

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 11, 2016

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Anne Sneve

Staff:

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

Guests in Attendance:

Eileen Steinhauer
Susan Piantedosi
Mike Piantedosi

Members Absent:

Tony Fountain

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 stated that Councilmember Tony Fountain was not able to attend this Council meeting due to illness.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Jim Looney asked if an item could be added under new business to discuss future Council workshops. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the June 6, 2016 regular meeting. Mayor Weaver asked that it be added to the minutes that executive session was for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmember Jim Looney abstaining as he was absent for the June 6 meeting and Mayor Weaver voting along with the remaining Council present.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Chief Steve Roper to present to Council an update on the Hazard Mitigation Grant for generators. Chief Roper stated that the cost had been revised and sent for FEMA's approval due to the price increase on the generators and engineering costs. Chief Roper stated that the revised project cost for all six generators is \$472,211, with a federal share of \$354,158, state share of \$47,221 and City share of \$70,832 (this is assuming that the entire cost is approved by FEMA/GEMA). In the original grant the City's share was \$54,185 of a total cost of \$361,231. No action taken.

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 Carlo Depizzo, who is opening Wingzology located at 61 North Main Street had completed the application process and the required advertising had been met. He stated that the background check had been received from the State since last meeting and that there were no disqualifying factors to prevent Mr. Depizzo from obtaining the alcohol license. He is now requesting that his application for a license to sell alcohol (Beer/Wine) by the drink be approved. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the license. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized David Buchanan and Lonnie Waters to present to Council their recommendation on a new tractor and bush hog. Mr. Buchanan stated that based on demonstrations by Nelson Tractor and Snead Ag, as well as observations of the same machine that is currently being used by the County, he recommended that the City purchase a 6105 John Deere tractor with side arm from Nelson tractor at a cost of \$115,000. Snead Ag's quote was higher at \$121,027 with 10 more horsepower. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion for the purchase of the equipment. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to purchase the tractor from Nelson pending the cab has roll-over protection. Discussion followed. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver again recognized David Buchanan and Lonnie Waters to present to Council their recommendation on the purchase of a 2003 Caterpillar Excavator (Cat 322 CCL) with a 60 foot boom.

Mr. Buchanan stated that the City is currently renting this equipment from Cope Equipment at a cost of \$5,000 per month, and if the Council approves, it could be purchased for \$75,000. Mayor Weaver stated that the machine would be used 60 percent for Roads (SPLOST) and 40 percent for the Water and Sewer Plants. Attorney Bill Pickett stated that the City could purchase this equipment using the two funds. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion for the purchase of the equipment. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to purchase the equipment with the City evaluating its current equipment to sell for surplus. Discussion followed. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present to Council the results of the July 11, 2016 bid opening for the Hood Road paving project. Mr. Waters stated that the bid tabulation is as follows:

Bartow Paving Company	\$ 439,653.68
Blount Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 388,686.75
C.W. Matthews Construction Company	\$ 402,164.34
Johnson Paving, LLC	\$ 379,978.71
Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc.	\$ 343,914.25

Mr. Waters stated that the low bid was \$343,914.25 from Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc. and that the City has used this contractor on a previous paving project. Mr. Waters stated that the City has been satisfied with Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc.'s work in the past. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the low bidder Northwest Georgia Paving Inc. at \$343,914.25 for the Hood Road paving project. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Jim Looney to open up discussion regarding the scheduling of Council workshops in the future. Councilmember Looney stated that work sessions would allow for Council to get better and more information on City activities. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion for the scheduling of Council workshops. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver stated that Council should contact his assistant to offer dates and times of availability. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of June 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 June 2016

Captain Randy Banks gave a report of fire activities for the month of June 2016.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular council meeting to be held August 1, 2016.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa J. Hoyle

City Clerk/Finance Director