

**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Jimmy Syfrett, Paul Siegel, Tom Lohr, and James Broderick. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Council Members Bobby Bonds and Judy Bridge were absent. There were approximately 10 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Mayor announced that he attended the swearing-in of newly elected Senator Margie Bright-Matthews. He stated that several people spoke, but at the end when they said, "We would like to introduce you to the new Senator from Colleton County," it sounded really good. It's been a while since we've had a senator from Colleton. It was a very nice ceremony. Chief Justice Toal swore Senator Bright in and there was a big crowd from Walterboro. Mayor Young further said, I think this is going to be great, and it's certainly time for us to have a seat at the table again, and I think she'll also do a good job representing Allendale, Hampton and the other counties in District 45.

Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation and Council Member Lohr 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 October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Syfrett with all members voting in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business before Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration of Funding Recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

City Manager Molinari informed Council that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and recommended the following requests for funding be approved:

| <u>Requests for 65% Tourism Fund</u>       |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Walterboro Tourism - Wings and Wheels      | \$7,000         |
| The Colleton Center - Smoke in the Boro    | \$8,000         |
| South Carolina Artisans Center - marketing | \$14,400        |
| SC Lowcountry & Resort Islands - promotion | <u>\$10,000</u> |
| Total                                      | \$39,400        |

Mr. Molinari stated that if these requests are approved as submitted, the projected remaining balance for 2015-2016 will be approximately \$24,165. The

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remaining funds will be for consideration at the next scheduled A-tax meeting in February.

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick that Council approve the funding recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee as submitted. Council Member Lohr seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Members Bonds and Bridge were absent and did not vote.

2. Request to Close Streets for Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk on November 26, 2015 from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. by Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce

City Manager Molinari informed Council a request had been received from the Chamber of Commerce for the Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk on Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup>. The race will start by the Sheriff's annex building, will go down Klein Street into the Wildlife Sanctuary and then onto Washington Street over Ireland Creek, down Ivanhoe Road onto Jefferies over Ireland Creek and ultimately ending on Washington Street.

Mr. Molinari stated that he had reviewed this application with the Chief of Police and he is comfortable with the application. City staff has no objections to this request.

A motion was made by Council Member Lohr to approve the request to close the streets for the Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk on November 26, 2015. Mayor Young seconded the motion that passed unanimously, except Council Members Bonds and Bridge were absent and did not vote.

3. Request for Streets for the Annual Santa Sprint/Run on December 5, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and Use of the City Parking Lot from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. by the Colleton County Arts Council

City Manager Molinari stated that Council has in its agenda packet on the last page, a fairly detailed map outlining where the run/walk will take place. Again, I reviewed this application with Chief Marvin and he is comfortable with it, and staff has no objections. I make a recommendation to approve the request.

A motion was made by Council Member Syfrett to approve the request to close the streets for the Annual Santa Sprint Run and use of the City Parking Lot on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor. Council Members Bonds and Bridge were 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 Siegel made a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Lohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously, except Council Members Bonds and Bridge were absent and did not vote.

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Mayor Young announced that the meeting would convene into an Executive Session for:

- 1) A Discussion of Contractual Negotiation Items - "Project "C."
- 2) A Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements - I-95 Business Loop, and
- 3) Personnel Matter - Consideration of Appointment to the City Appearance Board.

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 Syfrett seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Members Bonds and Bridge were absent and did not vote.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and a motion was made by Council Member Broderick to appoint Talika Mock to the City Appearance Board to fill an unexpired term. Council Member Lohr seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Members Bonds and Bridge were absent and did not vote.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. 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: November 10, 2015**