

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 6, 2017

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Steve Roper
Greg Lovell
Sonny Underwood
David Hall
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
John Sneve
Ryan O'Dea
Darren Wesley
Evelyn Appel

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Attorney Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m. He requested John Foust 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 Jim Looney made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried with Anne Sneve and Tony Fountain abstaining as they were absent for the October meeting.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters regarding new street sign requirements. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to purchase a portion of the signs before year end (at the lowest quote). Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Jim Looney for an update from the Perrow/Pool/Roper property committee. Councilmember Looney stated that he had talked with someone to do a home inspection of the buildings for \$890.00 and that an engineer had quoted in excess of \$5,000. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the recommendation by Jim Looney to inspect the property. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Councilmember Jim Looney made an amendment to the original motion to use the home inspector at a cost of \$890.00. Councilmember John Foust seconded that amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Anne Sneve regarding updates on the Personnel Policy Committee. Councilmember Sneve stated that there had been no action by the Committee since the last council meeting. Mayor Weaver stated that this item is to remain on the agenda next month under Old Business.

Item D under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall to discuss the proposed water pollution plant expansion and output move from Polecat Branch to below the water intake at Long Swamp Creek. Mr. Hall stated that he had set up a workshop for Council to meet with G. Ben Turnipseed on February 1, 2018. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the February 1 workshop date. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hall stated that in order to repair the fire hydrant on South Main Street, that there would have to be an insertion of at least one and possibly two insertion valves. He stated that these valves would cost \$6,000 to \$7,000 each. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve up to \$12,000 for the insertion valves. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jackie Dunn to present to Council a request that the City purchase lighting and sound for Main Street. Mr. Dunn introduced Mr. Darren Wesley with Viking Outdoor who sold such equipment. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion that a Council committee be formed to gather additional information on this equipment. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver stated that the Council committee would consist of Councilmembers Anne Sneve and John Foust.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Kevin Godfrey of Godfrey Downs Self Funding Consultants to discuss with Council partially self-funding group health insurance. Mr. Godfrey stated that he is asking for Council to approve his company to shop the self-funded insurance market exclusively for options available to the City for the upcoming group health insurance renewal. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to allow Mr. Godfrey to have the exclusive ability to shop self-funded insurance. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the 2018 Operating Budget for Council's review. Ms. Hoyle stated that the public hearing on the budget would be held on November 13th and we would expect to adopt the budget at the next regular Council meeting held December 4th. Discussion by Council followed. No action necessary.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood to present to Council the 2018 alcohol license renewal applications. See list attached hereto. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the license renewal requests and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver stated that there had been an offer to the City for the sale of land located on Hood Road which holds the City's pump station and several of the City's water and sewer lines. This land was offered to sale to the City in the amount of \$8,219 and consists of 7.48 acres. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to purchase the land for \$8,219. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried with four votes for the purchase and one vote against. Councilmember Sonny Proctor voted against the purchase.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Lonnie Waters to present for Council's approval the upcoming New Year's Eve celebration. Mr. Waters stated that the celebration cost the City approximately \$25,000 last year. Finance Director Lisa Hoyle stated that the celebration would be paid for from the unrestricted portion of the Hotel/Motel taxes collected this year and salaries would be paid from general, water and sanitation funds in the City. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the City hold the New Year's Eve celebration at a cost of \$25,000. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion did not pass with three votes against. Councilmembers Sonny Proctor, John Foust and Anne Sneve voted against.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to the City.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of October, 2017.

Lonnie Waters gave a report on roads.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of October, 2017

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of October, 2017.

Councilmember John Foust gave a report on JYSA.

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 public hearing on November 13 and the regular council meeting to be held December 4, 2017.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director