

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, October 10, 2011**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

none

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Staff:

Tacie Williams  
Lonnie Waters  
Greg Lovell  
Steve Roper  
Michael Castagna  
Sonny Underwood  
Bill Newton

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Guests in Attendance:

Gage Bennett  
Athan Bennett  
Mark Bennett  
Mari Livsey

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He requested Lonnie Waters give the invocation.

Mayor Weaver asked that it be noted in the minutes that Councilman Foust was not present.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Weaver recognized two members of the Young Marines Program, Gage and Athan Bennett, to address Council regarding Red Ribbon Week. After a brief presentation, Mayor Weaver read the proclamation prepared by the City for Red Ribbon Week.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes from the September 7, 2011 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Anne Morrow made a motion to accept as read, and Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams then read the minutes of the September 27, 2011 called meeting. Councilwoman Allison Ballew made a motion to accept as read, and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Under Old Business, Finance Director Tacie Williams presented the information on the proposed tank site on Liberty Lane for the new elevated water tank. She explained this was the new location for the tank originally planned for Allred Mill Road. She was asking authorization to accept the contract for \$86,100 for the property and close the transaction if accepted. Councilman Jim Looney made such motion, and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Councilman John Foust joined the meeting.

Under New Business, Ms. Williams presented to Council a resolution accepting the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Trail Grant. After reading the resolution, Councilman Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the resolution as read, and Councilman Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams requested that Council give her guidance as to whether the audit would be released for bids for 2011. Also, if released for bid, she asked that the length of the contract terms be determined. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to request bids for the 2011 audit and that the bid documents should state that it be a 2 year contract with an optional third year at the end. Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams and Chief Greg Lovell presented to Council a draft of the jail contract negotiated by the City staff and Sheriff Department staff. This would allow for an "add-on" fee to each citation issued by the City Police Department to be paid to the Sheriff Department in lieu of the daily fee paid when inmates incarcerated by the City are housed. Councilwoman Anne Morrow made a motion to enter into a one year contract once all of the negotiation points presented were resolved. Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Planning and Zoning Director Michael Castagna gave a report to Council from the Planning Commission. The Commission recommended that parcel JA02-090, owned by Kimberly Jarvis and Mary Bryant, consisting of 21.29 acres be rezoned from commercial-2 (C-2) to residential agriculture (RA). This parcel is located at 1504 Talking Rock Road. Councilman Looney recused himself from the vote in that he was chairman of the Planning Commission when this property was originally zoned C-2. Councilman Tony Fountain made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams requested that Council entertain a budget amendment for 2011 in order to allow the City to purchase equipment needed in the water construction crews. She explained that the water line replacements on Roland and Eaton Roads would not be done in 2011 due to time constraints on the crews, so there was an option to reallocate \$33,739 of the capital budget to the water supply department to purchase \$30,000 of vehicles and equipment. This consists of a 2001 Ford Truck, 2 axle trailer and Cat skid steer. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to make the budget amendment to reallocate the funds, and Councilman John Foust seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Then Councilman Looney made a motion to purchase the equipment in the amount of \$30,000 and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams and Sonny Underwood presented bids for new meter reading trucks. Ms. Williams explained that two vehicles were purchased for the meter reading department per the budget. However, the budget intent was to purchase three vehicles for that department. \$38,527 has been spent on the two trucks already, leaving \$6,473 for one remaining truck. She requested that Council reallocate \$33,222 West Burgess water line replacement project that will also not be completed in 2011 due to time constraints to the meter reading department to purchase one remaining truck at \$21,836. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to amend the budget by allocating \$15,363 of the capital budget for West Burgess water line to the meter reading department for the truck purchase. Councilwoman Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Anne Morrow made a motion to purchase the truck from Vernie Jones Ford for \$21,836 and Councilwoman Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams and Sonny Underwood presented bids for the replacement of the roof at the Wastewater Plant. The original budget for 2011 allows for replacing the roof for \$10,000. The lowest bid received was from Construction Services in the amount of \$13,400. Councilwoman Anne Morrow made a motion to accept the bid for the roof repair and Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to reallocate \$3,400 of the amount in the capital budget for demolishing the roof that will not be done in 2011 to the wastewater plant budget for the roof repair. Motion was seconded by Councilman John Foust. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Jim Looney asked Ms. Williams to explain the spreadsheet provided that shows the overall effect of the budget amendments approved so that everyone would have a clear understanding. (See attached summary of budget amendments presented for the record.)

Finance Director Tacie Williams gave the financial report for the month of September 2011, as well as an update from the Clerk's office.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of September 2011.

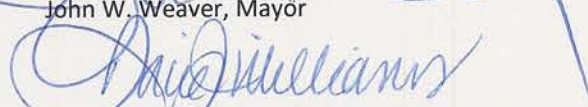
Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of September 2011.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of September 2011.

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on November 7, 2011.



John W. Weaver, Mayor



Tacie J. Williams, City Clerk/Finance Director