

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 3, 2011

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Tacie Williams
Michael Castagna
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
Joe Walker

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

None

Press:

Christie Pool

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

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilman Tony Fountain 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 of the December 6, 2010 regular meeting. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read, and Councilwoman Allison Ballew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams read the minutes of the December 9, 2010 public hearing. Councilman Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read, and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams read the minutes of the December 16, 2010 called meeting. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was no Old Business to address on the agenda.

First item under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Joe Walker with W.S. Pharr & Co. to present the quotes for liability & property insurance and workers compensation insurance. He presented a low bid of \$76,471 from Trident with the addition of an Accidental Death police from Chubb for \$1,200 for a total annual premium of \$77,671. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to accept Mr. Walker's recommendation for property and liability insurance and Councilman John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Second item under New Business, Mayor Weaver turned the meeting over to Councilman Looney for appointment of City Manager. Councilman Looney opened the floor for nominations. Councilman John Foust nominated Mayor John Weaver. Being no other nominations, Councilman Looney called for a vote. Mayor Weaver was appointed City Manager for 2011 by unanimous vote.

Third item under New Business, Mayor Weaver opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Allison Ballew nominated Councilman Jim Looney. Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the nomination. Being no other nominations, Mayor Weaver called for a vote. Passed with four affirmative votes, Councilman Looney abstained.

Fourth item under New Business, Mayor Weaver appointed Council Committees for 2011. Attached hereto.

Fifth item under New Business, Mayor Weaver recommended Cheryle Dean be reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, as her term expired in December 2010. Councilman Jim Looney made such motion and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sixth item under New Business, Mayor Weaver recommended Tim Ghorley be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals. This seat was formerly held by Sara Fowler, whose term expired in December 2010. Councilman Jim Looney made such motion, and Councilwoman Allison Ballew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Seventh item under New Business, Tacie Williams recommended setting 2011 candidate qualifying fees at \$35. Councilwoman Allison Ballew made such motion, and Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Last item under New Business, Tacie Williams presented a request to enter into a grant agreement with Pickens County for the upgrade of communication equipment for public safety per FCC regulations. Chief Steve Roper and Chief Greg Lovell explained to Council the necessity for such upgrade to not only stay in compliance with FCC regulations, but to also maintain communication capabilities with the 911 operations center. Ms. Williams explained that their best estimates at this point were a total expenditure of \$19,020 of which 35-40% would be reimbursed by the grant. Councilman John Foust made a motion to grant permission to enter into the grant contract with Pickens County and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Mayor and Council.

Finance Director Tacie Williams gave the financial report for the month of December 2010, as well as an update from the Clerk's office.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of December 2010.

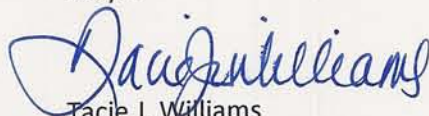
Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of December 2010.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of December 2010.

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



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Tacie J. Williams
City Clerk/Finance Director

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Three member board with 3 year overlapping terms.

Martha Pool	expires on 12/31/2011
Tim Ghorley	expires on 12/31/2012
Cheryle Dean	expires on 12/31/2013

Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals:

Three member board with 3 year overlapping terms.

John Unzicker	expires on 12/31/2011
Karen Proctor	expires on 12/31/2012
Tim Ghorley	expires on 12/31/2013

Downtown Development Authority of the City of Jasper:

Seven member board with 6 year overlapping terms.

Marty Callahan	expires on 12/31/2011
Chuck Payne	expires on 12/31/2011
John Weaver	expires on 12/31/2013
Mike Denson	expires on 12/31/2013
Kirk Garner	expires on 12/31/2013
Maxine Moore	expires on 12/31/2015
Martha Pool	expires on 12/31/2015

This board will serve as the board for all three development authorities registered for the City, i.e., DDA of Jasper, Jasper Development Authority and Industrial Development Authority.

City of Jasper Tree Board:

Five member board serving 4 year overlapping terms, with 2 ex-officio members appointed by the City Manager.

Kirk Garner	expires on 12/31/2011
Mike Denson	expires on 12/31/2011
Marty Callahan	expires on 12/31/2011
Martha Pool	expires on 12/31/2013
Chuck Payne	expires on 12/31/2013
Ex Officio Members:	Tacie Williams and John Weaver

Council Committees:

Budget Committee	Jim Looney John Foust
Water Committee	Tony Fountain
Public Safety	Allison Ballew
Streets	Anne Morrow
Parks	John Foust Anne Morrow
JYSA Liaison	John Foust