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A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Jimmy Syfrett, Tom Lohr, Bobby Bonds, James Broderick and Judy Bridge. City Manager Jeff Molinari was present and Attorney Reaves McLeod attended the meeting on behalf of City Attorney George Cone. City Clerk Betty Hudson was absent and Bonnie Ross, Administrative Assistant, acted as recording secretary. Council Member Paul Siegel was late to the meeting and arrived during the executive session. There were approximately 23 persons present in the audience.

Mayor Young wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and then called the meeting to order. Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation and Council Member Bridge led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments or questions on agenda items.

At this point, Mayor Young took a few minutes to congratulate Council Member James Broderick. Mr. Broderick is enrolled in the National League of Cities Certificate of Achievement in Leadership Program, and at the November National League of Cities Meeting in Nashville, he earned the Bronze Certificate by successfully completing 16 credits. Mayor Young also said, we have only had a few Council Members who have ever done this, so congratulations to Councilman Broderick and we appreciate your getting that extra education to help benefit the City.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request to Close the Streets for the 5K Run/Walk, March 12, 2016 from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. by Colleton Preparatory Academy

A motion was then made by Council Member Syfrett to approve the request to close the streets for the 5K Run/Walk by Colleton Preparatory Academy on March 12, 2016. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Siegel was absent and did not vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Introduction of New Fire Department Captain by Wayne Lake, Fire Chief

City Manager Molinari then recognized Fire Chief Wayne Lake to introduce the new Fire Captain for his department.

Chief Lake then introduced new Fire Captain, Chris Cook. Chief Lake gave a brief description of Mr. Cook's credentials. He pointed out that Chris has been in the fire service for 30 years and was hired to the City in July 1990 by Fire Chief Ashton

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Syfrett. He has served the citizens of Walterboro for 25 years. Mayor Young congratulated Fire Captain Chris Cook and stated that this was well deserved.

2. South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant Award in the Amount of \$500,000 for Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant

At this point, the Mayor stated that he is pleased to announce and congratulate the City Manager on the City receiving a \$500,000 Rural Infrastructure Grant for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He then recognized and congratulated City Manager Molinari.

City Manger Molinari briefed Council that a couple of months ago the City put in an application for a \$500,000 Rural Infrastructure Grant. We also put in an application back in June to EDA for \$2,040,000 to make improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, specifically for the installation of two screw presses. The project is estimated to be about \$3.4 million and we already have \$500,000. Regarding the \$2,040,000 grant we applied for from EDA, we received back in August a "further consideration letter." This means if they have money in their budget to fund us, then they will. So, we are anxiously awaiting that.

Mr. Molinari then recognized Utilities Director Wayne Crosby and Michelle Knight of the Lowcountry Council of Governments. He stated that they were instrumental in this grant award. Through Michelle's contacts, we were able to go to Columbia and meet with the reviewers of the grant, explain to them our needs and that was a successful approach. Looking at the numbers, if we are funded through EDA, we will have about \$860,000 to make up. We are still trying to figure out how to pay for that. But, one thing I do want to mention to you is what we have learned. When we went to Rural Infrastructure, we found that they have a low interest revolving loan fund for water and sewer system improvements and that may be an attractive route for us to use to make up that \$860,000 gap.

Before entering Executive Session, the Mayor thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight and again wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. He also stated that those of you who will be working, we want to thank you for keeping us safe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session.

Council Member Bridge then made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed unanimously, except Council Member Siegel was absent and did not vote.

The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for a discussion of negotiations pursuant to proposed contractual arrangements for Brownfields Project.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session. Council Member Siegel arrived at the meeting at approximately 6:27 P.M.

At approximately 7:12 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.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and there being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Syfrett,

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seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 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: January 12, 2016