

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday February 1, 2016

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
Allison Boyle
Tony Fountain
John Foust
Anne Sneve

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Sonny Underwood
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Lonnie Adams
Gerry Nechvatal
Baylee Jordan
Mary Zuidema
Leslie Zuidema
Jamey Jordan

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He requested Councilmember Jim Looney give the invocation. Councilmember John Foust led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the January 6, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes with changes noted for mistakes in two councilmember's names in the appointing of council committees section. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Allison Boyle stated that she wished to recognize that members of Youth Leadership Pickens were present at the meeting as part of the program's assignments.

There was no old business to discuss.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver stated that the City was planning to purchase a Gradall for the purpose of clearing the ditches on road and street right-of-ways. He stated that the purchase would be made from Cope Equipment for a cost of \$65,000. He also stated that the equipment included in the City's 2016 budget. Attorney Bill Pickett stated that he would provide the City with a written opinion allowing that the Gradall could be purchased with the 2008 SPLOST funds. Following discussion, Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the purchase of the Gradall from Cope Equipment for \$65,000. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Finance Director Lisa Hoyle and Police Chief Greg Lovell. Ms. Hoyle stated that the City was in need of two new police cruisers. She stated that one cruiser was budgeted for 2016, but near the end of 2015 the police department had crashed and totaled one of the cruisers and now was in need of a second. She stated that the City received approximately \$20,500 in insurance proceeds for the cruiser. The cost of the two cruisers would be approximately \$11,600 in excess of what was budgeted plus the insurance proceeds. Chief Lovell stated that it might be less depending on the equipment that could be salvaged from the crashed vehicle. Ms. Hoyle stated that the Police had budgeted for \$10,000 in building improvements that could be used instead to cover the cost. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to use the budgeted building improvements in addition to the insurance proceeds to cover the cost of the two police cruisers. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to go into executive session and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. The meeting was closed.

Councilmember John Foust made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. The meeting was reopened.

Mayor Weaver stated that no action was taken during executive session. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to give City Manager Weaver authority to make an offer on a piece of property on the north side of town in

an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion, motion carried by four votes in favor. Councilmember Allison Boyle voted against.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of January 2016.

Lonnie Waters was gave the animal control report for the month of January 2016.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of January 2016.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of January 2016.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular council meeting to be held March 7th, 2016.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director

AFFIDAVIT RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, John W. Weaver, who in his/her capacity of Mayor or the person presiding over the meeting of the Council of the City of Jasper, Georgia, and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on February 1, 2016, the Council voted to go into closed session and exclude the public from all or a portion of its meeting. The legal exceptions applicable to the exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting are as follows:


(check or initial as appropriate)

- Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, periodic evaluation, or rating of a government officer or employee.
- Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or threatened litigation, claims, administrative proceedings or settlements. [OCGA 50-14-2]
- Discussing the future acquisition of real estate. [OCGA 50-14-3(4)]
- Staff meetings for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law. [OCGA 50-14-3(1)]
- Tax matters made confidential by state law. [OCGA 50-14-2]
- Inspection of facilities under jurisdiction of the City. [OCGA 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Meeting with a governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the geographical jurisdiction of the City or such other agency and at which no final action is taken. [OCGA 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Other. (Explanation required.)

I certify that the subject matter of the closed meeting or the closed portion of this meeting was devoted to the matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.



City Clerk



Mayor

(seal)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of February, 2016.



Notary Public
Pickens County, State of Georgia

My Commission Expires: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
FEBRUARY 10, 2018