

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 7, 2014

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Sonny Underwood
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnie Waters
Andrew Cochran

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
John Sneye
Bryan Pritchard
Pam O'Dell

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Meagan Hurley

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

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Mayor Weaver stated that he was amending the agenda for two items: Item A under New Business should refer to Liberty Lane not Lance Road. Item E will be added to New Business for reduced rate application approval. Councilmember Jim Looney asked that the agenda be amended to add Item F to New Business to have Council discussion. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adopt the agenda with the three amended items. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the June 2, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Planning and Zoning Director, to present an alcohol license application to Council for approval. He informed Council that the new owners of Madeline's Café 7 Bakery had completed the application process and the required advertising had been met. They are now requesting that their application for a license to sell alcohol (Beer/Wine) by the drink be approved. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the license to sell distilled spirits by the drink and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Underwood also stated that the owners of Madeline's had also purchased a Caterer's license (the first to be issued by the City).

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Jim Looney to address the audit comments made by the City's Independent Auditors for the 2013 Financial Audit. Mr. Looney stated that he had reviewed the comments and he asked that management clarify how the City had responded. Following discussion, Jim Looney stated that it appeared that management had responded to all comments and no recommendations were necessary by Council. No action was taken by Council.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters and Andy Thompson (with Global Restorations) to discuss a water line installation from Liberty Lane Road to the Highland Rivers Facility. Mr. Thompson stated that Global Restorations was awarded the bid to remodel the Facility, which included the addition of a sprinkler system. He stated that the water line in place currently will not support the sprinkler system. Mr. Waters stated that the cost for materials only for a six inch line (necessary size for the fire protection) would be \$15,421. Mr. Waters stated that the cost of materials only for an eight inch line would be \$22,933. He stated that the cost for a six inch line (materials and installation) would be approximately the same as materials only for the eight inch line. Mayor Weaver made a recommendation that if Global and Highland Rivers agree to pay for the materials for the larger line, then the City would use its employees to install the larger line and there would be no installation cost to them. He stated that this would allow the City to tie in to Refuge Road and provide existing customers with more water pressure. Following discussion with Council, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve Global Restorations paying for materials and the City use its labor to install the line. Jim Looney made a motion to approve the water line installation, Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver asked Lisa Hoyle to explain to Council the details of the bank signature card change. Ms. Hoyle stated that the signature card change for United Community Bank, Community Bank of Pickens and Renasant Bank was necessary due to the fact that Michael Castagna had retired from his position and the City was replacing him on the signature cards with Chief Steve Roper. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve Chief Steve Roper to be added to the signature cards. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the signature card change, Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Police Chief Greg Lovell and Lt. Andrew Cochran to present to Council the request for approval of purchases from the Municipal Technology Fees Fund. Chief Lovell stated that the purchases were necessary as the computer system being used by the department is now eight to nine years old and in need of replacement. Lt. Cochran presented three different quotes for replacing the outdated computer system for the police department. Lt. Cochran recommends the quote from Dell Computers as it is the lowest quote at \$13,208. Following discussion with Council, Jim Looney made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer system from Dell, Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Attorney Bill Pickett to discuss plans for storm water control for the new Hardees business. Mr. Pickett stated that he has reviewed the plans submitted and they are incomplete. Mr. Pickett stated that this item will need to be tabled until a future date.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present to Council for review and approval two reduced rate applications. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to approve the rate reduction, Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver opened up the floor for Council discussion. Councilmember Jim Looney requested a date be set for a Council work session to discuss how the SPLOST funds will be spent. Mayor Weaver stated that he would schedule a meeting at a later date and inform Council and also announce to the general public and press.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.


Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of June 2014.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of June 2014.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of June 2014.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of June 2014.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adjourn. Council is scheduled to convene next at the Regular Meeting on August 4, 2014.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director