

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, December 7, 2015**

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver  
Jim Looney  
Tony Fountain  
John Foust

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Sonny Underwood  
Greg Lovell  
Steve Roper

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey  
Lonnie Adams  
Gerry Nechvatal  
Amy Leake  
Gwen Brandon  
Denise Duncan  
Joanna Kearns  
Donna McDonald  
Jack Dunn  
Parish Lowrie  
Joe Walker  
Billy Newton

Members Absent:

Anne Sneve  
Allison Boyle

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He requested Councilmember Jim Looney give the invocation. Councilmember Tony Fountain 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 and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver stated that Councilmembers Anne Sneve and Allison Boyle were absent the meeting for personal reasons.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the November 9, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the November 16, 2015 public hearing. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the November 23, 2015 called meeting. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no old business to discuss.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Joe Walker with Pointnorth Insurance to discuss our upcoming liability and worker's compensation insurance renewals. Mr. Walker stated that the City's current liability insurance company, Glatfelter's annual premium remained the same except for increases for property additions and increases in property values of the City. He stated that the increase in liability insurance was approximately \$7,000 over 2015's cost. He suggested the City add a \$1,000,000 commercial umbrella coverage as well, which would be an additional cost of approximately \$13,000. Mr. Walker stated that he had looked at four other insurance companies for the City liability insurance and Glatfelter (current carrier) was the recommended carrier. Mr. Walker stated that our workers compensation insurance with Bitco Insurance Company went down over the prior year approximately \$1,100. Following discussion of the coverages, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to accept the quotes presented with the addition of the commercial umbrella coverage. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept Pointnorth's insurance plans with the commercial insurance addition, Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Amy Leake, Jack Dunn and Gerry Nechvatal of the Downtown Alliance to present to Council their recommendation for a traffic enhancement study. They asked that

Council approve Kimley-Horn at a cost of \$48,750 to the City to do the study. Discussion followed concerning how they had decided on this particular firm. Following discussion, Mayor Weaver stated that the study would be paid from SPLOST funds. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to accept the recommendation of the Downtown Alliance for Kimley-Horn to perform the traffic enhancement study. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion, Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item C under New Business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council a resolution to submit an application for funding from the Georgia DNR Recreational Trails Fund. Mayor Weaver stated that if approved, the City would receive a \$100,000 grant and would be required to match 20% of the funding. Following discussion by Council, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion the City accept the resolution for the grant application and 20% match by the City. Councilmember Tony Fountain made such motion and Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood to present to Council additional 2016 alcohol license renewal applications. See list attached hereto. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the license renewal requests and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to go into executive session and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. The meeting was closed.

Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. The meeting was reopened.

Mayor Weaver stated that no decisions were made during executive session.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of November 2015.

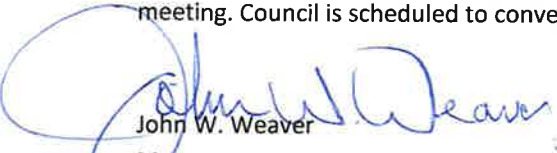
Lonnie Waters was absent but the November animal control report was presented in the Council's package.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of November 2015.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of November 2015.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities.

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 called council meeting to be held December 29, 2015.



John W. Weaver  
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director