

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 28, 2012 – 7:30 pm**

Note: These are summary minutes. A recording of each meeting is normally made; however, a glitch in the recorder caused only the first 21 minutes to be recorded. If you would like a copy of this partial recording, 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, Councilwoman 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. To remove the Financial Update from Reports and Presentations.
2. To add an Executive Meeting to discuss a Legal matter.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Councilwoman 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 February 14, 2012 Regular and Work Session Minutes.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning stated the Financial Update had been removed by Motion and Vote due to Finance Officer Dan Defnall's absence.

FIRST PRESENTATION: None at this time

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item:

1. Mike Twomey presented the MBTA Work Plan for 2012-13

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Virlyn Slaton moved to approve the 2012-13 MBTA Work Plan. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion.

Mayor Burke 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:

2. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Morrow to Amend the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of Morrow with regards to Conditions of Employment; To Repeal conflicting Provisions; and for other purposes.

Becky Zebe presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion.

Mayor Burke 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:

3. Approval of a Work Order with Clayton County Transportation & Development in the amount of \$65,496.18 for the resurfacing of Carla Drive and Merchants Way. The Original Georgia Department of Transportation LMIG grant was approved and signed August 23, 2011.

Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

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

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Marvin Chisnell, 6553 Peacock Drive commented on the new sanitation/recycling program and wanted to know why he could not use a different carrier.

City Manager Jeff Eady explained that we negotiated a new contract which would continue to include backdoor service, but to also continue the leaf and limb service, bulk removal, and the implantation of recycling.

Van Tran with Sanitation also provided Mr. Chisnell with information on how to sign up for the recycling rebate program after the close of the meeting.

Cherri Crisp thanked Jeff for the positive comments on the sanitation changes. She also wanted to know what the story on WSB-TV concerning the Judge was about.

City Manager Jeff Eady responded that the Judge had done nothing unethical and that the story was pulled after one airing, which would indicate the broadcasters felt the story had no additional substance after the first airing.

Mayor Burke asked the City Manager if he had any comments.

City Manager Jeff Eady encouraged all the citizens to attend a Naturalization Ceremony at the National Archives. He said we are fortunate to be born citizens.

Mayor Burke asked if the Council had any comments.

Councilman Larry Ferguson asked if we are going to be adding Face book and Twitter to the city's website.

Michael McLaughlin stated it will be forthcoming, but it is a work in progress and there is no definite timeframe for these to be added.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – To discuss a legal issue

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote to adjourn the Executive Session.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn into Executive Session. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:21 pm.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE ESSSION

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote to adjourn the Executive Session.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Executive Session was adjourned at 9.51 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

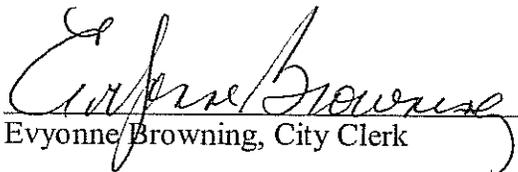
MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Approved this 13th day of March, 2012.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

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