

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 9, 2017

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
Tony Fountain
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Dr. Sonny Proctor

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Steve Roper
Greg Lovell
Sonny Underwood
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Eileen Stenard
Gerry Nechvatal
Hans Rueffert
Finn Rueffert
Amy Leake
Jackson Leake
John Sneve

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m. He requested Lonnie Waters give the invocation. Councilmember Jim Looney led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the December 5, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes with a change to correct vote counts on the November minutes approval. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver turned the meeting over to Councilmember Jim Looney. Councilmember Looney opened the floor for nominations for City Manager for 2017. Councilmember John Foust nominated John Weaver to continue to serve in that capacity and Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the nomination. Discussion followed. Nomination accepted by four votes for and one vote against. Councilmember Sonny Proctor voted against.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Tony Fountain nominated Councilmember Jim Looney to continue to serve in that capacity for 2017. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the nomination. Nomination passed with four votes in favor. Councilmember Jim Looney abstained from voting.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver presented his appointments for 2017. For the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mayor Weaver recommended that Robert Walker be appointed for a three-year term. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to accept the appointment, and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. For the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, Mayor Weaver recommended that Regina Camp be appointed for a three-year term. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made a motion to accept the appointment and Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. For the Jasper Housing Authority, Mayor Weaver recommended that Frank Eubanks be reappointed for a five-year year term. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the recommendation and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mayor Weaver read the following recommendations for the Council Committees:

Finance Committee	Councilmember Jim Looney Councilmember John Foust
Personnel Committee	Councilmember Anne Sneve Councilmember Sonny Proctor
Water Committee	Councilmember Tony Fountain
Public Safety	Councilmember Sonny Proctor
Streets	Councilmember Anne Sneve
Parks	Councilmember John Foust Councilmember Anne Sneve
JYSA Liason	Councilmember John Foust

Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendations for the Council Committees. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

For the Pickens County Board of Health, Mayor Weaver recommended that Mary Ghorley be re-appointed for a six-year term. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to accept the appointment, and Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Planning and Zoning Director, to present two 2017 alcohol license renewal applications. Mr. Underwood stated that the owners of Madeline's Café and Bakery (for sale of Beer/Wine and Caterer's license) and the owners of Woodbridge Inn Restaurant (for sale of beer/wine) wish to renew their licenses. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the license renewal requests and Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to discuss election qualifying fees. Ms. Hoyle stated that the 2017 Election Qualifying Fees must be set this month and the amount could be anything up to the maximum of \$35. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to set the 2017 qualifying fee at \$35 and Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to the City.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of December 2016.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of December 2016. He also updated Council on paving projects and water line breaks.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of December 2016

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of December 2016.

Mayor Weaver gave an update on the Pool well and the emergency generators project.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities.

Mayor Weaver recognized Finn Rueffert with the Youth Leadership program.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular council meeting to be held February 6, 2017.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director