

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 14, 2013

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Anne Morrow
Allison Brown

Members Absent:

Tony Fountain

Staff:

Tacie Williams
Michael Castagna
Greg Lovell
Lonnie Waters
Steve Roper

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
Dan McKeon
Wayne Tidwell

Press:

Dan Pool

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6 p.m. He requested John Foust give the invocation.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes of the December 3, 2012 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to adopt the minutes as read, and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Councilmember Jim Looney requested additional information is added to include the discussion of the Standard Tax Abatement Policy presented under the Economic Development Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes of the December 10, 2012 public hearing. Mayor Weaver asked that additional information be added to the minutes to include information about the contents of the hearing. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the minutes with that addition and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes of the December 17, 2012 called meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Attorney Bill Pickett to address Council regarding the Standard Abatement Policy discussed in the previous meeting. Mr. Pickett informed Council that he reviewed it and recommended Council adopting it. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the policy, and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Michael Castagna, Director of Planning and Zoning, to present an alcohol license application to Council for approval. He informed Council that the new owners of Jasper Café had completed the application process and are requesting their application for a beer/wine license be approved. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the license to serve beer and wine by the drink and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item C under Old Business, Michael Castagna requested approval for an alcohol license for Jasper BP on E Church Street. He informed Council that the new owners of the Jasper BP had completed the application process and are requesting their application for a beer/wine license be approved. Councilmember Allison Brown made a motion to approve a license to sell beer and wine by the package and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver turned the meeting over to Councilmember Jim Looney. Councilmember Looney opened the floor for nominations for City Manager for 2013. Councilmember

John Foust nominated John Weaver to continue to serve in that capacity and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the nomination. Nomination accepted by unanimous vote.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember John Foust nominated Councilmember Jim Looney to continue to serve in that capacity. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to close nominations. Councilmember Looney was elected to serve in that position for 2013.

Mayor Weaver asked that it be noted for the record that Councilmember Tony Fountain was not in attendance at the meeting.

Item C under New Business, Tacie Williams presented Mayor Weaver's appointments for 2013. See attached list. After Ms. Williams read the appointments, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the appointments, and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Tacie Williams presented to Council her recommendation for qualifying fee for candidates in 2013. She recommended it remain at the maximum allowed rate of \$35. Councilmember Allison Brown made a motion to accept Ms. Williams' recommendation, and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item E under New Business, Tacie Williams presented reduced rate applications. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to approve the applications and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item F under New Business, Michael Castagna presented an application for selling alcohol by the package from Main Stop Market. They are requesting permission to continue the application process. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to continue the process, and Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.


Finance Director Tacie Williams gave the financial report for the month of December 2012, as well as an update from the Clerk's office.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of December 2012.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of December 2012.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of December 2012.

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on February 4, 2013.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Tacie J. Williams
City Clerk/Finance Director