

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2013 – 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 C.R. Huie, and Councilman Larry Ferguson. Councilman Virlyn Slaton attended via teleconference. 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 change to the Agenda.

1. Under New Business add:

Approval for the City to transfer the subject property known as the Chevron Site located at 6459 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA, Parcel ID #12114C A006 and Parcel ID # 12114C A001 to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and to discuss and potentially authorize the DDA to enter into a letter of intent related to the sale of the subject property on behalf of the City.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to amend the Meeting Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Bridges, Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Councilman Huie voting aloud and in person and Councilman Slaton voting aloud via teleconference.

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Bridges, Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Councilman Huie voting aloud and in person and Councilman Slaton voting aloud via teleconference.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item:

1. Appointment of a City Attorney for the City of Morrow.

Jeff Eady, City Manager presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to appoint Greg Hecht as the City's new City Attorney. After council discussion and recommendation from Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson to see if the City could negotiate the fee, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges amended her motion to include a stipulation to negotiate the firm's hourly rate with Greg Hecht. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Bridges, Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Councilman Huie voting aloud and in person and Councilman Slaton voting aloud via teleconference.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item:

2. Appointment of Joyce Bean as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board to replace retired member John Maner.

Jeff Eady, City Manager presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to appoint Joyce Bean to the City's Planning and Zoning Board to replace retired member John Maner. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Bridges, Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Councilman Huie voting aloud and in person and Councilman Slaton voting aloud via teleconference.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item:

3. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Morrow Authorizing the submittal of an Application to the Clayton County Community Development HUD Programs Division to be considered to receive an allocation of Funds through the CDBG Program; Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to execute all necessary Applications, Payment Requests, Agreements and Amendments for the purpose of securing funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the 2013 Consolidated Application; and for other purposes.

Sylvia Redic presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson moved to approve the item. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Bridges, Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Councilman Huie voting aloud and in person and Councilman Slaton voting aloud via teleconference.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item which was added by motion and vote:

4. Approval for the City to transfer the subject property known as the Chevron Site located at 6459 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA, Parcel ID #12114C A006 and Parcel ID # 12114C A001 to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and to discuss and potentially authorize the DDA to enter into a letter of intent related to the sale of the subject property on behalf of the City.

Greg Hecht, City Attorney presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote:

MOTION AND VOTE: Based upon the anticipated transfer of the Chevron Site from the City to the DDA, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson made the following motion as recommended by City Attorney Greg Hecht: Move to Authorize the Chairman or the Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to submit a letter of Intent for the sale of the property located at 6459 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA (also known as Parcel ID #12114C A006 and Parcel ID #12114C A001) on letter of intent terms as needed which shall at least include a sales price of \$600,000 and on terms and conditions of a closing date as specified by Newmark Grubb Frank Knight, but no longer than 45 days from execution of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, with earnest money of \$20,000. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Bridges, Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Councilman Huie voting aloud and in person and Councilman Slaton voting aloud via teleconference.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Police Chief Leighty gave a report and update on Clayton State University Homecoming Parade to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2013.
2. Jeff Eady gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2012 Christmas Lights Contest Winners
 - Santa's Choice: 2136 Murry Trail – The Dooley Family
 - Children's Choice: 2135 Murry Trail – The Son Mai Family
 - Christmas Spirit: 1747 Lake Harbin – The Varnadoe Family
3. Dan Defnall gave the Financial Update

FIRST PRESENTATION:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following First Presentation item and stated there is no discussion or votes on First Presentation items.

1. Approval of an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council for the City of Morrow, Georgia to call a Referendum Election to submit to the Voters the Question of whether the Package Sale by Retailers of Malt Beverages and Wine on Sundays between the Hours of 12:30 pm and 11:30 pm shall be allowed; To notify the Election Superintendent for the City to Call such referendum Election to be held on the Tuesday after the First Monday in November, 2013; To Provide for Severability; To Repeal all Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances in Conflict herewith; To provide an Effective Date; and for other purposes.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Burke made the call for Citizens comments.

Kimberly Lister a resident of Clayton County made comments regarding bringing businesses to Morrow and on trying to keep the current businesses in Morrow.

Sandra Henderson a business owner in Morrow and a resident of Clayton County discussed making it easier for businesses to come to Clayton County and Morrow. She also suggested the City find out why the businesses are leaving not only Morrow, but also Clayton County.

Marvin Chisnell 6553 Peacock Blvd., Morrow, GA stated his next door neighbors dogs (6565 Peacock) are being abused. They are in a pen without water. **Chief Leighty** stated they will follow up with him.

Warren Gregory 6391 Peacock Blvd, Morrow, GA asked them to again reconsider home based businesses (Daycare centers). He also stated he would like to be a part of the Imagine Morrow meetings. **Mayor Burke** asked the City Clerk to provide **Mike Twomey** with Mr. Gregory's email address. (City Clerk provided this information to Mr. Twomey via email on January 23, 2013).

Mayor Burke asked if the City Manager had any comments.

City Manager Jeff Eady welcomed Joyce Bean back.

Mayor Burke asked if the Council had any comments.

Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges also welcomed Joyce Bean back.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson thanked those who spoke for making their concerns known.

Councilman Bob Huie also thanked Joyce Bean for coming back to serve on the P & Z Board.

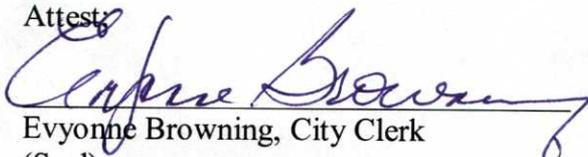
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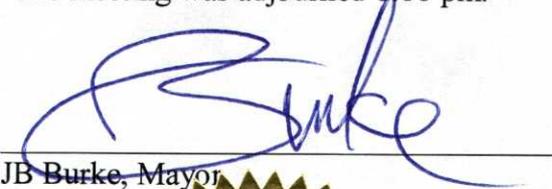
Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Bridges, Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and Councilman Huie voting aloud and in person and Councilman Slaton voting aloud via teleconference. The meeting was adjourned 8:18 pm.

Approved this 12th day of February, 2013.

Attest:


Evyonne Browning, City Clerk
(Seal)


JB Burke, Mayor

