

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 2, 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
Chris Poje
Gerry Nechvatal
John Sneve
Max Caylor

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 Reverend Max Caylor 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 Jim Looney made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Police Chief Greg Lovell to discuss the speeding issues on Ridgewood Road. Chief Lovell stated that since the State would not permit that road for speed detection device use, the only solution to stop speeding and make that road safe is to install speed breakers. Discussion followed. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to install no less than three and no more than four speed breakers on Ridgewood Road. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Assistant Fire Chief Von Headrick and Chris Poje from G. Ben Turnipseed Engineering to discuss the costs of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Generators. Mr. Headrick stated that the cost of the generators had increased over the estimated cost, as well as the cost stated on the grant due to the fact that the grant process began in 2014 and prices had increased in 2015 and 2016. He also stated that the generator for the water pollution control plant had been upsized from 175kw to 230kw due to fact that there had been upgrades at the plant resulting in the need for increased power at that location. The original amount of the project was estimated at \$361,231 with the City being responsible for 15% of that cost. The low bid for this project is \$403,629 – an increase of \$42,399 for the generators only. He explained that this cost does not include the cost of engineering assistance. He stated that once the bid is approved by Mayor and Council, he can resubmit the bid packet to FEMA for additional funding, providing there is money available. Discussion followed. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to allow for Assistant Fire Chief Headrick to return to FEMA to request additional funds to pay for the generators and installation. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Poje with G. Ben Turnipseed Engineering to present to Council the results of the April 12, 2016 bid opening for the generator project as discussed under Item A. Mr. Poje stated that his firm had certified the bids and recommend the low bidder Caldwell Electrical Contractors, Inc. at a total bid of \$403,629. The tabulation of all bids is as follows:

Caldwell Electrical Contractors, Inc., Gainesville, GA	\$ 403,629
Capital City Electrical Services, Inc., Norcross, GA	\$ 485,723
DPS-IMS, Inc., Oxford, GA	\$ 487,200
Signal Point Systems, Kennesaw, GA	\$ 499,868
Lanier Contracting Co., Suwanee, GA	\$ 521,995

Mr. Poje stated that his firm had checked references on the low bidder Caldwell and felt comfortable recommending this company for the generator project. Mayor Weaver read a resolution to award the contract to

Caldwell Electrical Contractors at \$403,629. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the 2015 Budget Amendment to Council for approval. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the amendment. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Ms. Hoyle to present to Council for approval, the closing of the 2008 SPLOST account at Community Bank of Pickens. Ms. Hoyle stated that the monies had been spent from this account and there was no longer a need to keep this bank account open. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to close the 2008 SPLOST bank account. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Ms. Hoyle to present to Council a resolution required to be approved for the lease purchase of the two new Ford Explorers for the police department. Ms. Hoyle stated that the vehicle purchases had previously been approved by Council and this resolution was required in order to finalize the lease documents. Ms. Hoyle stated that the lease amount would be \$42,401 at an interest rate of 3.35% payable monthly over a period of three years. Ms. Hoyle read the resolution. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the resolution for the lease-purchase of the two vehicles. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present to Council the results of the April 13, 2016 bid opening for the Hood Park/Arbor Hills paving project. Mr. Waters stated that the bid tabulation is as follows:

Bartow Paving Company	\$ 255,346.32
Blount Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 242,675.65
C.W. Matthews Construction Company	\$ 266,242.77
Johnson Paving, LLC	\$ 208,850.89
Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc.	\$ 245,727.75

Mr. Waters stated that the low bid was \$208, 850.89 from Johnson Paving, LLC and that the City has used this contractor on previous paving projects. Mr. Waters stated that the City has been satisfied with Johnson Paving's work in the past. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the low bidder Johnson Paving for the Hood Park/Arbor Hills paving project. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver stated that he wished to table the approval of a side-arm bush hog until the next meeting. No action taken.

Item H under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Director of Planning and Zoning. Mr. Underwood presented to Council a recommendation from the Planning Commission's April 27, 2016 public hearing. Mr. Underwood stated that the Planning Commission had recommended for approval from City Council a request from Donald and Linda Lingerfelt to annex Parcel 041-017 of 9.56 acres owned by Mr. and Ms. Lingerfelt located at 91 Clarence Street into the City as general commercial (C-2) zoning. Mr. Underwood stated that there had been no letters or other notice of opposition and that the re-zoning request was advertised in the local paper, the County had been notified, a sign was placed on the parcel and all neighbors within 200 feet or directly across the road of this parcel were sent a notice informing them of the request and of the April 27, 2016 Planning Commission public hearing. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to annex Parcel 041-017 into the City as C-2 zoning. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion. Discussion followed. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item I under New Business, Sonny Underwood presented an application for selling alcohol (Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits) by the package from a Mr. Patel the purchaser of Trouts Package Stores. Mr. Underwood stated that the background check on Mr. Patel was not yet received from the State, but he is requesting that the Council approve permission to continue the application process pending that upon receipt of the background check, there is nothing that would prevent him from obtaining an alcohol license. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the continuance of the license application, pending the background check comes back satisfactory. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item J under New Business, Mayor Weaver presented for Council's approval, a resolution that would provide a revision to the City's sick leave policy which would rescind the portion of the policy allowing for a sick bank. Mayor Weaver stated that the City's sick leave policy without the sick bank was more than adequate, allowing for eight and a half hours leave accrual per month, accumulating up to 240 hours for each employee. Mayor Weaver read the resolution. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the resolution which removes the portion of the policy providing for a sick bank. Councilmember Allison Boyle 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 April 2016.

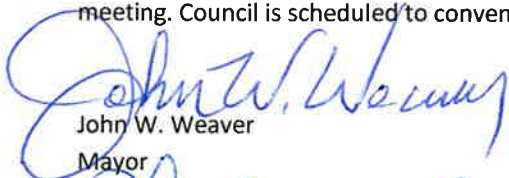
Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of April 2016. Mr. Waters also gave a report on the upcoming paving projects in the City.

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

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of April 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 June 6, 2016.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director