

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 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 the Consent Agenda, add the Approval for the Morrow Police Department to purchase a non-budgeted Konica Minolta copier under the State Contract program in the amount of \$7,259.22, plus a yearly maintenance contract for \$1,702.33, for a total of \$8,961.55.

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 was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the February 28, 2012 Regular and Work Session Minutes and March 3, 2012 Special Called Meeting Minutes.
2. *(Moved to New Business)* Approval of a support letter from the Mayor and Council to ARC requesting assistance from ARC in helping to identify and successfully implement the City of Morrow's new zoning initiatives throughout our city's commercial areas.
3. *(Added by Motion and Vote):* Approval for the Morrow Police Department to purchase a non-budgeted Konica Minolta copier under the State Contract program in the amount of \$7,259.22, plus a yearly maintenance contract for \$1,702.33, for a total of \$8,961.55.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: After a request from Councilman Larry Ferguson to have Item 2 moved to New Business for additional discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. 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 by Mayor and Council on a Request for Confirmation of Hotel/Motel Tax Deficiency Determination for Sanjit, Inc., d.b.a. Comfort Suites at 1442 Southlake Plaza Drive, Morrow, GA 30260.

Dan Defnall presented the item and stated that the City needs to serve them on the deficiency so collection action can take place. He said they have owed this for over a year.

Mayor Burke asked by it has gone on this long.

Dan Defnall stated they were making payments until recently, but now they have stopped paying.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item. Councilman Larry Ferguson 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 for Interim Chief Tatroe or his designee to purchase two (2) new Chevrolet Tahoe's from a Federal Procurement process in the amount of \$64,964.78. The vehicles will be purchased out of City Capital, which has a current budgeted amount of \$66,654 for Capital Expenditures already in place.

Capt. Greg Tatroe presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Virlyn Slaton moved to approve the item. Councilman Larry Ferguson 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 Resolution to Establish Charges for the Collection of Residential and Commercial Refuse in the City of Morrow, Georgia; and for other purposes.

Jeff Eady presented the item and stated this is in accordance with a City ordinance that the Mayor and Council establish this resolution whenever a change in fees takes place.

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. The motion passed unanimously.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and vote for a 10 minute recess to give the Mayor and Council time to review the next item before it is presented and acted upon.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to adjourn into a 10 minute recess. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting went into recess at 7:55 pm.

Mayor Burke reconvened the meeting at 8:05 pm.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item which was moved from the Consent Agenda by motion and vote:

4. Approval of a support letter from the Mayor and Council to ARC requesting assistance from ARC in helping to identify and successfully implement the City of Morrow's new zoning initiatives throughout our city's commercial areas.

Michael McLaughlin presented the item.

Councilman Larry Ferguson asked if the language could be changed in the first sentence of the second paragraph to read: "The Mayor and Council requests" in lieu of "we personally request."

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. 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.

Warren Gregory a 7 year resident addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a letter he delivered concerning a home-based day care business.

City Manager Jeff Eady asked if he would meet with Michael McLaughlin after the meeting to set up a time for them to go over the City's code on this type of business. Mr. Gregory agreed.

Councilman Larry Ferguson asked if someone could give an update on the Boston College Students recent visit.

Janice Lockhart with the Tourist Center gave an update on the activities and work the students performed in the City which included work at the Reynolds Nature Preserve, The Good Shepherd Clinic, and other City related work. She also stated that the students came during their spring break and that they each paid their own way. Also, various churches and businesses in the area took care of their food needs.

Stanley, a resident, asked if there were any available opportunities to volunteer in the City.

Jeff Eady suggested Stanley get in touch with the MBTA as they are aware of all the various opportunities in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges also suggested the Good Shepherd Clinic is a good place to volunteer as they are always in need of volunteers.

Michael McLaughlin also commented that this is the type of thing we want to get on the City's new website. He is in hopes that we can start a city outreach program. He also mentioned the City's new community garden program which will also need volunteers.

Mayor Burke asked if the Council had any comments.

Councilman Larry Ferguson stated he hopes the volunteer opportunities will be on the website soon.

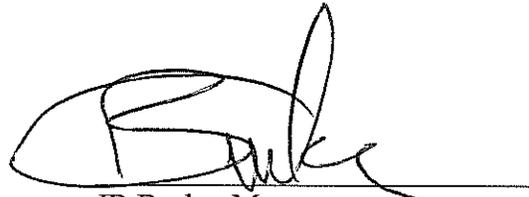
Councilman Bob Huie stated that the underpass at Clayton State is now open and encouraged the citizens to use it to get from one side of 54 to the other and that it now ties the City's path system all the way to Millirons Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

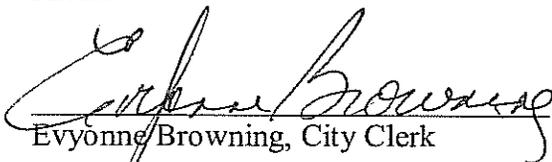
MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Approved this 27th day of March, 2012.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

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