

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 3, 2014

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Anne Morrow
Allison Brown
Tony Fountain

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Michael Castagna
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Matt Bidwell
Tammy Thompson
Jack Hollis

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Christie Poole

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

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Jim Looney asked that an addition be made to the agenda for possible action on city salaries. John Foust made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the January 6, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Morrow made a motion to adopt the minutes as read, and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item A under old business, Mayor Weaver recognized Michael Castagna, Planning and Zoning Director, to present an alcohol license application to Council for approval. JD's Country Cooking & Tavern had requested continuance of the application process at the January regular council meeting to sell alcohol (Distilled Spirits) by the drink. Mr. Castagna stated that the required advertising had not been completed by JD's Country Cooking & Tavern. This item will be tabled until the March regular council meeting.

Item B under old business, Mayor Weaver asked Council if there were any questions on the property donation proposed by Onyx Developers. Discussion followed and no action was taken. Mayor Weaver stated that this item is to be tabled until the next regular meeting.

Item A under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits to present the City's health insurance renewal for the April 2014 - March 2015 enrollment period. Mr. Bidwell stated that the group health insurance would have an increase of approximately 7%. See attached document with presented plans. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the recommendation to offer employees three graduated plans with Blue Cross Blue Shield along with the proposed dental insurance renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters, Animal Control to present the first reading of the amendment to ordinance section 14-3 Feeding of Wildlife. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept this as the first reading with the additional language "when feeding becomes an inconvenience to neighbors". John Foust asked if squirrel feeders would still be allowed under this amendment. Following discussion by Council, it was decided that some of the language in the ordinance amendment be modified. No action was taken.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Fire Chief Steve Roper to present to Council a resolution to adopt the Pickens County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (2013). Chief Roper stated that this plan must be updated every five years and is required in order to obtain State and federal assistance in the case of disaster. Councilmember Allison Brown made a motion to approve the resolution to update the Plan and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver presented to Council a new contract for approval with Fleetmatics, Inc. to install fleet tracking devices on the City owned vehicles. Mr. Weaver discussed the benefits of the Fleetmatics

system. Mr. Weaver stated that this would allow more efficient management of the City's fleet. Council had several questions about the system and discussion followed among Council and Mayor Weaver. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the Fleetmatics contract and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item E under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized the Finance Committee to present their recommendation for salary increases for City employees. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion that Council approve a 3% salary increase effective March 1, 2014, based on the fact that group health insurance for 2014 was lower than budgeted and the fact that council had budgeted a 3% salary increase for 2014. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of January 2014.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of January 2014.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of January 2014.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of January 2014.

Mayor Weaver gave the Council an update on the status of Doris Wigington Park. Mr. Weaver stated that the park is complete except for some signage.

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the Regular Meeting on March 3, 2014.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director