

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 7, 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
Amy Leake
Donna Torres
Jackson Leake
Sierra Stanfield
Andres Torres
Shyler Denon
Folsom Proctor
Shanei Macom
Alex Lemieux
Meredith Miller
Brianna Lingerfelt

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He requested Lonnie Waters 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 Allison Boyle made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver noted that Councilmember Tony Fountain was absent for the approval of the Agenda.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain arrived for the meeting. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver stated that he wished to recognize members of the Downtown Alliance and Chamber. Also Mayor Weaver recognized members of Youth Leadership Pickens who 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 recognized Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits to present the City's health insurance renewal for the April 2016 - March 2017 enrollment period. Mr. Bidwell stated that the group health insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield would have an increase of 13.73 percent and the group dental insurance would increase 8.01 percent over the prior year. See attached document with presented plans. It was noted that the City had budgeted for a 12% increase in group health coverage. Mr. Bidwell stated that he had also obtained a quote from AETNA and the quote was somewhat higher. Mr. Bidwell also stated that he did not obtain quotes from other companies as they required a detailed health questionnaire from each employee prior to quoting a price. Discussion followed. Councilmember John Foust 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 B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present to council a Resolution required to renew the City's Section 125 plan. Following the reading of the resolution, Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the Resolution, Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under New Business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council an application for reduced water/sewer rates for approval. Following review by Council, councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the application and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

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

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

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

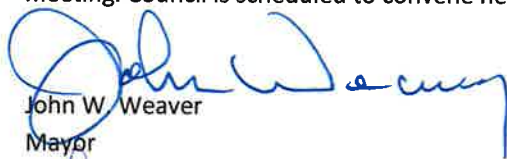
Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of February 2016.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities.

Mayor Weaver recognized Amy Leake to give an update on the Downtown Alliance activities.

Mayor Weaver stated that the City had signed a contract for the property approved for purchase at the February 1, 2016 meeting.

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 April 4th, 2016.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director