

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 4, 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

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
John Sneve
Phil Landrum
Al Lawson
Pam O'Dell
Charles & Theresa Meroney
Ithial Jones, Chapel Church

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Christie Poole

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6 p.m. He requested Lonnie Waters 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. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item E under New Business – Approval of SPLOST bank account opening. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item E and Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the July 7, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes.

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Planning and Zoning Director, to present the Jasper Planning Commission Report. Mr. Underwood stated that he was presenting the report for Tim Ghorley, Chairman of the Planning Commission. Mr. Underwood stated that on June 17, 2014, the Planning Commission heard requests for two parcels to be annexed into the city limits. Mr. Underwood informed the Council that the Planning Commission had recommended to approve that The Chapel Church at Map and Parcel Number 043B-071 of .88 cumulative acres located at 14 Caring Way be annexed into the City as C-2 (Commercial) property. Mr. Underwood stated that the property owners had completed all required advertising, signage and public notices. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to annex Map and Parcel Number 043B-071 into the city limits. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Underwood informed the Council that the Planning Commission recommended to approve that Map and Parcel Number JA15-088.001 of 1.5 cumulative acres located at 20 Nalley Drive owned by Charles Meroney be annexed into the City as R-1 (Residential) property. Mr. Underwood stated that the property owner had completed all required advertising, signage and public notices. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to annex Map and Parcel Number JA15-088.001 into the city limits. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present to Council for review and approval one reduced rate application. Ms. Hoyle stated that the applicant did not meet the income requirement and the Council had been sent a letter written by her family for review prior to this council meeting. Discussion by Council followed. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion not to approve the rate reduction, Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Attorney Phil Landrum and landowner Al Lawson to present two items for Council approval in connection with the Hardees construction. Attorney Landrum informed Council that the landowner wishes for the City to take Hazel Mosley Drive into its infrastructure as well as transfer ownership of the detention pond, including a ten foot easement from the detention pond to Hazel Mosley Drive. Jim Looney made a motion to allow Mayor Weaver to complete negotiations to transfer Hazel Mosley Drive to the City of Jasper. Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jim Looney made a motion to approve the transfer of the detention pond property as well as receive the ten foot of property for the

purpose of an easement to the City of Jasper. Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver stated that the City had tried to contact Jackie Cox unsuccessfully regarding her council meeting presentation, therefore, Mayor Weaver recognized Chief Steve Roper to explain to Council what the presentation was about. Mr. Roper stated that Ms. Cox was asking the City to hold a boot drive fundraiser to raise money for heart monitor equipment for the ambulances. This equipment would allow the hospital to see the heart monitor information gathered from the ambulance as the patient was being transported. No action was taken by Council.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present to Council approval of bank account opening for the SPLOST funds. Ms. Hoyle stated that a separate bank account must be set up for the use of SPLOST funds only. Mayor Weaver explained to Council that the County had contacted him regarding the SPLOST that began July 2008 and ended June 2014 and that the City would be receiving approximately \$105,000 from these remaining funds. Mayor Weaver made the recommendation that the account be opened at Community Bank of Pickens County. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve bank account opening, Councilmember John Foust 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 July 2014.

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

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

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

Mayor Weaver informed Council that two new mowers had been purchased during the month of July 2014. No action required by Council.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adjourn. Council is scheduled to convene next at the Regular Meeting on September 2, 2014.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director