

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, July 2, 2018**

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver  
John Foust  
Anne Sneve  
Dr. Sonny Proctor  
Kirk Raffield

Staff:

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

Guests in Attendance:

Billy Newton  
Lonnie Adams  
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Alan Dover  
Lydia Spinx  
Tony Parker  
Kim Dunbar  
Herman Zinsmeister  
Suzanne Zinsmeister  
Alan Dover  
Paul King  
Other concerned citizens

Members Absent:

Tony Fountain

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 Anne Sneve requested Item H be added to hold executive session to discuss a legal issue. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition to add Item H for executive session to discuss a legal issue. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver stated to note for the record that Tony Fountain was absent from the meeting.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular meeting. She noted a change be made to delete that an executive session had been held. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes with the change. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Planning and Zoning Director, to present an alcohol license application to Council for approval. He informed Council that Chun Min Huang, owner of the Aibly Asian Restaurant located at 744 Noah Drive, Unit 101 had completed the application process and the required advertising had been met. The owner is now requesting that the application for a license to sell alcohol (Beer/Wine) by the drink be approved. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the license. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on city attorney Bill Pickett to present to council the second reading of the amendment to the City's alcohol ordinance to include breweries. Mr. Pickett read the ordinance amendment Mayor Weaver entertained a motion that this be approved as the second reading of the brewery addition to the alcohol ordinance and council adopt the ordinance amendment. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Pickett to present to council the second reading of an amendment to the city's zoning ordinance to allow for breweries as C-2 (general commercial) and M-1 (manufacturing). Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance change and adopt the amendment. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Jim Looney. Mr. Looney stated that the annexation of Parcel 029A 064 004 of 111.8 acres as R-1 (Single Family Residential) had been tabled at last month's regular council meeting in order for the owner to research other possible entrances into the property. Mr. Looney called on Mark Chastain with Chastain and Associates, P.C. to present his survey and recommendation that the owner use the Sharptop Ridge Road entrance. Mr. Chastain stated that this would be the safest entrance as the grade would be too steep to enter from Burnt Mountain Road. Several residents spoke in opposition due to traffic

and safety concerns. Paul King of The Ridge at Sharptop, LLC (owner of property) stated that it would cost \$200,000 to create an entrance off Burnt Mountain Road. Police Chief Greg Lovell stated that there had been two accidents at the intersection of Sharp Top Ridge Road and Cove Road since 2007. More discussion followed. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to annex the property as recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present to Council an agreement with Appalachian Pre-Trial and Probation Program for the City's probation services. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the agreement with Appalachian Pre-Trial and Probation Program. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall and Mr. Looney to present to Council the need for a third well to be drilled at the Cove. Mr. Hall stated that this well would be an additional source of water in the event Long Swamp Creek's flow was at a reduced level due to what Grandview decided to do with their lake, as well as it would provide an alternative source in case the city were to lose one of the other wells. Mr. Hall stated that he had attempted to get three quotes for the drilling of the well – Prime Pump from Dahlonga, Georgia did not provide a quote, Middle Georgia Water Systems, Inc of Zebulon, Georgia quoted \$20,710 and Byers Well Drilling of Blairsville, Georgia quoted \$14,950. Mr. Hall recommended using the low bid of Byers and stated that they had drilled the other two wells at that site. Mayor Weaver stated that he recommended the City build a road off Cove Road opposite the former location of the propane tanks because there is a deep shaft located at that site. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the low bid of Byers Well Drilling of \$14,950. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under New Business, Mr. Hall stated he is asking for approval from Council to allow G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers to begin the application process for loan and grant proceeds for the Water Pollution Control Plant expansion. He stated that the cost to the City would not exceed \$15,000. Mr. Hall read the letter from Turnipseed Engineers describing the process that would be involved in the application. A copy of the letter is to be attached to these minutes. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the request to allow the City's engineer to begin the application process at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Lonnie Waters to present for Council's approval a quote from Peek Pavement Markings for the striping and thermoplastic striping of the newly paved streets. Mr. Waters stated the total cost of the paint and thermoplastic striping will be \$44,719.90. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the quote. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present a letter of offer to sell the city property. Mr. Looney stated that Entegra Bank had contacted the City to sell .172 acres with building located at 125 North Main Street for a cost of \$100,000. Mr. Looney stated that he estimated the property would provide the City with approximately 20 parking spots and the building could be used for city restrooms as well as the glass area used to display business brochures. There was discussion on how the City would pay for the property. Finance Director Lisa Hoyle recommended financing the purchase as the funds were not available in this year's budget. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to allow the City Manager to move forward with the purchase of the property. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present a property donation to the City. Mr. Looney stated that a family had contacted the City wishing to donate .14 acres located on Richards Street to be used as a City park. Discussion followed. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to move forward with the City accepting the donation. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business Mayor Weaver called upon City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to present for council's review a reduced rate application. Ms. Hoyle stated that the applicant qualified for the reduced water/sewer rates. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the application. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H under New Business Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a potential lawsuit issue. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver closed the meeting to only include Mayor, Council, Attorney Bill Pickett, City Manager and City Clerk.

Regular Council Meeting  
July 2, 2018

Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver brought the meeting out of executive session and reopened the meeting.

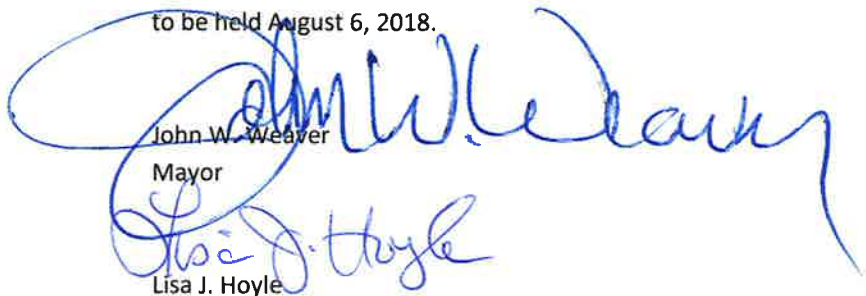
Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of June 2018.

Lonnie Waters updated Council on roads.

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

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

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular council meeting to be held August 6, 2018.



John W. Weaver  
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director