

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2016

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Anne Sneve

Staff:

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

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
Downtown Alliance
Kimley-Horn
Rev. Max Caylor
Luke Copeland
Cathy East, Courtware
Other interested parties

Members Absent:

Tony Fountain

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m. He requested Reverend Max Caylor give the invocation. Councilmember Jim Looney led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver stated that Councilmember Tony Fountain was not able to attend this Council meeting.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition to discuss a planning session for Council. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Mayor Weaver stated that the addition would be added to the Mayor's reports section of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the August 1, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Chief Steve Roper to present an update to Council on the Hazard Mitigation Grant for the emergency generators. Chief Roper stated that GEMA was still waiting on approval from FEMA for the additional costs. No action taken.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Attorney Bill Pickett to present the first reading of the amendment to Chapter 10, Article IX Sales for Consumption on Premises, Section 10-309, paragraph (c) to change the food to alcohol ratio from 75/25 to 50/50. See attached ordinance change as read by Attorney Pickett. No action required.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized representatives from Kimley-Horn to present to Council an update on the traffic study. No action taken.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Luke Copeland. Mr. Copeland stated he now owns land located at Mineral Springs and Main Street. He stated that the former owners of this property had deeded a portion of this land to the City for use as a street. He stated that the City has never used this property. He asked that the City deed the property over to himself as owner. Attorney Bill Pickett stated that the City has no need for this land and it is not appropriate for use as a city street. A map of this property is attached to these minutes as reference. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion that the City change the deed to this land to reflect Luke Copeland as the owner. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion; Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized employees Tonya Dutton and Andrew Cochran, as well as Cathy East with Courtware to present to Council their recommendation to switch from our current court and police management system to Courtware. Ms. Dutton stated that the contract would cost the City \$9.50 per ticket collected and that the expense would be paid from the City's Technology Surcharge fund. Following presentation, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve to contract with Courtware. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Attorney Bill Pickett to present the first reading of amendments to the following ordinances:

- Chapter 10 Article IX Sales for Consumption on Premises, Section 10-343
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- Chapter 74 Article V Hotel-Motel Excise Tax, Section 74-116 - paragraph (b)
- Chapter 74 Article III Ad Valorem Tax, Section 74-51 – paragraph (b)

Mr. Pickett stated that the reason for the amendments was the passing of House Bill 960, which changed the way that interest and penalty on delinquent tax is calculated. No action required

Item G under New Business, Finance Director Lisa Hoyle recommended to Council the proposed millage rate. She stated in order that the City not have a tax increase, the millage rate must be lowered from 4.69 mils to 4.683 mils. She is asking permission to advertise the proposed millage rate of 4.683. Mayor Weaver called for a motion to advertise the millage rate at 4.683. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Item H under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Gerry Nechvatal to discuss contract negotiations between the City and Trans-Radial Pictures, Inc. Mr. Nechvatal stated that the City has requested Trans-Radial pay \$7,000 for seven days use of Cove Creek area. Mayor Weaver stated that the City requested two changes in the contract in regard to the City's potential liability and location of legal proceedings (if applicable). Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to allow Mayor Weaver, City Attorney Bill Pickett and Mr. Nechvatal to negotiate the contract; and the Mayor to sign the contract with the changes as requested. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities. Mayor Weaver stated that the Mayor's Golf Tournament raised \$10,000 for JYSA and a check would be presented to them for that amount.

Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Jim Looney to open discussion for the next Council planning session. It was decided that September 29, 2016 be set as a tentative date for the next planning session. Council members were asked to check their calendars and City Hall would be in touch to set up the meeting.

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 October 10, 2016.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director