

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 4, 2013**

Members Present:

Jim Looney  
John Foust  
Allison Brown  
Tony Fountain

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Michael Castagna  
Greg Lovell  
Lonnie Waters  
Von Headrick

Guest in Attendance:

Mari Livsey  
Gerry Nechvatal  
Tammy Thompson  
Mark Bennett  
Athan Bennett  
Gauge Bennett

Members Absent:

Anne Morrow  
Mayor John Weaver

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Looney called the meeting to order promptly at 6 p.m. He requested Lonnie Waters give the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Looney asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember John Foust 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 August 12, 2013 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read, and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Item A under New Business, Michael Castagna presented an application for selling alcohol by the drink from Lola's Bistro and Bar. They are requesting permission to continue the application process. Councilmember Allison Brown made the motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under New Business, Lisa Hoyle presented for review and approval a list of reduced rate applications. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the rate reduction and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item C under New Business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council that a change in the qualifying fee for candidates in 2013 be reduced from \$35 to \$25, the amount actually charged to the candidates by the County Registrar's Office. Councilmember Allison Brown made a motion to lower the qualifying fee to \$25, and Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Lonnie Waters presented Council with information regarding the 2014 proposed SPLOST. After discussion by Council, no action was taken.

Item E under New Business City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read a proclamation declaring the week of October 23 - 31, 2013 as Red Ribbon Week. Athan and Gauge Bennett were in attendance to explain the significance of Red Ribbon Week as they were the individuals that requested the proclamation as part of the Young Marine of the Marine Corps League program. Councilmember Allison Brown made a motion to approve the proclamation declaring the week of October 23 - 31, 2013 as Red Ribbon Week, Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

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

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

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

Assistant Chief Von Headrick gave a report of fire activities for the month of August 2013.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Looney announced that there will be no election requirement for the City Council for this year, as current Councilmembers up for re-election Anne Morrow and Allison Brown qualified with no opposition.

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on October 7, 2013.



Jim Looney  
Mayor Pro Tem



Lisa Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director