

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 2, 2014

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Sonny Underwood
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
Shaddi Abusaid
Wayne Tidwell
Jerry Steele

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

None

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

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

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the May 5, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Clay Pilgrim of Rushton & Company, to present the 2013 Annual Financial Audit. Mr. Pilgrim reported that the City had received an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. Mr. Pilgrim also stated that they noted one material weakness and two significant deficiencies in internal control, as well as one material noncompliance. Councilmember Jim Looney stated that he would like to review the audit comments and discuss at the next regular council meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the report and approve it for submission to the State of Georgia Department of Audits and Councilmember Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jerry Steele of the Pickens County Sportsmen's Club. Mr. Steele stated that he wished to express his appreciation to Garry Poole and his crew who helped get the Cove Creek Property ready and also worked during the Annual Kid's Fishing Rodeo May 14 through 17, 2014. He also expressed appreciation to the Jasper Fire Department for having two employees work the rodeo during the entire event, as well as to Lonnie Waters for his help in the event. He stated that the event was very successful, although they had to cancel one day due to weather. Mayor Weaver and members of council stated that the City appreciated the efforts and time that the Pickens County Sportsmen's Club put into the event.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present to Council a water line project in Talking Rock that is not in the 2014 budget. Lonnie Waters stated that residents living on the section of Old Talking Rock Road between the railroad tracks have never had water. Mr. Waters stated that this project would also make a cross connection in the water lines in this area. This project would take the place of the \$30,000 2014 budgeted project to replace the water line on Refuge Valley Road. Mr. Waters stated that the cost of the 4,500 foot water line in Talking Rock would be approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the Talking Rock water line project extension between the railroad tracks. Councilmember Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Sonny Underwood presented an application for selling alcohol (Beer/Wine) by the drink from the owner of Madeline's Café 7 Bakery. The owner is requesting permission to continue the application process. Mr. Underwood stated that the owner has had fingerprint and background checks and the Police Department found no disqualifying factors 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 Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item E under New Business, Mr. Underwood informed Council that Wal-Mart has a new Manager and Alcohol Agent for their alcohol license. The new Agent has had fingerprint and background checks and the Police Department found no disqualifying factors during these checks. Mr. Underwood stated that there was no action necessary by Council for this change.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters, Animal Control to discuss a dog bite incident. Mr. Waters stated that he had gone through the procedure to declare this dog either vicious or dangerous. Mr. Waters stated that the owners of the dog had not responded to the City regarding the dog. Mr. Waters stated that the animal shelter said that the dog has been a good dog for the last 25 days and that the shelter refuses to euthanize the dog and recommends that the dog go to a rehabilitation facility out of state. Being that this would be a controversial issue, Mayor Weaver asked that Council make a decision regarding the fate of this dog. Councilmember Allison Brown made a motion to release the dog to the rehabilitation facility. Discussion with Council followed. Following discussion, 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 May 2014.

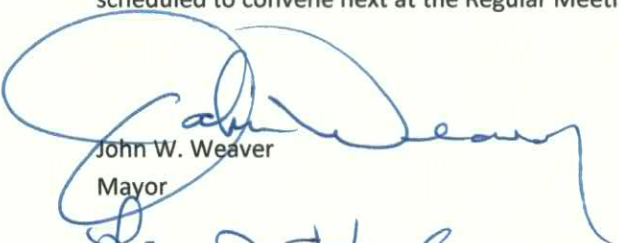
Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of May 2014.

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

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

Mayor Weaver stated that the City is looking for a date for the Doris Wigington Park opening and will be in touch with Council.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adjourn. Council is scheduled to convene next at the Regular Meeting on July 7, 2014.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director