

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Sonny Underwood
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnie Waters
David Hall
Jerry Blackwell
Von Headrick

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
John Sneve
Lisa Pritchard
Paul Pitkins

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 Allison Boyle led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember John Foust 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 August 10, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no old business to discuss.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Paul Pitkins with Valic Financial Advisors, Inc. Mr. Pitkins presented to Council the Valic Deferred Compensation Plan as a proposed additional option for employee retirement payroll deduction. Mr. Pitkins stated that there would be no cost to the City. Following the presentation, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to allow the City to add this payroll withholding option for the Valic 457(B) Deferred Compensation. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion. Discussion with Council followed. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Assistant Fire Chief Von Headrick, Water Plant Supervisor David Hall and Jerry Blackwell to present to council the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award that was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Assistant Chief Headrick stated that he had applied for this grant which would provide for four fixed generators and one portable generator to ensure continuity of critical water and wastewater services to the community. He stated that the total approved cost is \$361,231 with a federal share of \$270,923, state share of \$36,123 and a local share of \$54,185. Mr. Headrick, Mr. Hall and Mr. Blackwell expressed to Council the City's need for the generators and what the grant process involved. Mayor Weaver stated that the City would like to bid this out as one project and entertained a motion as such adding the recommendation that Council approve the City's required match. Councilmember Tony Fountain made such motion. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present the tally of bids opened on August 28, 2015 for the paving of seventeen city streets in the south quadrant of the City (2014 SPLOST Project #2015-005). Mr. Waters read the contractor bids as follows:

Blount Construction Company, Inc.	\$366,277.30
C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc.	\$377,227.24
Johnson Paving, LLC	\$319,189.86
Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc.	\$315,853.25

Mr. Waters stated that Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc., who was the apparent low bidder, meets all specifications and bonding requirements. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to accept the low bid. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to approve the City to contract with the low bidder Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc. Council

proceeded with discussion. Following discussion, Councilmember Jim Looney 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 August 2015.


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

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

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of August 2015.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on October 5, 2015.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director