

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, February 2, 2015**

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Sonny Underwood  
Greg Lovell  
Steve Roper  
Jerry Blackwell

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey  
Shaddi Abusaid  
ETC Randy Southern  
Joe Walker  
Matt Bidwell  
Tim Ghorley

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

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

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

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the January 5, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized the City's IT consultant, Randy Southern with ETC, Andrew Cochran and Lisa Hoyle to discuss the purchase of three servers. Mr. Cochran explained that the City had tried to obtain quotes from three different sources other than ETC and the only company that would send a quote was Dell. The quote from Dell was \$619 less per server, but Ms. Hoyle explained that ETC had already put the time in to research the equipment requirements. Mr. Southern explained to Council how they had determined the City's server needs. Mr. Southern stated that City Hall was in danger of losing data if the server was not replaced soon and that ETC would handle receiving and installing the equipment. Following discussion, Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion that the City accept ETC's quote to purchase and install the necessary servers. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Police Chief Greg Lovell and the City's insurance representative Joe Walker to discuss roadway solicitation. Chief Lovell and Mr. Walker discussed with Council liability issues arising from the possibility of someone getting hurt on the roadway soliciting funds. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to suspend for one month all roadway solicitation to give the City time to study the issues and recommend a possible ordinance to be put in place. Discussion with Council followed. Mayor Weaver assigned the City's public safety committee chairman Allison Boyle along with Councilmember John Foust, Chief Lovell and with advisement from City Attorney Bill Pickett to work together to come up with a plan on how the City should handle roadway solicitation in the future. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to suspend roadway solicitation for a month to give the Safety Committee time to come up with a plan to mitigate the City's liability. Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits to present the City's health insurance renewal for the April 2015 - March 2016 enrollment period. Mr. Bidwell stated that the group health insurance would have an increase of 5.18 percent and the group dental insurance would increase 3.6 percent. See attached document with presented plans. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the recommendation to offer employees three graduated plans with Blue Cross Blue Shield along with the proposed dental insurance renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Matt Bidwell to present to Council coverage of City Attorney Bill Pickett under the City's health/dental plan. Mr. Bidwell stated that the only requirement for the City to be able to cover Mr. Pickett is that he receives either a W-2 or 1099 from the City and that he spend an average of 30 hours or more weekly on City work. Following discussion, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to offer

the City Attorney the same health and dental insurance coverage that the City offers its other employees. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Tim Ghorley, Chairman of the Planning Commission to present the Jasper Planning Commission Report. Mr. Ghorley stated that on January 28, 2015 the Planning Commission heard a request for an annexation of Map and Parcel Number JA13-092 of .96 acres owned by Michelle Parks Mumaw located at 74 Georgianna Street be re-zoned from Commercial-2 (C-2) to Single Family Residential (R-1) property. Mr. Ghorley stated that the property owner had completed all required advertising, signage and public notices. Mr. Ghorley stated that it was recommended by the Jasper Planning Commission that the property be re-zoned as requested. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to re-zone Map and Parcel Number JA13-092 from C-2 to R-1 property. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jerry Blackwell to present to Council his recommendation on replacing the City's current street lighting with energy efficient LED lighting. Mr. Blackwell stated that the replaced lighting could save the City \$300 to \$400 monthly and would not use as much amperage leaving more for city events. Mayor Weaver stated that the City would need to go through a bid process on the replacement lighting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion for Mr. Blackwell to work with the financial department on obtaining specifications and bids on replacing current lighting with LED lighting. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present to Council a Resolution for the capital lease for a Chevrolet Tahoe ordered in 2014 for the Police Department. Ms. Hoyle stated that the lease is being drawn up by GMA and the resolution is a required part of the lease. Ms. Hoyle read the resolution to Council. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver stated that Jack Dunn had resigned from the Pickens County Board of Health. Mayor Weaver stated that Mary Ghorley had offered to replace Mr. Dunn and it was his recommendation to replace Mr. Dunn with Ms. Ghorley. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept Mayor Weaver's recommendation to appoint Ms. Ghorley to the Pickens County Board of Health. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of January 2015.

Lonnie Waters was not present to give the animal control report for the month of January 2015.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of January 2015.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of January 2015.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA.

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 meeting on March 2, 2015.



John W. Weaver  
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director