

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 2, 2012

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Tacie Williams
Michael Castagna
Greg Lovell
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Jerry Steele
Chris Parker
Allison Loggins
Doris Housley
Ann Wall
Karen Williford
Emily Jacobs
Pam Jacobs
Kevin Jacobs
Shannon Gable
Margie Gable
Dan McKeon
Bradley Barnard
Eddie McDonald

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Christie Pool

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6 p.m. He requested John Foust give the invocation.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilwoman Anne Morrow made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Councilwoman Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Weaver addressed Jerry Steele, member of the Pickens County Sportsman Club, to address Council. After his presentation regarding the Kids Fishing Rodeo, Mayor Weaver read a proclamation on behalf of the Council.

Mayor Weaver addressed Eddie McDonald, principal of Pickens High School, to address Council regarding the accomplishments of basketball coach, Kevin Jacobs. After his presentation, Mayor Weaver read a proclamation honoring Coach Jacobs on his 300th win in his coaching career.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes of the March 5, 2012 regular meeting. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read, and Councilwoman Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

First Item under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Clerk Tacie Williams to present a resolution for Council to formally include on the July ballot a referendum for package sales of alcohol on Sundays. She explained that Council had voted previously to present voters with the choice in an upcoming election, but a formal resolution was necessary for the Department of Justice. Councilwoman Anne Morrow made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilwoman Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by four affirmative votes. Councilman Foust voted against the motion.

Last item under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Ms. Williams to present to Council the second reading of the alcohol ordinance amendment pertaining to Chapter 10, Section 129. Ms. Williams read the proposed amendment and noted that Bill Pickett, City Attorney, had reviewed the amendment. Councilwoman Allison Brown made a motion to adopt the amendment and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by four affirmative votes. Councilman Foust voted against the motion.

First item under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Ms. Williams to present for adoption a resolution renewing the City's cafeteria plan, IRS Code Section 125. This is required to be done annually.

Councilman Jim Looney made such motion, and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Second item under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Ms. Williams to discuss the purchase of a roll back truck to use at the wastewater plant to haul sludge to the landfill. Ms. Williams explained that the City has spent a considerable amount paying an outside contractor to haul sludge and that the City financially would be better off to purchase a roll back truck instead of paying so much to an outside contractor. Councilman Tony Fountain made a motion to purchase a truck for \$28,000, and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ms. Williams then presented Council with a lease agreement to purchase the vehicle and finance it with BB&T via GMA for 3 years at an interest rate of 3.37% with a monthly payment of \$818.85. Councilman Jim Looney made such motion, and Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams began a discussion on the purchase of a pursuit Tahoe for the police department as the next item under New Business. However, Mayor Weaver noted that there had been a last minute development that would preclude the City from being able to purchase a Tahoe; therefore, there was no need to discuss any further.

Next under New Business, Ms. Williams presented the reduced rate applications for approval by Council. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to approve, and Councilman John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Last item under New Business, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Castagna presented the following alcohol package license applications for approval to continue the application process:

- Jimmy Chuong, Jasper BP, LLC, East Church Street—Councilwoman Anne Morrow made motion to continue application process and Councilwoman Allison Brown seconded motion. Motion unanimous.
- Paravez Himani, Tariz Food Mart, BP Gas, Hwy 53—Councilwoman Anne Morrow made motion to continue application process and Councilman Tony Fountain seconded motion. Motion unanimous.
- Bala Parswam, Dunn's Food Mart—Councilwoman Allison Brown made motion to continue application process and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded motion. Motion unanimous.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

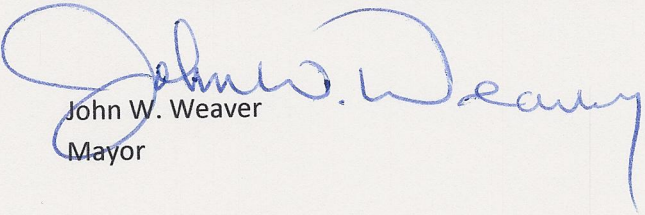
Finance Director Tacie Williams gave the financial report for the month of March 2012, as well as an update from the Clerk's office.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of March 2012.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of March 2012.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of fire activities for the month of March 2012.

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on May 7, 2012.


John W. Weaver
Mayor

Tacie J. Williams
City Clerk/Finance Director