

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 7, 2018

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Dr. Sonny Proctor

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Steve Roper
Greg Lovell
Sonny Underwood
Lonnie Waters
Jim Looney

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
Robert Keller

Members Absent:

Tony Fountain

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Larry Cavender

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. Councilmember John Foust asked if the Mayor could add executive session to discuss a potential lawsuit. Mayor Weaver added the executive session as item P under New Business. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the executive session. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver asked that it be noted that Councilmember Tony Fountain was absent from the meeting.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the April 2nd, 2018 regular meeting. Councilmember John Foust 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 Councilmember Sonny Proctor to give an update on the Perrow/Roper/Pool property. Councilmember Proctor stated he had been looking at designs for restrooms on the property.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Planning and Zoning Director, to present an alcohol license application to Council for approval. He informed Council that Emdadul Choudbury, manager of the Exxon convenience store located at 1757 Highway 53 West had completed the application process and the required advertising had been met, but there was a problem with the fingerprints and the City was still waiting on the results. Mr. Underwood stated that the City could issue a temporary license for 90 days. City attorney Bill Pickett stated that in his opinion the City should wait on the fingerprint results. No action taken.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Robert Keller to present to Council ideas for a bird observation/sanctuary for Doris Wigington Park. Following his presentation, Mayor Weaver stated that the City should form a committee consisting of Councilmembers John Foust and Anne Sneve to bring back to council suggestions as to as to how to proceed with the park.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Chief Greg Lovell to present to council the need for a new fingerprint scanner for the police department. He stated that the cost would be \$1,500. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to purchase the scanner. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jim Looney to present for council's approval a failure to appear fee for municipal court. He stated that the court clerk had recommended that the City charge a \$50 fee for failure to appear in court. Attorney Bill Pickett stated that in his opinion the City could not charge the fee without a due process hearing. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to table the decision until more research could be obtained by the clerk of court. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present to council the need for a water line replacement from Appalachian Court to Twin Mountain Lake. He stated that the low bid on the pipe was from Core and Main at \$45,983, but that David Hall, Water & Sewer Superintendent had recommended that we use Consolidated Pipe and Supply at a cost of \$47,117. He stated that in the past we had paid Core and Main for equipment and had not received it. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to table the purchase until Mr. Hall could appear before council and explain the situation. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present for council's approval holiday lighting for the area next to Wingsology. Mr. Looney recommended the City spend \$12,500 on the lighting. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to spend \$12,500 on lighting. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to request approval for air conditioning units for City hall. He stated the cost of the units would be \$4,400. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the expenditure. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to request approval to pay the Carl Vinson Institute to find and interview a new City manager. He stated the fee would be \$9,487.50 for the search and \$1,500 per day for interviews. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Looney had there been any thought put into the City finding their own manager and the council conducting interviews. Mayor Weaver stated the citizens had elected council to take care of City's business and that he felt that was a lot of money to spend on something that the City could do on its own. Mr. Looney stated that using the Institute would be more transparent. Mr. Looney stated that the Institute would interview council to find out what were the needs and also determine the salary. Mayor Weaver asked would this be conducted in an open meeting. Mr. Looney stated that no it would be done individually. Mayor Weaver stated he thought we had this word called transparency. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made a motion to approve using Carl Vinson Institute to find a City manager. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present to council a request from Pickens Arts and Cultural Alliance to use the City's greenspace on the second Saturday in August for the second annual Cornbread Reunion event. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item I under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present to council a request from the Pickens Chamber of Commerce to have a wine tasting at an event council earlier approved on Main Street on the second of June. He recognized Gerry Nechvatal who stated that local wineries would be present and that the first step in getting a state permit was getting approval from City council. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the wine tasting. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item J under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present to council a request from the Pickens Chamber of Commerce to also have a wine tasting at the Bike Ride Across Georgia event that council earlier approved on the fourth of June. He stated that the same state permit could be used as the permit is good for three days. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the wine tasting. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item K under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the 2017 Budget Amendment to Council for approval. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the amendment. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item L under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood to present a report from the Planning Commission. Mr. Underwood stated that a meeting had been held on April 17, 2018 to hear a request from JPM Outlook LLC to have parcel JA07 034 of 9.62 acres rezoned from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-3 (Multi-Family). Mr. Underwood stated that the Commission voted to table the request until further information concerning traffic and recreation was provided. Mr. Underwood stated that since that date, he had received a letter from JPM Outlook LLC withdrawing the request.

Item L under New Business, Mayor Weaver called upon City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to present for council's review a reduced rate application. Ms. Hoyle stated that the applicant qualified for the reduced water/sewer rates. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the application. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Item N under New Business, Mayor Weaver read a Resolution for the purpose of authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Pickens County and the cities of Nelson and Talking Rock to adopt the 2018 Service Delivery Strategy Update (a copy of which is to be a part of these minutes). Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item O under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Attorney Bill Pickett to present to council an amendment to the City's alcohol ordinances to allow for breweries. Mr. Pickett stated that this would be a major change to the City's ordinances and suggested that council hold a work session to discuss. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion that council hold a work session Monday, May 14th. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item P under New Business Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a potential lawsuit issue. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver closed the meeting.

Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver brought the meeting out of executive session and reopened the meeting.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of April 2018.

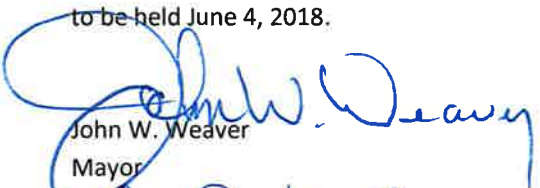
Lonnie Waters updated Council on roads.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of April 2018

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of April 2018.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA.

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular council meeting to be held June 4, 2018.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director