

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 1, 2011

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Tacie Williams
Lonnie Waters
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Michael Castagna

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Mitch Yeargin

Members Absent:

none

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

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

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

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes from the June 6, 2011 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Allison Ballew made a motion to accept as read, and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes from the July 11, 2011 regular council meeting. Councilwoman Anne Morrow made a motion to accept as read, and Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by four affirmative votes. Councilman Looney abstained as he was not in attendance at the July 11th meeting.

First item under New Business, Edgar Land with RL Jennings, CPAs presented the 2010 audit report to Council. He commended the City on completing the audit with a "clean opinion" or unqualified report. He reviewed the financial highlights of the report with Council, and reported that the audit report had been submitted timely to the state agency.

Second item under New Business, Tacie Williams presented the Truancy Ordinance Resolution, which conveyed the support of the City for the efforts made by the School Board and Pickens County to prevent absenteeism from school. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilman John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

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

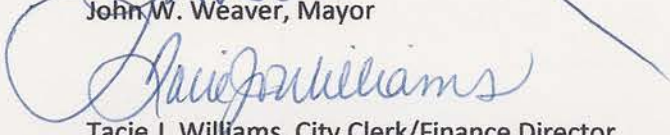
Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of July 2011. Mitch Yeargin from the Department of Natural Resources joined Mr. Waters to give a report of bear sightings and how to safely co-exist with the bears during this season, as a result of numerous calls received by Mr. Waters at the City.

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

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

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


John W. Weaver, Mayor


Tacie J. Williams, City Clerk/Finance Director