

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 2, 2018

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Steve Roper
Greg Lovell
Sonny Underwood
Lonnie Waters
Jim Looney

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
Walter Cagle
Keith Cagle
Ken & Judy Mapp
Tony Parks
Doug Patterson
Kirk Raffield

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 Anne Sneve led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the March 5th, 2018 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Jim Looney to present to council the expected cost to repair storm water structures at Speedburger, Jacob's Point and Elizabeth Street. Mr. Looney stated that materials for the projects would cost approximately \$20,000 and the City would provide the labor. He estimated that an engineer would be an additional expense of \$5,000. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the \$20,000 in materials and no more than \$5,000 for the engineer. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to ask for council's approval to add Appalachian Trail to the next paving project. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to add Appalachian Trail. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present for council's approval an updated sick leave policy. Mr. Looney read the changes to the policy and asked that the policy be made a part of the record of these minutes. Mayor Weaver stated that the old policy (which required a doctor's excuse for one day out) had been revised so that employees could call in to their supervisor or the Mayor and not be required to have a doctor excuse. He stated the old policy was put into place when the city had only 25 employees and if three were absent, it would be difficult to get city work done. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the updated policy. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Sonny Proctor to give an update on the Perrow/Roper/Pool property. Councilmember Proctor stated he was in the process of obtaining estimates on foundations and roofing. He also had been in contact with an architect. Mayor Weaver asked Councilmember Proctor what are the specific plans for the property. Councilmember Proctor stated that he would like to salvage the building due to the historical significance and depending on what we decide to do with the green space – there are many options. Mayor Weaver said the original intent was for city restrooms which was a major concern for Main Street and asked what happened to that plan. Councilmember Proctor stated that restrooms had fallen by the wayside. Mayor Weaver asked could the restrooms be put back into the plan. Councilmember Proctor stated that whatever use we find for the building it will have restrooms.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Walt Cagle and Keith Cagle with the Pickens County Sportsman's Club to present to Council dates of the Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Cove Creek. Mr. Cagle stated that the dates of the Rodeo would be May 9th through 12th, 2018 and requested permission from Council to use the Cove

property exclusively for the event on those dates. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Cagle to give a history of the fishing rodeo. Following Mr. Cagle's statements, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to allow the Pickens County Sportsman's Club to have use of the Cove Creek property for the Fishing event May 9th through 12th and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion passed by three votes. Councilmember John Foust abstained as he is a member of the Pickens County Sportsman's Club.

Item A1 under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Jim Looney to present to council a letter and resolution from the Chamber requesting that the city follow suit with the county in handling the designated economic development funds, that being to continue to send the funds to the Chamber and the Chamber will hold the funds in escrow until a new Economic Development Director can be found. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the request from the Chamber. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed with two votes for. Councilmembers Sonny Proctor and Anne Sneve abstained from voting because they are members of the Chamber.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney. Mr. Looney asked that a committee to be formed consisting of himself, the Mayor and Councilmember Anne Sneve to decide on how to proceed with the downtown lighting project that was presented at the last work session. Mayor Weaver stated that this committee would report at the next month's regular council meeting.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present a request from the Prevent Child Abuse Pickens group to close South Main Street beginning at noon on September 8 in order to hold their annual Long Table fundraiser event. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve the closing of South Main from noon until the event is complete which would be sometime around midnight. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present the request that a church be located at Appalachian Circle and Highway 515. He stated that there was no need for a zoning change as the city ordinances allow churches in any zoning area with the approval of council. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the church at Appalachian Circle and Highway 515. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present for council's approval a request from Georgia Power for six easements on city-owned property located on Jonah Lane. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion that council approve the easements. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed by three votes. Councilmember John Foust abstained as he is employed by Georgia Power.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present for council's approval the sale of two propane tanks and the propane located at the Cove Well. He stated that the city had an offer of \$1,700 each for the tanks. Mayor Weaver stated that the reason for the sale was due to the emergency generator change necessary at that location from propane powered to diesel powered. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion for the sale of the tanks and the propane. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made such motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present the reopening of Dixie Street located at the elementary School. Mr. Looney stated although in the past the school had requested the road be reopened and council had approved the reopening, at the present time the school didn't care if it was reopened or not. He asked for council's approval/disapproval on adding this to the next paving project. He stated that he had Johnson Paving estimate what it would cost to reopen/pave the section of road. They had estimated \$40,000. Mayor Weaver stated that the city does now own the property and that opening the road might be something the city could look at doing at a later time. He entertained a motion not to put Dixie Street on the reopening plans. Councilmember John Foust made such motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present the repair/paving of J.L. White Drive. He stated that much damage had been done to the road due to the repair of the large water leak last year. He stated that he is asking for approval from council to put this repair/paving on the next SPLOST project. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to add J.L. White Drive to the next SPLOST project. Councilmember Tony Fountain made such motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item I under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Jim Looney to present for council's approval a multi-use facility to be located in what is known as the Miller Law Office building on Main Street. Mayor Weaver

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stated that this would be a multi-use facility which would be used for a coffee shop, a meeting facility and would also hold church services on Sunday morning each week. Mayor Weaver stated that this building would not be known as a church facility and would not be owned by the church. He also stated that the city would like for them to have church services there as long as they don't ask the city to bend the alcohol ordinances that are in place. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the use of the building. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item J under New Business, Mayor Weaver called upon Financial Director Lisa Hoyle to present for council's approval the addition of the City Manager to all city bank accounts signature cards. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the addition. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item K under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Director of Planning and Zoning to present to council a request from Wingsology to close the street next to his building and sell alcohol outside for Cinco de Mayo celebration as he had in the past for Jeepfest. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the outside alcohol sales for Wingsology. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item L under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Underwood to present an application for selling alcohol (Beer/ Wine) by the package from Emdadul Choudhury, manager of the Exxon convenience store located at 1757 Highway 53 West. Mr. Underwood stated that the background check had been received and there is nothing that would prevent him from obtaining an alcohol license. He is requesting approval to continue the application process. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

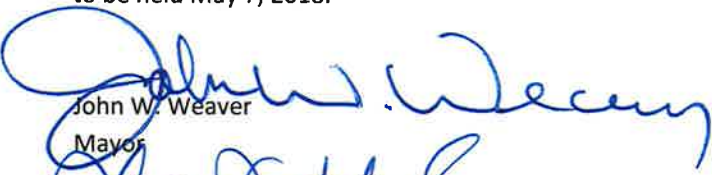
Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of March 2018.

Lonnie Waters updated Council on roads.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of March 2018

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of March 2018.

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular council meeting to be held May 7, 2018.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director