

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
May 8, 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** stated there were no changes to the Meeting Agenda:

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion and vote.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**City Clerk Evyonne Browning** read the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the April 24, 2012 Regular and Work Session Minutes.
2. Approval of an additional 60 day continuance request of an Appeal by Georgia Outdoor Advertising to the Mayor and Council regarding the City's decision to deny two (2) billboard applications at the Intersection of I-75 and the Lee Street.

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion and vote.

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

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Presentation on American Red Cross by Carisa Hettich with Red Cross
2. Presentation on Atlanta Regional Commission programs by members of the ARC

3. Financial Update by Dan Defnall, Finance Officer

**FIRST PRESENTATION:** None at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**City Clerk Evyonne Browning** read the following old business item:

1. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the City of Morrow to collaborate with the Atlanta Regional Commission to implement the “Lifelong Community” Initiative in the City of Morrow, Georgia; To authorize the Mayor and Council and the Director of Planning and Economic Development to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution; and to provide an effective date of this Resolution; and for other purposes.

**Michael McLaughlin** 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.

**Mayor Burke** asked if there was any discussion.

**Councilman Larry Ferguson** stated on the ARC website they showcase homes across from the Archives, which is the property where he grew up. He would like language in the Resolution to allow those residents to remain in their homes.

**Councilman Bob Huie** said that the property in that area is owned by Clayton County and not the City.

**Michael McLaughlin** stated the resolution and the ARC have no control on that property and that project. The resolution speaks in general terms on the concept of the program. It cannot call out a particular home or street.

**Mayor Burke** called for a vote.

**VOTE:** The motion passed 3 to 1 with Councilman Larry Ferguson voting in opposition.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**City Clerk Evyonne Browning** read the following new business item:

1. Approval for the IT Department to purchase a new VOIP Phone System from Stormwood Technologies for a total of \$38,744.85.

**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** read the following new business item:

2. Approval to enter into a contract for towing services with New Image Towing & Recovery, Inc.

**Police Chief Chris Leighty** 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 and then asked the City Manager how we advertised for bids.

**City Manager Jeff Eady** stated we advertised in the Clayton News Daily which is the city's legal organ, on the GMA website and on the City's website.

**Mayor Burke** 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.

**Brian Neese** with Tara Wrecker made comments on the wrecker contract and the fact there was only 1 bid received.

**Margaret Dalton** with Forest Park Wrecker made comments on the wrecker contract that she did not know about the request for bids.

**Che P. Golden** commented on the park behind city hall that the track has not been paved in over 2 years and that public works has removed the sit up work out bench and it has not been replaced and the park is not cleaned.

**Public Works Director Anou Sothsavath** stated the bench was broken and removed due to safety concerns. He said they will be scraping the track in the near future and that his staff cleans the park every day.

**Mike Twomey** reminded everyone about the Concert for Care event on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Michael McLaughlin** announced the Morrow Merchants meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:32 am at the Morrow Center.

**Mayor Burke** made the call to Council for comments.

**Councilman Larry Ferguson** said the Fire Department has a successful Torch the Trail run event.

**Mayor Burke** announced his email address for anyone needing to contact him is:  
[mayorofmorrow@gmail.com](mailto:mayorofmorrow@gmail.com)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (To discuss personnel and potential litigation)

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

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Larry Ferguson moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 9:10 pm.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Larry Ferguson moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Executive Session was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AND AMEND AGENDA**

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion and vote to reconvene the regular meeting.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to reconvene the regular meeting and to add a presentation by Attorney Greg Hecht. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the regular meeting was reconvened at 10:15 pm.

**Attorney Greg Hecht** made a brief presentation to the Mayor and Council on his firm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Jeanell Bridges moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the regular meeting was adjourned at 10:31 pm.

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2012.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Evyonne Browning, City Clerk  
(Seal)

