

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2015

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 13, 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 and Judy Bridge. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Council Member James Broderick was absent. There were approximately 13 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 Bonds 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:

The Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting and the Minutes of the September 14, 2015 Special Called Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Bonds with all members voting in favor. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Certifying the Cancellation of the November 3, 2015 General Election and Declaration of the Winners - Resolution # 2015-R-08

City Manager Molinari informed Council that the filing period for the November 3, 2015 City Council Election opened on August 26 and closed on September 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. At the end of that period, only the three (3) incumbents had filed - Bobby Bonds, Judy Bridge and Paul Siegel. From September 4 through September 18, no write-in candidates declared during that time period. On Monday, September 21, 2015, the Municipal Election Commission met and passed a certification that would cancel the November 3, 2015 Election and would elect Council Members Bobby Bonds, Judy Bridge and Paul Siegel.

Mayor Young then recognized that the Election Commission Chairman, Mr. Ted Tucker, was present at the meeting. Mr. Tucker then congratulated the three (3) City Council members elected - Bobby Bonds, Judy Bridge and Paul Siegel.

A motion was then made by Council Member Lohr to approve Resolution # 2015-R-08, certifying the winners and cancelling the November 3, 2015 General Election. Council Member Syfrett seconded the motion that passed with a vote of 6/0 with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote. Copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

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2. Consideration of Veterans Day Parade Permit Request, November 8, 2015 - Veterans Council

City Manager Molinari told Council a parade application had been received from the Veterans Council to conduct the Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 2 p.m. The parade route will start on Hampton Street, at the Colleton Center, proceed east to Jefferies Highway, right on East Washington, right on Neyles, right on North Miller and will end back at the Colleton Center. He stated that City staff had no objections to this request.

A motion to approve the parade permit request for the Veterans Day Parade as submitted was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Syfrett, with all members voting in favor. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

3. Request for Street Closings and Use of the Waterfall for Annual Christmas Parade on December 6, 2015 by the Colleton County Rice Festival Board

Mayor Young recognized that Chairman Bubba Trippe and Mr. Charlie Sweat were present on behalf of the Rice Festival Board.

City Manager Molinari explained that the parade route for this request was exactly the same of the route just approved for the Veterans Day Parade. This parade will be held Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The Rice Festival Board has asked that the streets be closed beginning at 4:00 p.m. He also stated that City staff has no objections to this request. Mayor Young then added that the Tree Lighting Program will be held at 5:00 p.m. before the parade.

A motion granting the streets closing and use of the downtown waterfall area for the Annual Christmas Parade as submitted was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Lohr and passed with all members voting in favor. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

4. Designation of Voting Delegate for the NLC Congress of Cities and Exposition in Nashville, Tennessee on November 3-8, 2015

Mayor Young then moved that Council Member Broderick be designated as the voting delegation for the NLC Conference in Nashville. Council Member Siegel seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

At this point, Mayor Young announced that Council Member Broderick was absent due to attending a funeral out of state.

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 Bridge seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and

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did not vote. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for:

- 1) A discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangement.
- 2) Receipt of legal advice - settle of legal claims.
- 3) A discussion of potential purchase of property.
- 4) Personnel Matter - Appointment of Municipal Judge, Associate City Judges, City Attorney and City Prosecutor.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 7:16 P.M., a motion was made by Council Member Lohr to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Siegel seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and a motion was made by Council Member Syfrett to reappoint Maryann Seals as City Prosecutor and George Cone as City Attorney for another term ending June 30, 2016. Council Member Lohr seconded the motion. All in favor, None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Lohr and passed unanimously. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 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: October 27, 2015