

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 6, 2014

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Anne Morrow
Allison Brown
Tony Fountain

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Michael Castagna
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Joe Walker
Nancy Quarles
Craig Meffert
Tim McGlaughlin
Tim Ghorley
Kevin Boyle
Ann Brown Gorly
Jack Hollis
Janet Mueller
David Lindsey, Pickens County
Probate Judge

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Christie Poole

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6 p.m. He requested Councilmember John Foust give the invocation. Councilmember Jim Looney led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before beginning the regular business of Council, Mayor Weaver turned the meeting over to City Attorney Bill Pickett for the swearing in of the newly re-elected councilmembers. Mr. Pickett asked Honorable Judge David Lindsey to administer the oath of office to Councilmembers Anne Morrow and Allison Brown.

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

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the December 2, 2013 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read, and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the December 9, 2013 public hearing. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the December 16, 2013 called meeting. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Craig Meffert and J.R. McGlaughlin with Onyx Developers to present to Council additional information regarding the donation of land acreage and \$50,000 to be used for a City Park. Mr. Meffert stated that a meeting had been set up with the Limestone Conservation Group in January in order to determine the exact acreage of the land to be donated to the City (but the meeting was postponed). He stated that hopefully they would have a final answer on the exact acreage to present to Council by the March regular meeting. Mr. Meffert also stated that the Limestone Conservation Group would retain the liability for the dam on the property. Mr. Meffert discussed the future plans for development of the land surrounding the area. No action was taken.

Item A under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Joe Walker with Pointnorth Insurance to discuss our upcoming liability insurance renewal. Mr. Walker stated that he obtained bids from three different insurers for our liability insurance. The Company that the City currently uses is moving away from covering small cities. Mr. Walker recommended that the City use Glatfelter Insurance based on their coverages and the fact that the annual premium is similar to what the City paid in 2013. Mr. Walker introduced Nancy Quarles with Public Entities of America to further discuss Glatfelter's liability coverages with Council. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion

to accept the low bid of Glatfelter Insurance for the City's upcoming liability insurance renewal and Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Tim Ghorley, Chairman of the City of Jasper Planning Commission. Mr. Ghorley presented the recommendation from the Commission to deny the re-zoning of Parcels 053KD-031.001 of .87 acres, 053D-032 of 3.12 acres and 053D-032.001 of 1.1 acres from C-2 (Commercial) to M-1 (Light Industrial). Following discussion, Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Commission, and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver turned the meeting over to Councilmember Jim Looney. Councilmember Looney opened the floor for nominations for City Manager for 2014. Councilmember John Foust nominated John Weaver to continue to serve in that capacity and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the nomination. Nomination accepted by unanimous vote.

Item D 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 Tony Fountain seconded the motion to nominate Jim Looney. Mayor Weaver stated that since there were no other nominations, he would like to entertain a motion to approve Jim Looney to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2014. Councilmember Tony Fountain made such motion and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed with four votes in favor. Councilmember Jim Looney abstained from voting.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver presented his appointments for 2014. For the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mayor Weaver recommended that Cheryl Dean be reappointed for a three year term. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to accept the appointment, and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. For the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, Mayor Weaver recommended that Paul Pitkins be re-appointed for a three year term. Councilmember Allison Brown made a motion to accept the appointment and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. For the Downtown Development Authority, Mayor Weaver recommended that himself, Mike Denson and Kirk Garner be re-appointed for a six year term. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to accept the recommendation and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. For the City of Jasper Tree Board, Mayor Weaver recommended that Martha Pool and Chuck Payne be reappointed for a four year term. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to accept the recommendation and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. For the Jasper Housing Authority, Mayor Weaver recommended that Don Boggus be re-appointed for the term September 1, 2013 through September 1, 2018. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to accept the recommendation and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mayor Weaver read the following recommendations for the Council Committees:

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| Finance Committee | Jim Looney
John Foust |
| Water Committee | Tony Fountain |
| Public Safety | Allison Brown |
| Streets | Anne Morrow |
| Parks | John Foust
Anne Morrow |
| JYSA Liason | John Foust |

Councilmember Allison Brown made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendations for Council Committees and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item F under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized the Finance Committee to present the recommendation for Independent Auditor for the years ended 2013, 2014 and optional 2015 financial statement audits. Councilmember Jim Looney recommended that Council accept the low proposal of Rushton and Company and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item G under new business, Michael Castagna presented an application for selling alcohol (Distilled Spirits) by the drink from JD's Country Cooking & Tavern. They are requesting permission to continue the application process. It was noted that they have already obtained an alcohol license to sell beer and wine by the drink. Councilmember

Jim Looney made the motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of December 2013.

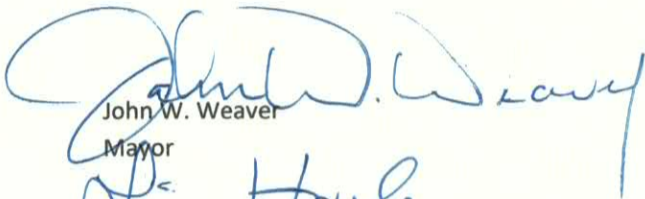
Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of December 2013.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of December 2013.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of December 2013.

Mayor Weaver gave the Council an update on the status of Doris Wiggington Park. Mr. Weaver stated that the park is complete except for some signage and that people are already using the park. Mr. Weaver stated that plans are to schedule the grand opening in January.

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the Regular Meeting on February 3, 2014.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director