

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 2, 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
Nicholoe Collins
Phil Friduss

Members Absent:
None

Legal Counsel:
None

Press:
Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He requested Lonnie Waters 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 Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Weaver recognized Nicholoe Collins and presented a proclamation in support of the Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. After reading the proclamation, Councilman Tony Fountain made a motion to accept the proclamation and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes of the April 4th council meeting. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Under Old Business, Lonnie Waters and Tacie Williams presented an amendment to the animal control ordinance and requested that Council accept this as an amendment to the ordinance. After discussion, Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to accept this amendment to the ordinances and Councilwoman Allison Ballew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Finance Director Tacie Williams then read a resolution that proposed the fees for the licensing of the animals required by ordinance. Councilwoman Allison Ballew made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilman Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

First item under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Dan Sewell to present to Council his proposal for the acquisition of the property owned by the City on the corner of Spring Street and Main Street (referred to as the Old Roper Hospital Property). After discussion, Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Sewell to return to another meeting with a written proposal. Issue was tabled.

Second item under New Business, Michael Castagna presented an application for the sale of beer and wine by the package for Clipper Petroleum, who now owns both BP stations in Jasper. Mr. Castagna was requesting that Council issue the license now that all the requirements of the ordinance have been met. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to approve the application and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Third item under New Business, Michael Castagna requested permission to continue the application process for the sale of beer and wine by the drink for Kelly's of Jasper. Councilman Tony Fountain made a motion to continue the application process and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion.

Fire Chief Steve Roper requested that Council give him approval to become certified to utilize lock boxes for businesses in the event that the Fire Department needs to gain emergency access to a building.

After discussion, Councilman Jim Looney made such motion and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Last item under New Business, Councilman Jim Looney presented Finance Director Tacie Williams with the Georgia Finance Officers Association award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the audit report submitted for 2009. He commended the financial staff for their achievement.

Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to enter into executive session. Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Meeting was closed.

Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to close the executive session. Councilwoman Allison Ballew seconded the motion. Meeting was reopened. Mayor Weaver stated for the record that pending litigation was discussed and no action was taken.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.


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

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of April 2011.

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

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

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on June 6, 2011.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Tacie J. Williams
City Clerk/Finance Director

AFFIDAVIT RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, John W. Weaver, who in his/her capacity of Mayor or the person presiding over the meeting of the Council of the City of Jasper, Georgia, and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on 5/2/2011, the Council voted to go into closed session and exclude the public from all or a portion of its meeting. The legal exceptions applicable to the exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting are as follows:

(check or initial as appropriate)

- Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, periodic evaluation, or rating of a government officer or employee.
- Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or threatened litigation, claims, administrative proceedings or settlements. [OCGA 50-14-2]
- Discussing the future acquisition of real estate. [OCGA 50-14-3(4)]
- Staff meetings for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law. [OCGA 50-14-3(1)]
- Tax matters made confidential by state law. [OCGA 50-14-2]
- Inspection of facilities under jurisdiction of the City. [OCGA 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Meeting with a governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the geographical jurisdiction of the City or such other agency and at which no final action is taken. [OCGA 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Other. (Explanation required.)

I certify that the subject matter of the closed meeting or the closed portion of this meeting was devoted to the matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.

Paul Williams
City Clerk

(seal)

John W. Weaver
Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of May, 2011.

Michael Pickens
Notary Public
Pickens County, State of Georgia

My Commission Expires: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 10, 2014