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Mayor Returns After Second Cancer Battle

Stonecrest, GA – Mayor Jason Lary made a surprise return to a city council meeting last night to resume his duties after an 11-week excused medical leave following a second cancer diagnosis. The mayor requested an excused medical leave from the city council on November 9, 2020, that extended through March 2021.

During the November 2020 meeting, Mayor Lary said that his cancer had returned. The city council voted unanimously to excuse the mayor until March 2021. In 2018, the mayor was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He requested an excused absence but said that it was denied by the city council. This time, the mayor said that he was not going to go through what he did during his previous cancer battle. “Per my wife’s instructions, who I listen to the most, this time I take care of me,” Lary said.

The mayor’s 2018 cancer treatment involved targeted radiation of the prostate; however, last year the second round of cancer treatment involved a successful surgery on December 28th. Despite a rough recovery and a subsequent battle with COVID-19, the mayor said he is back.

In the mayor’s absence, the city’s Mayor Pro Tempore George Turner served as chairman of the city council meetings. Mayor Lary never relinquished all his duties. He still attended virtual meetings and managed pertinent business at city hall.

Upon his return, the city council voted to suspend the mayor’s request for further excused absences, and the mayor returned to his duties of chairing the council meetings.

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