

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
September 27, 2011 – 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 Pro Tem Mason Barfield** 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 Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Virlyn Slaton, Councilman Bob Huie and Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield. Mayor Jim Millirons was absent. She stated there was a quorum present.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** 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 change to the Meeting Agenda:

1. Add an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for a motion and vote.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Approval of the September 13, 2011 Regular and Work Session Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval for Morrow Police Department to declare the following equipment as surplus property and to authorize Chief Baker or his designated representative to dispose of the property in keeping with applicable laws:
  - 2001 black Chevrolet Suburban (VIN 3GNEC16T51G194971) – Unit 67
  - 2002 white Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 2FAFP71W92X104403) – Unit 32
  - 2002 blue Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 2FAFP71W62X104407) – Unit 40
  - 2001 white Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 2FAFP71W1YX208831) – Unit 26
  - 1999 white Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 2FAFP71W7XX117173) – Unit 15

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for a motion and vote.

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

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Police Chief Jeff Baker presented a 10 year service pin to Brandy Hicks with Morrow 911 Dispatch.
2. Dan Defnall gave a Financial Update.

**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 Adopt the Clayton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan dated October 2011.

**Fire Chief Mark Herendeen** presented the item.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for a motion and second.

**MOTION AND SECOND:** Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the item. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** 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 of Purchase Order #10707 in the amount of \$10,062.01 to purchase 7 Dell Computers and 7 Thermal Printers for the Morrow Police Department. These funds will be reimbursed by the Finance Unit of the Atlanta FBI.

**Police Chief Jeff Baker** presented the item.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for a motion and second.

**MOTION AND SECOND:** Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** made the call to citizens for comments.

1. **Citizen Susan Heydan** asked the Fire Chief if the Hazardous plan was beneficial with the huge warehouse fire that occurred recently.

**Fire Chief Herendeen** stated it was not. However, he said had it been similar to what happened in Ringgold then it would help to receive help with those types of disasters.

2. **Business Owner Dan Sierra** with Halloween City made an appeal to the Council for a larger temporary banner sign to go on the outside of his location.

3. **Business Owner Brian** with Frightmore Haunted Houses made the same appeal to the Council and stated he had a larger temporary banner last year.

There was discussion between Council, City Manager Jeff Eady, Code Enforcement Marti Tracy, and City Attorney Laurel Henderson.

**City Attorney Laurel Henderson** suggested the Council could use the current sign code for new businesses when the permanent sign is not ready and the code allows for a temporary sign for a specified period of time. She said they could apply this code to this request.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Bob Huie moved to permit Halloween City and Frightmore Haunted House to each erect one banner on the building wall where permanent wall signs would be permitted up to the size allowed for a permanent wall sign for each business, such banners to be removed immediately upon cessation of business in the City. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Citizen Randy Anderson** had some suggestions: (b) Include crime stats in the City's newsletter; (b) asked about the number of assigned spaces for the Police Department at Southlake Mall vs. handicap parking spaces; (c) Suggested a packet of information for new residents on the City's Codes which would be easy to read and understand; (d) Asked for assistance from the Police Department to monitor the speed limit at Harbor Woods (Lake Harbin) and Peacock because many, many people speed and there are often children present.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** asked if the City Manager had any comments.

**City Manager Jeff Eady** congratulated Brandy Hicks for her 10 years of service. He also thanked the department heads for keeping the costs down which is helping to build the reserves.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** asked if the Council has any comments.

**Councilman Virlyn Slaton** commended the citizens for coming to the meeting and challenged each of them to come to the next meeting and bring their neighbors.

**Councilman Bob Huie** stated the Police Department does a great job with their round tables and Citizen Police Academy.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Added by motion and vote to discuss a legal matter)

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for a motion and vote to adjourn into Executive Session.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:01 pm.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for a motion and vote to adjourn the Executive Session.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to adjourn the Executive Session and Reconvene the Regular Meeting. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Executive Session was adjourned and the regular meeting was reconvened at 8:40 pm.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**City Clerk Evyonne Browning** read the following motion which was discussed in the Executive Session:

A motion for the City to hire the firm of Murray, Barnes, and Finister to assist with the bond issues on the pending sale of the Macy's space.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for a motion and second.

**MOTION AND SECOND:** Councilman Bob Huie moved for the City to hire the firm of Murray, Barnes, and Finister to assist with the bond issues on the pending sale of the Macy's space. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

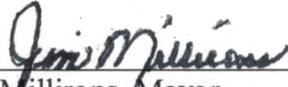
**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield** called for a motion and vote to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Bob Huie moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

  
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Jim Millirons, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

