

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 13, 2015

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Tony Fountain
Allison Boyle

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Sonny Underwood
Greg Lovell
Zeb McAllister
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
John Sneve
Jeff Hall
Fetch Your News
Kirk Raffield

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He requested Councilmember John Foust give the invocation. Councilmember Anne Sneve led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the June 1, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney 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 Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the 2014 Auditor findings. Ms. Hoyle read each finding and discussed how the finance department had responded to each finding. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the audited financial statements into the minutes. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under old business, Mayor Weaver presented to Council a transportation study outline to be used in the bidding process to obtain the downtown transportation enhancement study as discussed by the Downtown Alliance at last month's meeting. He stated that he wished to establish a committee including two city council members as well as members from the Downtown Alliance. Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to form the committee and appoint Councilmembers Anne Sneve and Allison Boyle to the committee. Following discussion, Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under old business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to explain why the City has not yet obtained additional quotes on the City Park baseball fields fence replacement. Mr. Waters stated that it had been difficult to obtain quotes and that there had been no advertisement in the paper requesting bids. Mayor Weaver stated that he wished to table any action until the next meeting so that the City could advertise for bids. No action taken by Council.

Item A under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Chief Deputy Jeff Hall of the Pickens County Sheriff's Office to present to Council the need for a renewed contract between the City and the County for the use of the Pickens County Jail. Chief Hall stated that this contract would allow the City to add 10% to each ticket issued and this money, as collected, would be sent to the County to cover the City's jail costs. Attorney Bill Pickett stated that he had reviewed the contract and recommended that Council approve. He also stated that this contract will alleviate the City's responsibility for the bonding process and would improve the City's court system. Following discussion by Council, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve the City's negotiation of the intergovernmental contract for Jail use. Councilmember John Foust made such motion and Councilmember Jim Looney seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present the tally of bids opened on July 9, 2015 for the paving of four miles of city streets including Hood Road, Old Federal Road, Lawson Avenue, Twin Oaks Trace and Gennette Drive (2014 SPLOST Project #2015-002). Mr. Waters read the contractor bids as follows:

Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc.	\$280,636.25
Bartow Paving Company, Inc.	\$276,170.45
Blount Construction Company, Inc.	\$320,962.50
Johnson Paving, LLC	\$269,763.75

Mr. Waters stated that Johnson Paving, LLC who was the apparent low bidder, meets all specifications and bonding requirements. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the City to contract with the low bidder Johnson Paving, LLC. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item C under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Attorney Bill Pickett to present to Council the first reading of an ordinance amendment. Mr. Pickett stated that this would amend as follows: Amend Article V, Section 94-81 Permitted and Conditional Uses by District to add Airport and Airport Services with hangers and fuel to Permitted uses Sec 94-81 as C-2 (General Commercial) and M-1 (General Industry). Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept this as the first reading. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D under new business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council an application for reduced water/sewer rates for approval. Following review by Council, councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the application and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

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

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

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

Lt. Zeb McAllister gave a report of fire activities for the month of June 2015.

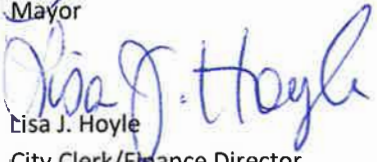
Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities.

Mayor Weaver discussed the upcoming car show (Jasper Cruise-In) and updated Council on what the City street department had been working on downtown.

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 meeting on August 10, 2015.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director