

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2015

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A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Jimmy Syfrett, Paul Siegel, Tom Lohr, James Broderick and Judy Bridge. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Council Member Bobby Bonds was absent. There were approximately 22 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation and Council Member Broderick led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments or questions on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Bridge, the following minutes were approved as submitted with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Bonds was absent and did not vote.

1. The Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.
2. The Minutes of the June 9, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.
3. The Minutes of the June 23, 2015 Regular Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution No. 2015-R-07, A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Execute Forms Pursuant to USDA Rural Development Facilities Grant in the Amount of \$50,000 for the Purchase of Police Cars for the City of Walterboro

City Manager Molinari informed Council that in January 2014, the City submitted a Community Facilities Grant to USDA for the purchase of police vehicles in the amount of \$50,000. The public hearing was held on January 28, 2014 and on June 23, 2015, City Council authorized the expenditure of \$115,985.34 for three (3) new police vehicles for fiscal year 2015-2016. The \$50,000 grant will help offset the cost of the new vehicles. City staff respectfully requests City Council's favorable consideration of the resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick to adopt Resolution No. 2015-R-07 as submitted.

The Mayor then recognized that Ms. Nickie Toomes from our local USDA Office, Rural Development, was present at the meeting. Ms. Toomes stated that she was glad to be here again, and I appreciate the City participating in our program. Ms. Vernita F. Dore, our State Director, and Mr. George W. Hicks, Jr., our Area Director for District IV, are very glad that we could be of assistance. Mayor Young then thanked Ms. Toomes for her help, and said we are always glad to see you.

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The motion adopting Resolution No. 2015-R-07 as submitted then passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Bonds was absent and did not vote. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

2. Council Committee Appointment - Mayoral Appointment

Mayor Young clarified that after the appointments he made at the last meeting, it came to his attention that by a joint resolution of City and County Council with the Airport Commission, that the Airport Commission appointment has to be made after a regular election. Since we moved the election from May to November, then it was not appropriate to make the appointment at that time. So, Mayor Pro-Tem Lohr will continue to serve as the Airport Commissioner until after the next election. At that time, we will make another appointment. I appreciate the two Council Members who were affected by this for their cooperation when they found out that we had to make an adjustment. Both Council Members Syfrett and Lohr were very cooperative and I appreciate that.

3. Consideration of Bids Received to Purchase a Vehicle for the Parks Department

City Manager Molinari informed Council that in the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget, the Parks Department has allocated \$31,000 for a new pickup truck. Parks Director, Adam Davis, received three (3) quotes from three (3) bidders. The bids were as follows:

Rizer Chevrolet	- \$30,426.70
Walterboro Ford	- \$27,110.00
Vic Bailey Ford	- \$29,180.00

Mr. Molinari stated that staff recommends purchasing a 2016 Ford F-250 Crew Cab from Walterboro Ford in the amount of \$27,110, which is \$3,890 less than budgeted.

A motion to approve the low bidder, Walterboro Ford, in the amount of \$27,110 as recommended by staff was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Siegel, and passed unanimously. Council Member Bonds was absent and did not vote.

4. Acceptance of Resignation of Mr. Leonard Hultquist from the Historic Preservation Commission

A motion to accept the resignation of Leonard Hultquist with appreciation for his service was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Bonds was absent and did not vote. City Manager Molinari agreed that a letter of appreciation would be sent to Mr. Hultquist.

5. Request to Use City Parking Lot on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. by Leadership Colleton Class of 2015 for a Community Volunteer Fair

Mayor Young stated that it is his understanding that this is the project for this year's Leadership Colleton Class of 2015. City Manager Molinari, a member of the 2015 Leadership Colleton Class, informed Council that the Class of 2015 came to a consensus that their class project would be a community volunteer fair. He stated, in Leadership Colleton, we have an opportunity to learn about all different aspects of Colleton County and one of the things that the class recognized was that there is a dire need for volunteers in the county for many different areas of concern. To that end, the

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Colleton Leadership Class is organizing a Volunteer Fair, which is going to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

A motion to approve the use of the City Parking Lot for the Leadership Colleton Class 2015 Volunteer Fair was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Lohr, and passed unanimously. Council Member Bonds was absent and did not vote.

6. Request to Use the Gruber Street Park for Youth Community Reach Fun Day on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. by Scott Stanton, United Colleton

City Manager Molinari informed Council that this agenda item had been withdrawn. No action needs to be taken.

7. Request for Street Closings for a Parade on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. by Miracle Deliverance Center Youth Fair, Yolanda Scriven

Mayor Young recognized that Ms. Scriven was present at the meeting. Ms. Scriven told Council that she did have an opportunity to talk to the police officers about the plans to close off the streets for the parade. They are going to follow behind us and in front of us, to make sure we get through safely. She added that this is our first year for the parade, and our 6th year for the youth fair, where we give out the school supplies to the children. I know that there are a lot of other fairs going on in the community, but within the next year, we would like to see the City of Walterboro, as well as the School District, start to get a little more involved. The whole idea around the parade is to get the kids excited about going back to school. A lot of our officers in the schools with the children can see a lot of what actually takes place from the middle school to the high school. The more that we get involved with the children as a community, I think it would be a whole lot better. So, I hope we can get the School District and the City involved the next go-round, it would be good.

Mayor Young noted that there were four (4) former educators sitting on this Council, so we would agree with you that the more involved we are, the better.

A motion to approve the Parade Permit and the Street Closings as requested was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Broderick, with all members voting in favor. Council Member Bonds was absent and did not vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

There was no City Manager's Report given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Lohr So Moved and Council Member Syfrett seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Bonds was absent and did not vote. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for:

- 1) Receipt of Legal Advice:
 - a. Airport Property
 - b. Hampton Street Waterline Project

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- 2) A Personnel Matter - Investigative Proceedings of Former Employee
- 3) Potential Purchase of Property

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 7:51 P.M., a motion was made by Council Member Lohr to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Bonds was absent and did not vote.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Syfrett and passed unanimously. Council Member Bonds was absent and did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 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: July 28, 2015