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# City of Walterboro

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Walterboro City Council  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2015  
City Hall  
6:15 P.M.

## A G E N D A

**I. Call to Order:**

1. Invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Public Input on Agenda Items:**

**III. Public Hearing:**

1. **Ordinance # 2015-08**, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2015-03, So As to Set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

1. Minutes of the August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting (Minutes attached).

**V. Old Business:**

1. **Ordinance # 2015-08**, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2015-03, So As to Set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget, **Second Reading and Adoption** (Ordinance attached).

**VI. New Business:**

1. Proclamation # 2015-07, A Proclamation Designating September 19-26, 2015 as "Brag a Little About Walterboro Week" (Proclamation attached).
2. Request to Place Ribbons on Street Posts on E. Washington Street (Downtown) **September 9 to October 3, 2015**, in Recognition of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (Memorandum attached).

**VII. Committee Reports:**

**VIII. City Manager's Report:**

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**IX. Executive Session:**

1. Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements - I-95 Business Loop Project.
2. Personnel Matter - Appointment of City Judge, Associate City Judges, City Attorney and City Prosecutor.

**X. ADJOURNMENT.**



## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Walterboro City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:15 P.M. in City Hall, 242 Hampton Street, to receive public comments on the following proposed ordinance:

**Ordinance # 2015-08**, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2015-03, So As to Set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Manager's Office at City Hall, 242 Hampton Street. Written comments may be mailed to the City Manager, P.O. Box 709, Walterboro, SC 29488 and must be received prior to the public hearing. Please call the City Manager's Office (782-1011) for additional information or for disabled persons needing auxiliary aids. Please give at least 24 hours notice if auxiliary aids are required.

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Walterboro City Council  
Regular Meeting  
August 25, 2015

### MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 6:15 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 16 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 Siegel led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

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

There were no public comments or questions on agenda items.

### **PRESENTATION:**

1. **Center for Heirs Property Preservation, Ms. Tish Lynn, Resource Development Coordinator**

Ms. Lynn thanked Council for the opportunity to speak before Council. She stated that she works for the Center for Heirs Property Preservation and has lived in the Charleston area since 1980. She said, I have raised two children in South Carolina and have a passion for this state. I have a passion for this work. The Center for Heirs Property has been doing its work for 10 years, funded by the Ford Foundation. There were lots of problems in the rural communities, but what kept coming up on the part of landowners was heirs' property. She stated that heirs' property can be so easily lost and much of it has been lost in growth and development in South Carolina, especially along the coast, which is under pressure more. It can be lost easily, because the laws don't favor it. If any heir can sell his or her own percentage of ownership, no matter how small, to someone else, then that someone else can force the sale of the entire property, and of course, it can be purchased as a whole. The only law that exists that can help that family at that point, is that they have a year to raise the money to buy it back with interest.

Ms. Lynn informed Council that the Center for Heirs Property provides an education about heirs property, about the risks of owning it this way, about the rights and responsibilities of heirs property owners. We provide the legal help which most of these families cannot afford to obtain clear title to the land and to keep it. If families want to sell their land, our mission is to help those who want to keep it. Our mission is to help those who don't have the resources and want to keep their family land. We have cleared 130 titles to family land, which has a taxed assessed value of \$6.7 million. We serve 7 counties - Georgetown, the Tri-County, Colleton, Jasper and Beaufort. In 2013 we started another part of work which is called the sustainable forestry program. Part of our legal work is prevention, where we have will's clinics, and come into the community when we are asked to come. We write simple wills, so that owners can at least protect their percentage of ownership and pass it onto whom they want to get it in the family, so that upon their death, it does not split even more among all the heirs. At least it protects that part of the ownership. We do education as part of prevention, to let people know that it is a risky way to own the land.

We were funded in 2013 to start a sustainable forestry program and that will be completed at the end of September. It was for us to provide education on sustainable forestry practices for families owning a minimum 10 acres of forest land across our

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service area. We were asked to help 25 families and we have helped 40 families, who collectively own 4,000 acres of forest land. So, these 40 families, all of them developed conservation sustainable forestry program plans for their land long term to 5, 10, 15 and even 30 years out, so that it is actually going to become an income producing asset to these families for generations to come. They have also been able to apply for and gain more than \$300,000 worth of cost share reimbursement from the USDA Program that provide this kind of financial assistance to families who are putting in to place good conservation and sustainable forestry practices. They get cost share reimbursement to pay them back. This is a great product to grow on your land.

Ms. Lynn reported that there are at least 47,000 acres of heirs property in the 7 counties we serve. In Colleton alone, there is over 11,000 acres of heirs property.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Siegel with all members voting in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business before Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance # 2015-08. An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2015-03, So As to Set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget, First Reading

City Manager Molinari told Council that the City needs to set its Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor. He said, as you remember there is a basic formula to get that number. What we do is take our anticipated local option sales tax collections divide that by the total appraised value of properties inside the City, and that gives us our Sales Tax Credit Factor. Mr. Molinari pointed out that the City did not get this information from the County until July, and that is why this ordinance is before you tonight. This is the number we will give to the County that will be factored into the property tax bills that go out in the fall.

A motion was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Broderick, giving first reading approval to Ordinance # 2015-08, being: An Ordinance to Set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Bids Received to Purchase New Wheel Loader with Tink Claw for Public Works Department

Next Council reviewed bids submitted to purchase a new wheel loader with a Tink Claw: Bids received were received as follows:

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| 1. | Blanchard Machinery Co. | CAT Model 914 Wheel Loader   | \$120,906.00 |
| 2. | Flint Equipment Co.     | John Deere 444K Wheel Loader | \$135,100.00 |
| 3. | Hills Machinery Co.     | Case 521 FZ Bar Wheel Loader | \$138,259.14 |

City Manager Molinari reminded Council that during the budget process, the City discussed the need for some new yard debris removal equipment for the Public Works Department, and in the budget, City Council allocated \$123,000.00 for the purchase of a new wheel loader with a tink claw.

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Mr. Molinari stated that staff is recommending that we purchase the wheel loader with a tink claw from Blanchard Machinery. Walterboro, SC, in the amount of \$120,896.00 which is \$2,104.00 less than budgeted.

A motion was made by Council Member Syfrett, seconded by Council Member Siegel to approve the low bidder, Blanchard Machinery, for the purchase of a wheel loader with a tink claw in the amount of \$120,896.00. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no Committee Reports given.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Bonds So Moved and Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for:

- 1) A Discussion of Matters Concerning the Provision of Services Encouraging Location of Industry Served by the Public Body.
- 2) A Personnel Matter Related to Board and Commission Appointments.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 7:09 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.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and a motion was made by Council Member Lohr to appoint Benjamin Scott Cook to the Historic Preservation Commission and George Feild to the Economic Development Commission. Council Member Syfrett seconded the motion. All in favor, None opposed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Siegel and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 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

**ORDINANCE # 2015-08**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2015-03, SO AS TO SET THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget was adopted with the passage of Ordinance # 2015-03 on June 9, 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, City Council has determined that a need exists to amend said budget to set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor for the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED**, that the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget be amended as follows:

1. A local option sales tax credit factor of .001548 shall be established.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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William T. Young, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Betty J. Hudson  
City Clerk

First Reading: August 25, 2015  
Public Hearing: September 8, 2015  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

***PROCLAMATION No. 2015-07***

**By the City of Walterboro, South Carolina**

**Brag A Little About Walterboro Week**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Walterboro is a vibrant and forward thinking community full of southern hospitality and great economic potential, and

**WHEREAS**, a vital component to our continued evolution and growth is drawing new visitors and residents to Walterboro, an effort that starts by creating a positive environment that will foster prosperity and advancement, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Walterboro is committed to engaging its residents with initiatives that promote pride and civic involvement, which is proven to contribute to a robust and socially, environmentally and financially sustainable community, and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Walterboro and Colleton County are a great resource. we are asking that citizens support a city-wide campaign during which signs will be displayed outside homes and businesses, reinforcing what makes them proud to live in Walterboro.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, in Council Assembled, that September 19-26, 2015 shall be designated as

**“BRAG A LITTLE ABOUT WALTERBORO WEEK”**

in the City of Walterboro and encourages its citizens to participate in this campaign, making a visible statement that we are committed to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the City of Walterboro and Colleton County, and are proud of the achievements of our town.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, to be affixed in this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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**William T. Young, Jr., Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Betty J. Hudson, City Clerk**



GO AHEAD

# BRAG A LITTLE.



THIS IS **YOUR** CHANCE TO SHOW OFF.

*What does Walterboro mean to you?*

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**



DISPLAY THESE SIGNS OUTSIDE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS **SEPTEMBER 19-26**. PLACE THEM IN YOUR WINDOWS, ON YOUR FENCEPOST — ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE. GET **CREATIVE!** WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! WHEN THE WEEK IS OVER, THE SIGNS WILL BE **RE-PURPOSED**. PLEASE TURN THEM BACK IN TO THE DISTRIBUTION POINTS LISTED BELOW:

- COLLETON MUSEUM & FARMER'S MARKET
- BACHELOR HILL ANTIQUES
- THE FLOWER BARN & THE OLD SEED COUNTER
- WALTERBORO WELCOME CENTER
- THE SC ARTISANS CENTER



For more information or to volunteer,  
call Michelle Strickland, Tourism Director  
843-538-4353

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Kristina Crosby and my sister is in her third year battling ovarian cancer. September is ovarian cancer awareness month and my sister and I are passionate about raising awareness for gynecological cancers. I would like to place teal ribbons on the lamp posts downtown similarly to what my sister and friends did last September. If approved, 40 ribbons will go up September 9<sup>th</sup> and will be taken down on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The ribbons will help "paint the town teal" as well as serve as a reminder for women to take early action to help prevent cancer spread below the belt.

Thank you for your time,

Kristina Crosby  
843-908-9375