

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 6, 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
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Lisa Pritchard
Wayne Tidwell
Jerry Steele
Jack Short
Dan Westbrook
Lamar Frady
Evelyn Williams
Ginny Painter
John Sneve

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 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. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. 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 March 2, 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 Attorney Bill Pickett to present the first reading of ordinance Chapter 78, Section 55: Solicitation of contributions, employment or business. Ordinance read as follows:

78-55 Solicitation of contributions, employment or business

No person shall stand on a highway or a city street or a road for the purpose of soliciting employment, business or contributions from the occupant of any vehicle. The maximum fine for violation shall be no more than \$500.

Following discussion with Council, Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to accept the ordinance as read as the first reading. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jerry Steele with the Pickens County Sportsman's Club to present to Council dates of the Kids Fishing Rodeo at Cove Creek. Mr. Steele stated that the dates of the Rodeo would be May 7 through 9, 2015, and requested permission from Council to use the Cove Creek property for the event on those dates. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve Cove Creek Property to be used for the Kid's Fishing event May 7 through 9, 2015. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion and Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Mayor Weaver stated that the City appreciated the efforts and time put into the event. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Evelyn Williams and Ginny Painter with the Jasper Merchants Association. Ms. Williams presented to Chief Greg Lovell an envelope containing \$2,390 as a contribution in addition to the previous contribution of \$9,510 to be used to purchase new bulletproof vests for the Police Department. Ms. Williams and Ms. Painter then presented a plaque to Chief Lovell in honor of the City Maxine Moore's son, Dan Westbrook, in honor of Ms. Moore and listed on the plaque were names of the donors who made contributions in honor of Ms. Moore.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Tim Ghorley to give a report of the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Ghorley stated that on March 24, 2015 the Planning Commission heard a request from Mountain Express Oil Company to annex Parcel 041-047 of 1.424 acres located at 1745 Highway 53 West into the City as Commercial-2 ("C-2") zoning. Mr. Ghorley stated that the property owner had completed all required

advertising, signage and public notices and there were no letters or calls of opposition. Mr. Ghorley stated that it was recommended by the Jasper Planning Commission that the property be annexed as requested. Mayor Weaver stated that the City had received one letter of opposition due to traffic congestion in that area. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to annex Parcel 041-047 into the City as C-2 property. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

Item D under new business, Sonny Underwood presented an application for selling alcohol (Beer and Wine) by the drink from J Town Grille. Mr. Underwood stated that there was nothing in the background check of the owners that would prevent them obtaining an alcohol license, therefore they are requesting permission to continue the application process. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item E under new business, Sonny Underwood presented an application for selling alcohol (Beer and Wine) by the package from Shyaman 1 Convenience Store. Mr. Underwood stated that there was nothing in the background check of the owners that would prevent them obtaining an alcohol license, therefore they are requesting permission to continue the application process. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sonny Underwood gave Council an update on new businesses opening in the City.

Item F under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized David Hall to present to Council bids received for an expansion of the lift station at Indian Forest. Mr. Hall stated that the lift station had reached its maximum capacity and that a wet well addition was necessary. Mr. Hall stated that he had obtained two bids: \$5,122.00 from Oldcastle and \$5,748.50 from Foley Company. Mr. Hall stated he was satisfied using either company. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve the low bid purchase. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to approve the purchase and accept the low bid from Oldcastle. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item G under new business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council an application for reduced sewer/water rates for approval. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the application and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

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

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of March 2015.

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

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

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember John Foust made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on May 4, 2015.


John W. Weaver
Mayor

Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director