

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 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 read the following changes to the Meeting Agenda:

1. Under Executive Session, add Litigation to the purpose of the Executive Session.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the July 10, 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 seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1 with Mayor Pro Tem abstaining due to not being present at the last meeting.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation on City of Morrow's Options for Rewrite of Zoning Ordinance as prepared by the Atlanta Regional Commission Staff and presented by Stephen Causby with ARC.
2. Financial Update by Dan Defnall

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. Approval of a Resolution to further amend the City of Morrow Pay Scale with regards to Fire Department positions and qualifications.

Becky Zebe presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Larry Ferguson moved to approve the item. 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.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item.

2. Approval on the Updated Preferred Caterer Criteria for the Morrow Center to include the following:

#8 – Caterers must join and maintain membership with the Morrow Business and Tourism Association (MBTA).

Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item. 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.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item.

3. Approval of the 2012 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Dan Defnall presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the item. Councilman Virlyn Slaton 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.

4. Consideration of a request by the City Attorney for authority to file suit against Sanjit, Inc. for perfection of hotel occupancy taxes due from the Comfort Suites. This suit perfects the tax claim of the City on the amount of deficiency determined at the last meeting.

Laurel Henderson, City Attorney presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Virlyn Slaton moved to approve the item. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

5. Approval of a Resolution of the Governing Authority of the City of Morrow to Designate certain Authorized Representatives of the City to Negotiate on behalf of the City.

Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Larry Ferguson moved to approve the item. 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.

Emily Moore 1505 Sunset Way in Morrow said that during the recent fireworks held by the City on June 30th, that debris fell in their yard and on their car and this caused a grass fire. They did call the fire department, but they were able to put the grass fire out themselves. She just wanted the Mayor and Council to be aware for next year's event.

Mike Twomey wanted to remind everyone of the ice cream social at the tourist center tomorrow, the 25th at 2:00 pm. This is to help citizens of Morrow sign up for the recycling program.

Mayor Burke asked if the City Manager had any comments.

Jeff Eady stated that the zoning rewrite is very important and we need citizen input. This is valuable to us as we move towards reinventing the City to be competitive.

Mayor Burke asked if the rewrite had anything to do with private home.

Jeff Eady said it will affect new "types" of residences, for example business on the bottom and residences on the top.

Mayor Burke asked if a fence is considered a structure and he understands if you have a fence you cannot have a pool.

Jeff Eady said that currently that is how the zoning code is written and that is just a small part of fixing the code to where it is easier to read and understand and to get rid of the contradictions in it.

Mayor Burke asked if the Council had any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges thanked the Mayor and Council, City Manager and staff for their help during her recent mishap. She appreciates the calls and visits very much.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning stated the next item is the Executive Session and by motion and vote "Litigation" was added for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (To Discuss Personnel and Litigation issues)

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second to adjourn into Executive Session.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discussion Personnel and Litigation issues. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:25 pm.

ADJOURNMENT EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Executive Session was adjourned at 10:57 pm.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the regular meeting was reconvened at 11:01 pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following changes to the City Manager’s contract as discussed in the Executive Session:

1. Page 1, Section 1. Duties, Item A, line 9, change the word “entered” to “offered.”
2. Page 4, Section 10. Retirement, line 3, change the word “over” to “other.”

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second to approve the City Manager’s contract.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the City Manager’s contract with the following changes:

1. Page 1, Section 1. Duties, Item A, line 9, change the word “entered” to “offered.”
2. Page 4, Section 10. Retirement, line 3, change the word “over” to “other.”

Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 pm.

Approved this 14th day of August, 2012.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:


Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

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