

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 7, 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
Gerry Nechvatal

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Dan Poole

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6 p.m. He requested John Foust give the invocation. Councilmember Allison Brown 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 Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember John Foust noted the minutes should be changed to reflect that Tony Fountain voted in favor of the adoption of the wildlife feeding ordinance and John Foust voted against. Councilmember Jim Looney noted that the minutes should be changed to state that there was no action taken during executive session. With the changes as noted, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes.

Mayor Weaver stated that there was nothing to report on the property donation proposed by Onyx Developers, therefore, this item has been removed from the Agenda until it becomes an issue again.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Inspector Sonny Underwood to present the second reading of the amendment to ordinance section 82-108: Cross Connection Control; Degree of Hazard. City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the amendment to the ordinance. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adopt the ordinance as read. Tony Fountain made such motion, and Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Discussion by Council followed. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item B under Old Business, Mr. Underwood presented the second reading of the amendment to ordinance section 82-493: Installation of Pipelines. City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the amendment to the ordinance. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adopt the ordinance as read. Tony Fountain made such motion, and Allison Brown seconded the motion. Discussion by Council followed. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters and Jerry Steele of the Pickens County Sportsman's Club to present to Council dates of the Kids Fishing Rodeo at Cove Creek. Mr. Steele stated that the dates of the Rodeo would be May 14 through 17, 2014, and requested permission from Council to use the Cove Creek property for the event on those dates. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve Cove Creek Property to be used for the Kid's Fishing event May 14 through 17, 2014. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion and Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Weaver stated that the City appreciated the efforts and time put into the event. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item B under new business, Michael Castagna presented an application for selling alcohol (Beer/Wine) by the drink from the owner of Bub Ba Q. Mr. William Latimer, the owner is requesting permission to continue the application process. Mr. Castagna stated that Mr. Lattimer, Alcohol Beverage Licensee, as well as Jarrard Thacker, Alcohol Beverage Registered Agent/Manager for Mr. Latimer have both had fingerprint and background checks. There were no disqualifying factors found during these checks to prevent the business from obtaining an alcohol license. Councilmember Jim Looney made the motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote

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Item C under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Michael Castagna to give a report for Tim Ghorley, Chairman of the City of Jasper Planning Commission. Mr. Castagna presented the recommendation from the Commission to approve the Map and Parcel Number JA12-112 of .46 acres located at 84 West Church Street to be changed from R-1 (Residential) to CBD (Central Business District). Mr. Castagna informed the Council that this parcel had been rezoned from CBD to R-1 about a year ago and now the recent purchaser of the property Amy Leake is requesting the property to be rezoned back to CBD. Following discussion, Councilmember John Foust made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Commission, and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Prior to the Mayor's reports, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Anne Morrow to discuss forming an Employee Relations Committee. Councilmember Morrow stated she felt forming such committee would build better rapport with employees and give them a forum to put forth questions and complaints that they may have. After discussion, it was decided that Councilmembers Anne Morrow and Tony Fountain would head the Committee and Mayor Weaver would appoint employees to serve on that committee. Mayor Weaver stated that this Committee is formed as ad hoc today and going forward will become a regular committee that the Council will vote to appoint members each January.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

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

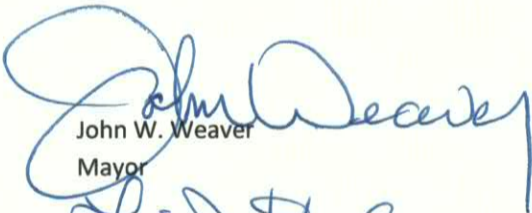
Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of March 2014.

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

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

Councilmember John Foust gave Council an update on JYSA.

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the Regular Meeting on May 5, 2014.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director