

Walterboro City Council  
Special Called Meeting  
August 25, 2016

## **MINUTES**

A Special Called Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 12:30 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Jimmy Syfrett, Paul Siegel, Tom Lohr, Bobby Bonds, James Broderick and Judy Bridge. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. There were approximately 4 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order, and invited everyone to stand and join Council in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation and Council Member Siegel led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

This meeting was called to consider a Federal Aviation Grant Agreement at or associated with the Lowcountry Regional Airport.

### **INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

No comments or questions were received on the agenda item for this meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Federal Grant Agreement, Number 3-45-0057-015-2016, Subject to the Terms and Conditions Outlined Therein, for a Maximum Obligation Grant Award of Federal Funds in the Amount \$979,444 for a Project at or Associated with the Lowcountry Regional Airport and Authorizing the Mayor and City Attorney to Execute Grant Documents

The Mayor then entertained a motion to approve the federal grant agreement.

A motion was then made by Council Member Siegel to approve the Federal Aviation Grant Agreement as presented here today. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Council Member Bonds stated that he would like to hear a little more about this agreement.

City Manager Molinari briefed Council on this item. He stated that the Airport Commission is a recipient of a grant from the FAA in the amount of \$979,444 for drainage improvements at the airport. The drainage that is in place at the airport was installed in the 1940's and 1950's. It has deteriorated. It is the estimation of the engineer that it would not meet DHEC drainage requirements. The total project cost is \$1,088,272.00. The FAA portion represents 90%, and the other 10% is coming from both the State of South Carolina, as well as the Airport Commission. They are both picking up 5% each, and their amount is \$54,414.000. If you recall last year at this time, we had to call a special meeting for some funds that the Airport received from the FAA. Because the airport is jointly owned by the City and the County, both the City and County are sponsors on the grant, and the letter that we received from the FAA says that the "governing body must provide authority to execute the grant", and this has to be done no later than September 4. So, this is why are having to call a special meeting. There will be no out-of pocket expenses for the City. It is simply a requirement of FAA. We have to get it to them by September 4. I ask for City Council's favorable consideration.

Council Member Bonds then asked if the City's lawyer had reviewed this document. He said, I mean this is a 25-page contract we are entering. Has somebody reviewed this document? City Manager Molinari said, I can't speak for the City

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Attorney, but this is a standard FAA document. The Airport Commission has hired an engineering firm that is going to navigate through the requirements of this grant.

Mayor Young then said, and this is something that goes on periodically at the Airport Commission. We receive monies from the FAA.

Council Member Bonds then asked, do you know if the Airport Commission lawyers have looked at it?A Mayor Young replied, yes, the Airport Commission lawyer has looked at it. City Manager Molinari also affirmed that Mr. Bert Duffie had looked at the agreement.

City Attorney Cone then asked, has the county's lawyer looked at this agreement and who will be that person? City Manager Molinari responded that this would be Sean Thornton.

Mayor Young stated that he thought that the County had already approved this resolution. It is already done.

No further discussion was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Syfrett and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City's website and the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson  
City Clerk

**APPROVED: September 6, 2016**