

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver  
Jim Looney  
John Foust  
Anne Sneve  
Allison Boyle

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Sonny Underwood  
Greg Lovell  
Steve Roper  
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey  
John Sneve  
Jack Dunn  
Butch Roberts

Members Absent:

Tony Fountain

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6 p.m. He requested John Foust give the invocation. Councilmember Jim Looney led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adopt the agenda with changes to add 2014 SPLOST bank account opening and the removal of the American Legion under New Business. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes and Councilmembers Anne Sneve and Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the August 4, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes with a change in the SPLOST bank account opening paragraph to reflect that the dates were 2008 to 2014 SPLOST and not 2003 to 2014 SPLOST. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes as amended.

Mayor Weaver asked that it be noted for the record that Councilmember Tony Fountain was not in attendance due to his being out of town.

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized JYSA Treasurer Butch Roberts. Mayor Weaver stated that the Mayor's Golf Tournament fundraiser for JYSA was a success and thanked Mr. Roberts and all of the JYSA Board and members for their efforts to provide opportunities for the children of Jasper as well as Pickens County. Mayor Weaver then presented a check for \$6,000 to JYSA as a contribution from the 2014 Mayor's Golf Tournament. Mr. Roberts thanked the City for the contribution.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jack Dunn of Jasper Drugs. Mr. Dunn was recently selected as the National Community Pharmacists Association 2014 Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year award recipient. Mayor Weaver allowed Mr. Dunn to describe the details of the award and to give a history of his ownership of Jasper Drugs. Mayor Weaver congratulated Mr. Dunn on behalf of the City.

Item C under New Business, Sonny Underwood presented an application for selling alcohol by the drink from the owner of Buffalo Luke. Mr. Underwood stated that the owner, as well as the restaurant manager, have both had background checks and there were no disqualifying factors preventing the business from obtaining an alcohol license. They are requesting permission to continue the application process. Councilmember Jim Looney made the motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present to Council approval of bank account opening for the 2014 SPLOST funds. Ms. Hoyle stated that a second bank account in addition to the account approved in last month's meeting was necessary since these were two separate SPLOST ordinances. She also stated that the City had received the first 2014 monthly check today in the amount of \$71,224. Ms. Hoyle made the recommendation that the account be opened at Community Bank of Pickens County, the same bank as the City's other SPLOST bank account. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve bank account opening, Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present for Council's approval the City of Jasper's property tax exemptions for the 2014 tax billing. Ms. Hoyle stated that the City currently has local exemptions for \$3,000 for homeowners and \$4,000 for homeowners 65 and older. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the recommendation, and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal did not give a report to council because he was out of town for a conference.

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

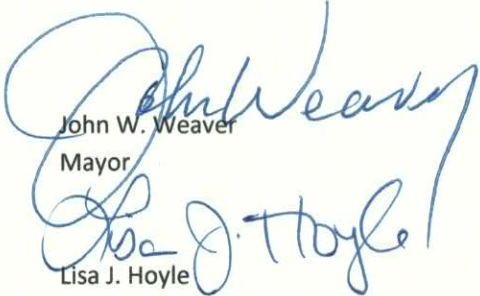
Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of August 2014.

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

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

Mayor Weaver informed Council that two new mowers had been purchased during the month of August 2014. No action required by 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 October 6, 2014.



John W. Weaver  
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director