

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 11, 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, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman C.R. Huie, and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson. Councilman Virlyn Slaton was absent. 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**

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the Meeting Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Approval of the May 28, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the Brown Pelican Consulting Invoice in the amount of \$185.14 dated May 15, 2013 regarding LOST and SDS Analysis.
3. Approval of Hecht Walker invoice #5373 dated May 2, 2013 for the period April, 2013 in the amount of \$5,407.10.
4. Approval of the Henderson & Hundley invoice #11355 dated May 8, 2013 for the period March 26, 2013 through April 20, 2013 in the amount of \$3,922.99.

**Mayor Burke** called for a motion.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Jeff Eady gave a Power Point Presentation on the 2013 Spring Yard Contest Winners:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: 1747 Lake Harbin Rd. – present and received gift  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 1024 Skylark Dr. – not present, gift was delivered the next day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 1765 Stratford Arms Dr. – present and received gift
2. Presentation of a 5 year pin to Van Tran by Finance Officer Dan Defnall.
3. Presentation of a 5 year pin to Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Williams by Fire Chief Mark Herendeen.
4. Announcement from Police Chief Leighty regarding the upcoming Tip-A-Cop event at Joe's Crabshack will be July 18, 2013 in Morrow.
5. Presentation of a 5 year pin to Sgt. Harry Hess, Admin Services Division by Police Chief Chris Leighty.
6. Presentation of Officer Chung Quach as "Officer of the Quarter 1Q 2013 and to Roy Dunn as "Employee of the Quarter 1Q 2013 by Police Chief Chris Leighty.
7. Financial Update – Dan Defnall
8. Power Point Presentation on "Anti-Bullying" by Cedric Pendleton and a special poster/plaque presentation for his support in this cause to Mayor JB Burke.

## **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 2014, beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30 2014; 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.

**FIRST PRESENTATION:**

City Clerk **Evyonne Browning** read the following First Presentation Item and stated there are no comments or votes on First Presentation items.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mayor Burke stated since we have no items on the Agenda which will call for a vote by the Mayor and Council, this portion of the Public Comment is not necessary, but we will have the General Comments.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Burke made the call for Citizens on general comments.

**Willie S. Foles**, 6249 Flamingo Way stated he believes the legal fees are out of line and we have a high priced lawyer... he believes we had a good one, but we ran her off.

**City Manager Jeff Eady** stated that he would meet with Mr. Foles anytime he wanted and go over the legal bills and answer any questions.

**Michelle West**, 1911 Oxford Drive read a statement on behalf of the Members of the Community Garden of Morrow publically thanking Michael McLaughlin for his energy, time and talents during their critical first year getting established. He had vision and was able to inspire others and she made a challenge to others to carry on that vision and to help continue their mission. (The City Clerk was provided a copy of the full statement and it is available in the City Clerk's office through the open records act)

**Dorothy Dean**, 1765 Stratford Arms Drive also wanted to publicly thank Michael McLaughlin for his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Morrow. There are others also who have also shown this dedication and commitment through the Government 101 classes. She wanted to express appreciation for the outstanding job that each of the staff performs daily on the citizens behalf. She also encouraged the citizens to support those who are doing what is best for the City

and to help hold our government accountable... (The City Clerk was provided a copy of the full statement and it is available in the City Clerk's office through the open records act)

**Jeffrey DeTar** 1764 Argonne Drive stated we need communication from our elected officials especially on the upcoming zoning issues... we need to hear the Mayor and Council to speak your minds on these important issues. He also expressed concern that a copy of the Ordinance for the budget was not available on-line and shared this is the communication we need to have available to us, the citizens.

**Tony Shaw**, 1834 Lamplight Ct. stated he is an 18 year resident of Morrow and he wanted to ask for accountability and transparency of everyone involved in this City Government.

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

**Jeff Eady, City Manager**, wanted to remind everyone about the Zoning Kick-off meeting this Thursday night beginning at 6:30 pm. He also thanked those who received awards and said they are what make the City what it is.

**Mayor Burke** asked if the council had any comments.

**Councilwoman Bridges** congratulated those who received awards tonight and thanked them for their service. She also thanked Mr. DeTar for his statements. Also, regarding the legal fees, she urged citizens to not believe all they read in the paper as it is not the truth. She urged everyone if they have problems to speak with Jeff Eady, even if it's about our Attorney. She also thanked Dorothy Dean and Michelle West for their words. She also thanked Mr. Pendleton for his presentation tonight on bullying.

**Councilman Huie** thanked those who spoke and if anyone has questions, the doors are open and encouraged citizens to come in and ask questions. He also stated the City Attorney was not run off, but that she resigned on her own.

**Chief Mark Herendeen** wanted to remind everyone about the new Fire Truck's dedication ceremony to be held next Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 pm.

**Mike Twomey** wanted to remind everyone of the "Morrow Market Days" at the tourist center every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. Also, Freedom Fest will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the 5917 Reynolds Road and encouraged everyone to come out and have fun, eat, and watch the fireworks display.

**Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson** also wanted to thank the citizens for speaking up... we need participation from the citizens and business owners as we move toward the zoning code rewrite. He also stated you can reach us and speak with us on any issues. He also thanked Mr. Pendleton for his presentation.

**Mayor Burke** stated that as an elected official he loves to see our citizens coming forward and being heard. The staff, the Mayor and all the Council have been working hard to create the

upcoming Budget... we have many issues and a huge debt, but the citizens can trust we are working to address our debt. He also wanted the citizens to know that they do not have to wait to see him just at council meetings, but he is available anytime they want to meet. He encouraged them to get in touch with the City Clerk, Ms. Browning and she will set up a meeting which is convenient for you.

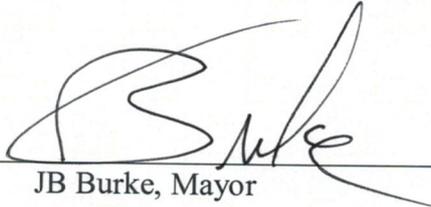
He also thanked Mr. Pendleton for his concern about the issue of bullying and that he is in full support of this project.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

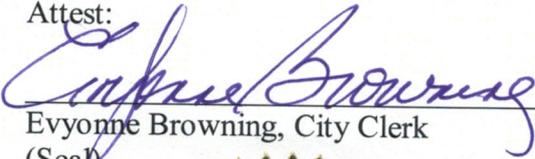
**Mayor Burke** called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Larry Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Approved this 25th of June, 2013.

  
JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:

  
Evyonne Browning, City Clerk  
(Seal)

