

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 4, 2011

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Tacie Williams
Michael Castagna
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Nancy Davis
Gayle Rice
Mick Fritz
Ron Goff
Jerry Steele

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He requested Lonnie Waters 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 Ballew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Weaver recognized former Police Chief Harold Cantrell and presented to him a proclamation.

Mayor Weaver recognized Jerry Steele who is the coordinator of Kids Fishing Days at the Cove. He presented a proclamation to Mr. Steele.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes of the March 7th council meeting. Councilwoman Anne Morrow made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Councilman Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Under Old Business, Lonnie Waters and Tacie Williams presented an amendment to the animal control ordinance and requested that Council accept this as the first reading. After discussion, Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to accept this as the first reading and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

First item under New Business, City Engineer Ben Turnipseed and Water/Wastewater Superintendent David Hall presented the results of the bid opening for the construction of the elevated water tank on Allred Mill Road. Phoenix Fabricators was the low bidder, with a total construction cost of \$947,470. Councilwoman Anne Morrow made a motion to accept Mr. Turnipseed's recommendation and award the bid to Phoenix Fabricators. Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Second item under New Business, Michael Castagna presented an application for the sale of beer and wine by the package for Clipper Petroleum, who now owns both BP stations in Jasper. Mr. Castagna was requesting permission to continue the application process. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to continue the application process and Councilwoman Allison Ballew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Last item under New Business, Police Chief Greg Lovell presented to Council the guidelines for use of force in the police department with the addition of tasers. He informed Council that the tasers had arrived and the training for the use of tasers had been completed. He would issue the tasers after the guidelines were approved by Council. Councilman Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the guidelines and to issue tasers to officers and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal was not present to give a report to Mayor and Council.

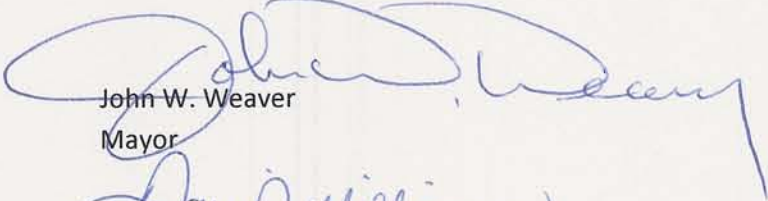
Finance Director Tacie Williams gave the financial report for the month of March 2011, as well as an update from the Clerk's office.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of March 2011.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of March 2011.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of March 2011.

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on May 2, 2011.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Tacie J. Williams
City Clerk/Finance Director