

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 24, 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** stated there were no changes to the Meeting Agenda:

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion and vote.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Virlyn Slaton moved to approve the Meeting Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**City Clerk Evyonne Browning** read the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the April 10, 2012 Regular and Work Session Minutes.

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion and vote.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Virlyn Slaton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 4 with Councilman Huie abstaining from the vote due to being absent from the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Police Chief Leighty and Captain Callaway gave a Report on the Pill Take Back Operation that will be in the City of Morrow on April 28, 2012.
2. Dan Defnall gave a Financial Update.

**FIRST PRESENTATION:** None at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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City Clerk **Evyonne Browning** read the following old business item:

1. Approval by the Mayor and Council of a Resolution to Approve or Deny a Sign Variance Request.

**Brecca Johnson** presented the item and entered into the record two (2) certified copies of the City's Sign Ordinance as Codified and a CD from the Public Hearing held on April 10, 2012.

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion and second.

**MOTION AND SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to deny the variance request based on the staff recommendation as specified in their report that Nice Financial Services Inc. has failed to meet its burden of proof showing it meets the standards for grant of a variance. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time

**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.

**Martin Chisnell on Peacock** stated he would like to see 2 officers in patrol cars instead of one for safety reasons.

**Police Chief Leighty** stated that statically it has shown that 2 individuals in a car is no more safe than 1 officer in a car. Also, due to man power we do not have enough officers to do this and also there are not funds available to hire officers in order to do this. He said that we have

supervisors at all times who check up on all officers and also 911 Dispatch raise the officers on the radios at regular intervals.

**Danny Rudd from John Robert Drive** presented the Fire Department with 2 pet oxygen masks.

**Mayor Burke** asked if the City Manager had any comments. He had none

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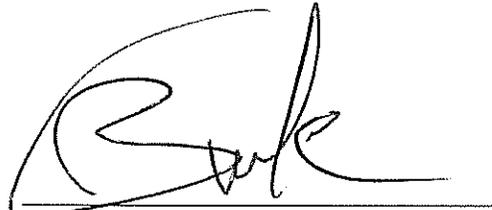
**Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges** congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth who will be celebrating their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary tomorrow. She also thanked him for his hard work on the Community Garden.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Burke** asked for a motion and vote to adjourn the Meeting.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.



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JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



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Evyonne Browning, City Clerk  
(Seal)

