB Burke to sign legal documents for Sanjit Inc. case, seconded by Councilman Larry Ferguson. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Termination of the City Manager.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran motioned to terminate the current City Manager immediately base on the information obtained in the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Larry Ferguson. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges and Councilman Larry Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Christopher Mills abstained. The abstention was counted as a yes vote and motion passed.

4. Appointment of an acting City Manager to serve until further notice.

MOTION: Councilman Larry Ferguson made a motion to appoint an acting City Manager to serve until furher notice. Seconded by Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges.

After the discussions, **Councilman Larry Ferguson** amended his motion to appoint Fire Chief Herendeen to be an Interim City Manger. There was no second for the motion amendment. The motion died.

5. Appointment of an Interim City Manager - Captain Tatroe

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson motioned to appoint Captain Tatroe to be an Interim City Manager until further notice, seconded by Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges. Councilman Larry Ferguson and Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran and Councilman Christopher Mills voted in opposition. Mayor JB Burke broke the tie with an opposing vote and the motion did not passed.

6. Appointment of an Interim City Manger - Anou Sothsavath

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges motioned to appoint Anou Sothsavath to be an Interim City Manager, seconded by Councilman Larry Ferguson. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges and Councilman Larry Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Tran and Councilman Christopher Mills voted in opposition. Mayor JB Burke broke the tie with an opposing vote and the motion did not passed.

7. Appointment of an Interim City Manager - Sylvia Redic

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran motioned to appoint Sylvia Redic to be an Interim City Manager, seconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran and Councilman Christopher Mills voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Jeanell

Bridges and Councilman Larry Ferguson voted in opposition. Mayor JB Burke broke the tie with a favorable vote and the motion passed.

8. Acceptance of the applications for New City Manager.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran motioned to accept the City Manager applications immediately post on the website within 10 days. All applications and resumes received by Human Resources to be sent directly to the City Clerk and the City Clerk will forward all applications and resumes to the Mayor and the City Council for reiew. Councilman Christopher Mills seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran and Councilman Christopher Mills voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges and Councilman Larry Ferguson voted in opposition. Mayor JB Burke broke the tie with a favorable vote and the motion passed.

9. Panel preparation for hiring new City Manager.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson made a motion for Human Resources begin to summon a panel to review all the job applications and make recommendations of 5 top applicants base on the interviews, seconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Fire Chief Mark Herendeen** presented Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas Kuglin with his 5-year service pin.

2. **Mayor JB Burke** presented Human Resources Manager Rebecca Zebe with 5-year service pin.

3. **Mayor JB Burke** presented Finance Director Dan Defnall with 10-year service pin

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There was no comment.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor JB Burke asked **City Clerk Viet Tran** to read the item in new business section.

City Clerk Viet Tran read the following item:

1. Roof Replacement for Police Department and Public Works
- Roof Replacement of Building A (Police Department Administration) $70,080.00

- Roof Replacement of Building B (Police Department Squad Room) $48,749.00
- Roof Replacement of Building C (Public Works) $34,186.00

Staff recommendation to award bid to Roof Management Inc. to replace roofing in the amount of $153,015.00
Presented by Anou Sothsavath, Public Works Director

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the staff recommendation to award bid to Roof Management Inc. to replace roofing in the amount of $153,015.00

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges made a motion, seconded by Councilman Larry Ferguson. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Christopher Mills and Councilman Larry Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran abstained. The abstention was counted as a yes vote and motion passed.

Mayor JB Burke asked **City Clerk Viet Tran** to read the next item in new business section.

City Clerk Viet Tran read the following item:

2. Amendment of FY2015 SPLOST Fund in the amount of $153,015.00
Presented by Dan Defnall, Finance Director

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the amendment of FY2015 SPLOST Fund in the amount of $153,015.00

MOTION: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges made a motion, senconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

8. GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor JB Burke asked Citizens and City Council Members for comments.

Citizen Comments:

Vickie Jenning
MBTA Attorney Joe Harris
John Marxen
Randy Anderson
Cherri Crisp
Dorothy Dean

City Council Member Comments:

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to adjourn the October 14, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

The Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 pm.

Approved this 28th day of October, 2014

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA

Attest

JB Burke, Mayor

Viet Tran, City Clerk

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