

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 10, 2015

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Sonny Underwood
Greg Lovell
Randy Banks
Lonnie Waters
David Hall

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
John Sneve
Jeff Hall
Wayne Tidwell
Alysson Woody
Ben Turnipseed

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 Tony Fountain 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 July 13, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under old business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present the tally of bids opened August 6 for the City Park baseball fields fence repair and replacement. Mr. Waters stated that the City had advertised in the paper for bids and only received one bid. The bid received was from Ricky Weaver at \$8,918.41. Mr. Waters discussed with Council what the repairs will involve and stated that the City would purchase the materials to be used. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the bid and approve the fence work to be done at \$8,918.41 and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under old business, Mayor Weaver recognized Attorney Bill Pickett to present the second reading of ordinance amendment to Chapter 94, Article V, Section 94-81 add: AIRPORT AND AIRPORT SERVICES WITH HANGERS AND FUEL to Sec 94-81permitted uses as C-2 (General Commercial) and M-1 (General Industry). Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to adopt the ordinance as read. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Alysson Woody with JYSA. Mayor Weaver stated that the Mayor's Golf Tournament fundraiser for JYSA was a success. Mayor Weaver then presented a check for \$6,000 to JYSA as a contribution from the 2015 Mayor's Golf Tournament. Ms. Woody thanked the City for the contribution.

Item B under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Sonny Underwood to give a report of the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Underwood stated that at the June 20, 2015 Planning Commission meeting, Pickens County had requested to annex Parcel 041-081-001 of 21.8 acres located at upper Salem Church Road into the City as Commercial (C-2) and General Industry (M-1) zoning. Mr. Underwood stated that there had been no letters or other notice of opposition and that the request was advertised in the local paper, 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 June 20, 2015 Planning Commission public hearing. Mr. Underwood stated that it was recommended by the Jasper Planning Commission that the property be annexed as requested. Mayor Weaver stated that the annexation was part of the efforts of Pickens County to obtain a grant for the airport industrial park pump station. Following discussion, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to annex Parcel 041-081-001 into the City as C-2 and M-1 property. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

Item C under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water Plant Supervisor David Hall and Ben Turnipseed of G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers to discuss two new project proposals for council approval. Mr. Turnipseed stated that the City needs to increase both its ground water withdrawal permit from 1.0 million to 1.3 million and its operating permit to increase the City's permitted water from 2.0 million gallons per day to 2.3 million gallons per day. Mr.

Turnipseed stated that the cost for the engineering services needed would be between \$10,000 and \$25,000 not to exceed \$25,000. Following discussion, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the City contract with G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers for this project and Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Also under Item C, Mr. Turnipseed stated that permits are necessary to dredge the City's raw water intake Cove Creek to remove sediment. He stated that permits would be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Completion of this scope of work will require G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers and Corblu Ecology Group to work together on behalf of the City. Mr. Turnipseed estimates his engineering services would not exceed a cost of \$24,000 and Corblu Ecology Group's proposal is for a flat fee of \$7,400. He estimates that the work will take six months to complete. Following discussion with Council, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to accept these proposals and proceed with the project. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present for Council's approval, revisions to be made to the City's Capital Outlay Policy. Ms. Hoyle stated that the auditors had suggested that the policy be revised to clarify how the City will capitalize infrastructure in the future. It also clarifies how road infrastructure will be capitalized. Additionally, the revision sets new capitalization thresholds of \$5,000 (increased from \$2,500) for all capital assets other than infrastructure and \$25,000 for infrastructure. All land is capitalized. Following discussion, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion on the revised policy. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion that Council approve the revised capital asset policy. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present to Council a Resolution for the capital lease for emergency extrication equipment purchased for the fire department. Ms. Hoyle stated a three-year lease in the amount of \$39,593 at 3.34% is being drawn up by GMA and the resolution is a required part of the lease. Captain Randy Banks of the fire department gave Council a demonstration of the equipment. Ms. Hoyle read the resolution to Council. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Item F under new business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council applications for reduced water/sewer rates for approval. Mayor Weaver stated that the City was going to do an audit of customers receiving reduced rates. Following review by Council, councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the applications and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item G under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present the tally of bids opened August 6 for the Striping of the first two SPLOST paving projects amounting to approximately 4.5 miles. Mr. Waters stated that the City had advertised in the paper for bids and only received one bid. The bid received was from Parker Striping at \$10,821.88. Mr. Waters discussed with Council what streets would be striped. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to accept the bid and approve the Parker Striping at \$10,821.88 and Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H under new business, Lonnie Waters presented to Council for acceptance into the City the roads at the Cottages at Hood Park. Mr. Waters stated that the City plans to pave these roads as part of the Project No. 2015-005 South Quadrant (17 streets) project bid package to be opened on August 28th. Mayor Weaver stated that the roads already have base paving which will reduce paving cost as these roads are ready for asphalt. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to accept the roads at Hood Park into the City. 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 July 2015.

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

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

Captain Randy Banks gave a report of fire activities for the month of July 2015.

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 meeting on September ~~14~~ 9, 2015.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director