

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 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 Jim Millirons gave his farewell speech to the Council, Staff, and Citizens of Morrow. He gave special thanks to his family, but especially to his wife, Peggy.

Mayor Jim Millirons 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 Jim Millirons, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Virlyn Slaton, Councilman C.R. Huie and Councilman Larry Ferguson. She stated there was a quorum present.

Mayor Jim Millirons 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 Jim Millirons called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the Meeting Agenda. 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 December 13, 2011 Regular and Work Session Meeting Minutes.

MAYOR JIM MILLIRONS 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.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE:

1. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges was called to the podium and she was sworn in by Judge Ronald Freeman.
2. Councilman Larry Ferguson was called to the podium and he was sworn in by Judge Ronald Freeman.
3. JB Burke was called to the podium and he was sworn in by Judge Ronald Freeman.

After being sworn in, Mayor Burke gave his acceptance speech and then joined Mayor Millirons on the Dias for the passing of the Gavel.

PASSING OF GAVEL AND RECOGNITION OF MAYOR JIM MILLIRONS:

Mayor Millirons ceremoniously passed the gavel to Mayor Burke and said he knows the City will be in good hands. Mayor Burke accepted it. Mayor Burke presented Mayor Millirons with a plaque containing the Mayor's original gavel which he has used for the past 16 years and spoke about the impact Mayor Millirons has had on him personally.

Councilman Bob Huie read a proclamation honoring Mayor Millirons which also declares January 10, 2012 as Mayor Jim Millirons Day. Councilman Huie also spoke about the past 16 years he has served on the council with Mayor Millirons and gave him credit for his service to our Country through his years with the military.

Councilman Virlyn Slaton also spoke of the many years he served with Mayor Millirons in many capacities in the City and said he will surely be missed.

Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges also spoke of great respect and admiration for Mayor Millirons and for teaching her so much over the past many years.

Councilman Larry Ferguson spoke of respect for the Mayor and thanked him for his service to the citizens of Morrow.

Peggy Millirons was called up and was presented with a large basket filled with plants and flowers.

Mayor Millirons exited the Dias and Mayor Burke took his seat and asked the City Clerk to read the next item.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Kim Lambert, Director of Mission Lifeline with the American Heart Association presented Certificates to Fire Fighter Paramedics Lt. Bob Wright, Jim Hudgell, Tom Kuglin, Dan DeLage and Gary Mosely. Fire Chief Mark Herendeen also spoke on the accomplishments of these men in this effort.
2. Dan Defnall gave a Financial Update

FIRST PRESENTATION:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following First Presentation item and stated there are no questions or comments on First Presentation item.

1. An Ordinance of the City of Morrow to Regulate Internet Cafes; To provide Standards for Operation within the City of Morrow; To identify Offenses; To provide penalties; and for other purposes.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Old Business item:

1. An Ordinance of the City of Morrow to Amend the Sign Ordinance of the City; to provide for Banners for Businesses Temporarily located in the City; To repeal conflicting Ordinances; and for other purposes.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual City Appointments for 2012:

Mayor Pro Tem	Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges
Municipal Court Judge	Judge Ronald Freeman
City Attorney	Laurel Henderson
Municipal Court Solicitor	Jerry Patrick

City Manager Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

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

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously

2. Reappointments for the Downtown Development Authority for 2012:

John Maner, Board Member
Michael McLaughlin, Director
Jeanell Bridges, City Council Board Member

City Manager Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

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

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously

3. Reappointments for Morrow Business and Tourism Association

Bob Huie – City of Morrow Liaison

City Manager Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Burke called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved to approve the Appointment. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion.

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

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Burke made the call to citizens for comments. There were none.

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

City Manager Jeff Eady congratulated the Fire Fighter/Paramedics and thanked them for their service. He also said that Mayor Millirons has been an important part of his and thanked him for hiring him 28 years ago.

Mayor Burke asked if the council had any comments.

Councilman Bob Huie said he looks forward to working with the new team. He also thanked everyone for the big turnout and challenged everyone to come back for the next meeting. He also said that we work for you, the citizens, and asked them to hold our feet to the fire.

Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with this new team and employees and she is looking forward to building a really good team.

Councilman Larry Ferguson thanked the City Manager, Jeff, and City Clerk, Evyonne, for the training the newly elected went through recently with their help. He is also looking forward to working with everyone.

Mayor Burke said before we adjourn, if everyone will remain where they are after the meeting is adjourned to give Mayor Millirons and his family a chance to exit and get to the reception.

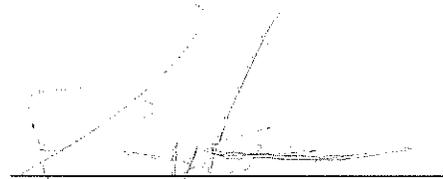
ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Virlyn Slaton moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Mayor Burke said there is a reception honoring Mayor Jim Millirons in the community room and everyone is invited.

Approved this 24th day of January, 2012.



JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:



Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

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