

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 28, 2012 – 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 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 read the following changes to the Meeting Agenda:

1. Under New Business change the language in Item 1 to read as follows:

Approval of Vendor for the design and installation of Hammack Park playground and to enter into contract negotiation to be funded through Community Development Block Grant.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion pass unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the August 14, 2012 Regular and Work Session Minutes.
2. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Morrow and Clayton Archway Partnership for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.
3. Approval of Fincher Denmark & Williams, LLC Invoice for Legal and Consulting Services Rendered for the Clayton County SDS/LOST Project dated August 10, 2012 in the amount of \$2,485.50.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Financial Update presented by Dan Defnall

FIRST PRESENTATION:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the first presentation item and stated there is no discussion 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 it pertains to the Recommendation, Approval, and Adoption of an Amended Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012, beginning 1 July 2011 and ending 30 June, 2012; To allocate Revenues and Expenditures for that period for the operation and enhancement of the various services delivered by the City to its Citizens; for the health and well-being of the Residents and Businesses of the City of Morrow; and for other Purposes.

Councilman Bob Huie asked Dan Defnall what the bad debt column on the last page was for.

Dan Defnall stated this is the hotel/motel bad debt from Comfort suite and it has to be allocated as “bad debt” to balance the records.

Mayor JB Burke asked how long has it been since Sanjit has made a payment.

Dan Defnall stated that they paid \$30,000 in property taxes 3 months ago and it has been over a year since they have paid their hotel/motel fees.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item.

1. *Changed language by motion and vote:* Approval of a vendor for the design and installation of Hammack Park playground and to enter into contract negotiation to be funded through Community Development Block Grant.

Sylvia Redic presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the item with the addition of Hasley Recreation and Design, Inc. as the vendor. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion.

Mayor Burke asked if there was any discussion. After hearing none, he called for a vote.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item.

Approval by Mayor and Council on the GMA Direct Lease for the Sutphen Fire Truck Purchase.

Dan Defnall presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item with the confirmation by Dan Defnall to look into the difference in dates listed in the documents. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion.

Mayor Burke asked if there was any discussion. After hearing none, he called for a vote.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Burke stated that Comments 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

Mayor Burke made the call to citizens for comments.

Doug Clark, 6283 Harbin Woods Drive spoke about a situation he is having with the park adjacent the rear of his home, Shirley and Wendell Waterson Park. Kids and adults are continually coming into their property and throwing trash, pestering their dogs, and being unruly, including shooting BB's into their yard, at their dogs and pool. He would like to put up a privacy fence, but the City's code does not allow this. He has requested the City to put up a barrier of some kind which was promised by John Lampl when the park was originally built.

City Manager Jeff Eady said he would get with Chief Leighty and also talk with Georgia Transmission Authority who has jurisdiction on portions of the property to see what they can do. Chief Leighty said they would beef up security and even tag cars that are parked on the street. They both assured Mr. Clark that they would come up with a solution.

Mayor Burke asked if the Council had any questions.

Councilman Bob Huie said that he had a report from the Good Shepherd Clinic on the amount raised thus far on the tomato sandwich event is up to \$53,000 and still growing.

Mayor Burke asked if the City Manager had any comments.

Jeff Eady had none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Approved this 11th day of August, 2012.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

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