

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 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 remove Item No. 2:

Approval by the Council for the Mayor to execute the contract documents with Pond & Company for the design of the Jester's Creek Phase III project.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the June 12, 2012 Regular and Work Session Minutes.
2. Approval of an Agreement for Maintenance of Roadway Lighting System between the City of Morrow and Georgia Power Company on the following Roadways or Roadway segments: Interchange and Access Road Lighting at Exit 233 on I-75 at Highway 45. Agreement includes Interstate High Mast Lighting, Ramp Lighting, Wall Pack Lighting under the Hwy54 Bridge, and Special Pedestrian Lights along sidewalks on the bridges. This agreement also covers lighting on Meadowbrook Road under I-75.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

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

PUBLIC HEARING on Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2013

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Public Hearing Item:

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 Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2013, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30 2013; 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.

Mayor Burke declared the Public Hearing open and **City Manager Jeff Eady** presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for any comments on the Public Hearing item. Hearing none, Mayor Burke declared the Public Hearing closed.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Police Chief Chris Leighty presented the “Life Saving Award” to Officer Marco Sutton with the Morrow Police Department for his recent actions of saving a local choking victim.
2. Presentation of “The Most Beautiful Yard” contest winners by Jeff Eady
 - 1st place – 1834 Central Park Loop
 - 2nd place – 1107 Skylark Drive
 - 3rd place – 6024 Foxcroft Place
3. Financial Update by Dan Defnall

FIRST PRESENTATION: None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following old business item.

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 Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2013, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30 2013; 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.

City Manager Jeff Eady 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item.

1. Approval by the Mayor and Council on the selection of Critical Power Solutions for the City's Generator Bid and approval to enter into contract negotiations. The total price is \$35,900.40.

Public Works Director Anou Sothsavath 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 stated the following item was removed by motion and vote, so no action was taken.

2. Approval by the Council for the Mayor to execute the contract documents with Pond & Company for the design of the Jester's Creek Phase III project.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following new business item.

3. Approval of an Attorney-Client Engagement Agreement between Fincher Denmark & Williams, LLC and the City of Morrow in connection with discussions and negotiations with Clayton County, GA regarding the Service Delivery Act and Joint Sales and Use Tax.

City Manager Jeff Eady 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 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. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Morrow to Reinstate the City of Morrow's 401(a) Money Purchase Plan with Nationwide Retirement Solutions; To Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Plan Documents; To provide an Effective Date; and for other purposes.

Finance Officer Dan Defnall 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.

5. Approval of an Audit Engagement Letter with Mauldin & Jenkins for the FY 2012 Annual Audit.

Finance Officer 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 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.

6. Approval of a Resolution to authorize investment in the Local Government Investment Pool.

Finance Officer 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 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.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Burke made 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.

Mayor Burke made the call for comments from Citizens.

Phuong Le at 2294 Harbin Terrace Drive asked about more patrol in his neighborhood especially since a child was recent hit (not seriously injured) by a car while she was playing. He asked if we could have some signs “Children at Play” or even speed bumps installed. He also said the light post does not illuminate at 2286 Harbin Terrace.

Chief Leighty addressed his concerns and stated they have beefed up patrol in that area.

City Manager Jeff Eady asked Anou Sothsavath with Public works to look into the light and possible signage.

Mike Twomey reminded everyone about Freedom Fest this Saturday, June 30th. He also congratulated Chief Leighty on the great fund raising event at Joe’s Crab Shack and the “Tip A Cop” event. He said the Chief’s presence is noticed and appreciated.

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

City Manager Jeff Eady thanked the Department Heads publically for their efforts in getting the budget to where it is and keeping costs down.

Mayor Burke asked the council if they had any comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Bridges said we have some guests tonight and it’s the Boy Scout Troop #4234 from the 1st Baptist Church of Morrow. They stated they are working on their Community Badge.

Councilman Bob Huie said that during a recent visit by John Lewis to the City of Morrow an invitation went out without his name on it and without his permission or approval. **Mayor Pro Tem Bridges** said we were all not aware of the invitation and that our names were included.

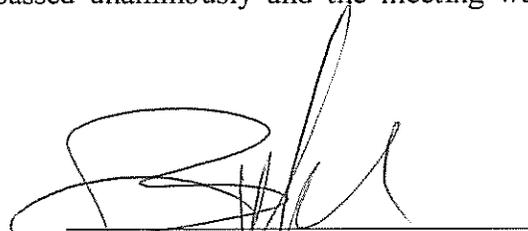
Mayor Burke told Chief Leighty that hiring him was the best thing we have done and congratulated him on the great “tip a cop” fund raiser.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

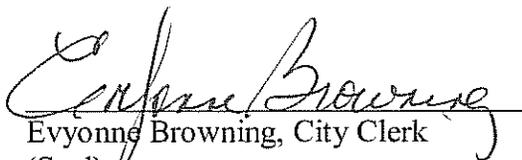
MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Approved this 10th day of July, 2012.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Evyonne Browning, City Clerk
(Seal)

