CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 25, 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 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, Councilman Virlyn Slaton, Councilman C.R. Huie and Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges was absent. 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 read the following change to the Meeting Agenda.

1. Under New Business, add the Approval of a Resolution of the City of Morrow, Georgia, to Transfer Real Estate to the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Morrow for the purposes of Economic Development.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Approval of the October 11, 2011 Regular and Work Session Meeting Minutes.

2. Approval to re-adopt Ordinance No. 2011-28, An Ordinance to impose License Fees on Insurers conducting business within the City of Morrow, Georgia; to impose a Gross Premiums Tax on Insurers operating within the State of Georgia; to provide an effective Date; and Other Purposes.

3. Approval for Fire Chief Mark Herendeen and the Morrow Fire Department to award the bid for a Breathing Air Compressor to "Breathing Air Systems" in the amount of $21,999.00. This item was approved in the FY 2012 Capital Budget for $23,000.00.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Virlyn Slaton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation by Mike Twomey, Director of Morrow Business and Tourism Association, to George Jeburk for being chosen as the 2011 Community Partner of the Year by WORKTEC.

2. Finance Officer Dan Defnall gave a City Financial Update.

FIRST PRESENTATION: None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following Old Business item:

1. Approval of an Ordinance to Amend the Alcoholic Beverage Code of the City of Morrow, Georgia to provide for Sales off premises for Catered Functions; to provide for Licensing and Penalties; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for other purposes.

City Manager Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield moved to approve the item. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the following New Business item:

(Agenda Item 11-10-299)

1. Approval a Resolution to authorize the adoption of the Fund Balance Policy for the City of Morrow to conform to the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54.

Dan Defnall presented the item.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item. Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield seconded the motion.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the next New Business item:

2. Approval of a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Morrow to Extend the Moratorium on the Acceptance and Processing of Applications for Zoning Permits, Occupancy Permits, Occupational Tax Certificates, and Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Sweepstakes/Internet Cafés and the Issuance of such Zoning Permits, Occupancy Permits, Occupational Tax Certificates and Alcoholic Beverage Licenses; and to declare an Emergency.

City Manager Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield moved to approve the item. Councilman Virlyn Slaton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

City Clerk Evyonne Browning read the next New Business item which was added by motion and vote:

3. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Morrow, Georgia, to Transfer Real Estate to the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Morrow for the purposes of Economic Development.

City Manager Jeff Eady presented the item.

Mayor Jim Millirons called for a motion and second.

MOTION AND SECOND: Councilman Bob Huie moved to approve the item. Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield seconded the motion.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

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

Mayor Jim Millirons asked the City Manager if he had any comments.

City Manager Jeff Eady congratulated Police Chief Jeff Baker and Officer Max Tran for being named evaluators for the Georgia Oglethorpe Award. He also wanted to thank the Fire and Police Departments for the help they gave in a 911 call that came in on September 9th where a 68 year old lady and her daughter and granddaughter were broken down with a flat tire and our Fire Department and Police Department responded and assisted them.

Mayor Jim Millirons asked if the council had any comments.

Councilman Virlyn Slaton congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield on his retirement and thanked him for his service to the citizens and wished him well.

Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for all their support and expressed gratitude to the citizens for giving him the honor of serving on the council.

Mayor Jim Millirons presented Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield and his wife, Elizabeth, with a plaque containing his two name plates, a key to the City, a certificate where the City is donating $200 to the Mason Barfield Success Fund at Clayton State and a new house plant for their new home.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Bob Huie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Approved this 22nd day of November, 2011.

Jim Millirons, Mayor

Attest:

Evyonne Browning, City Clerk

A reception has held immediately after the meeting for Mason and Elizabeth Barfield.