

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, July 10, 2017**

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver  
Jim Looney  
John Foust  
Dr. Sonny Proctor

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Steve Roper  
Greg Lovell  
Sonny Underwood  
David Hall  
David Buchanan  
Donnie Fowler  
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Terri Walters  
Lonnie Adams  
Gerry Nechvatal  
Mandalyn Waddell  
Amelia McIntyre  
Sowmini Ravula  
Larry Wilson

Members Absent:

Anne Sneve  
Tony Fountain

Legal Counsel:

Attorney 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. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver stated to let it be noted that Councilmembers Anne Sneve and Tony Fountain were absent from this meeting.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the June 5, 2017 regular meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A 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 Sowmini D. Ravula, the owner of Dunn's North Convenience Store, located at 170 Antioch Church Road had completed the application process and the required advertising had been met. The owner is now requesting that the application for a license to sell alcohol (Beer/Wine) by the package be approved. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the license. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized David Buchanan and Donnie Fowler from the fleet department to present to Council the need for the purchase of a skid steer. Mr. Buchanan had obtained two quotes, Mason Tractor revised their quote since last council meeting to \$62,420 and Nelson Tractor's quote of \$60,611 still stands. Finance Director Lisa Hoyle stated that this purchase would be financed as part of the GMA lease financing agreement that will also finance the other capital purchases of vehicles and equipment budgeted for 2017. She stated that the City would receive a special financing rate of 2.4% with this capital lease. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the purchase of the skid steer for the low bid of \$60,611 from Nelson Tractor, with the understanding that when the City does the budget next year, Council demand that a greater portion of the cost of health insurance be put on the employees of the City. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote of two to one. Councilmember John Foust voted against.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall. Mr. Hall stated that since the City had determined that Marble Hill well was not considered feasible, he is requesting that the \$25,000 approved for testing that well be designated to do a water test at Whitestone. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to move the water test from Marble Hill to Whitestone. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver stated that the City needed to appoint two people to serve on the Pickens County Library Board. He stated that it was his recommendation that Ann Roper and Bobby Edge be

appointed to the Board. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendations and Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Amelia McIntyre and Larry Wilson with the Pickens Arts and Cultural Alliance. Ms. McIntyre stated that she would like to approach the Georgia Department of Transportation about adding brown recreation destination signs with picnic tables/graphics for the City. She stated that she is asking Council's permission to move forward with this request. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to allow Ms. McIntyre to move forward with the destination signs. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McIntyre stated that the Pickens Arts and Cultural Alliance is requesting use of the Roper/Perrow property downtown to hold an art event August 12<sup>th</sup> and the second Saturday each month afterward through November from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to allow the Alliance to use the property for arts events for the second Saturday each month through November. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Jim Looney made a recommendation that a Committee be formed to determine the future of the Roper/Perrow property on Spring Street. Mayor Weaver stated that this would be addressed at the next regular council meeting.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized David Buchanan and Donnie Fowler from the fleet department to present to Council the need for the purchase of a sanitation truck. Mr. Buchanan had obtained two quotes, the lowest being \$135,000. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to the City.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of June, 2017.

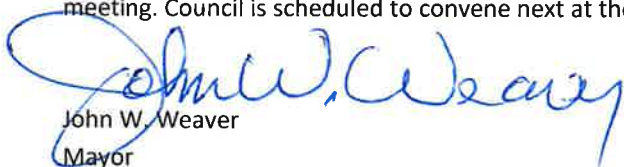
Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of June, 2017.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of June, 2017

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of June, 2017.

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 August 7, 2017.



John W. Weaver  
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director