

## **MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 8, 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 12 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 Bridge led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

The Mayor then took a few minutes to express his deepest sympathy to the family of Harry W Cone, former Mayor of Walterboro, who recently passed away. The Mayor said Mr. Cone would truly be missed and that his legacy and his work in Walterboro would always be remembered. He also expressed words of comfort to his brother, Attorney George Cone, who was present at the meeting.

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

There were no public comments or questions on agenda items.

### **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

The Mayor then opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments and/or questions on proposed 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. The City Manager commented that this ordinance identified the LOST Credit Factor of .001548, which would be reflected in the tax bills that would be sent out this year. No public comments or questions were asked on this agenda item.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick with all members voting in favor.

### **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

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Siegel giving Second and Approval to Ordinance # 2015-08, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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1. Proclamation # 2015-07, A Proclamation Designating September 19-26, 2015 as "Brag a Little About Walterboro Week" was adopted by Council upon the motion of Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Lohr, with all members voting in favor.

Ms. Michelle Strickland, Tourism Director, was asked to come to the podium by the Mayor. The Mayor then read the proclamation in its entirety into the record. A copy of the proclamation was presented to Ms. Strickland, and is attached as part of these minutes.

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.

Ms. Kristina Crosby, present at the meeting, had submitted a written request to Council on behalf of her sister, Kendra Crosby, who is in her third year battling ovarian cancer. September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Ms. Crosby asked to put 40 ribbons on the lamp posts downtown from September 9 to October 3, to represent Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. A motion approving this request as submitted was made by Council Member Syfrett, seconded by Council Member Bridge, and passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no Committee Reports given.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. There was no City Manager's Report given.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Broderick So Moved and Council Member Lohr 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 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.

The meeting convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 7:24 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Siegel to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Syfrett seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session, with no action being taken as a result of the Executive Session.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 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.

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Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson  
City Clerk

**APPROVED: October 13, 2015**