

Walterboro City Council  
Regular Meeting  
January 28, 2014

## **MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 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. Interim City Manager Jim Duckett, Bonnie Ross, Recording Secretary, City Attorney George Cone along with Attorney Clenton Campbell were also present. City Clerk Betty Hudson was absent. There was approximately 10 persons present in the audience, along with Brantley Strickland from the press.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for being present at the meeting on such a bad weather night. He said, I appreciate all of City Staff working today. As it turned out, we were able to stay open and provide services to the citizens, even though we have some bad weather on its way here. I know we are probably the only ones open today, but we appreciate everybody working and being here to keep the City services going.

Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation and Council Member Lohr led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

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

No public comments were made on agenda items.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Mayor then announced a public hearing duly advertised on a proposed USDA Rural Development Project on grants to acquire new vehicles for the City of Walterboro. Mayor Young then introduced Amy Risher, Finance Office Manager, to give brief remarks on this agenda item. Ms. Risher stated that this is a required USDA Rural Development public hearing on our vehicle grants request. The City has filed for two grants. One grant is for a vehicle in the Public Works Department and a vehicle in the Water Department. Our second grant is for two patrol cars in the Public Safety Department. The City of Walterboro qualifies for a 25% funding on these grants, up to \$50,000 per grant.

The Mayor then opened the floor to receive any comments or questions. No comments or questions were received and the hearing was closed. The regular meeting then began.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### 1. Consideration of 2014-2015 Budget Calendar

Interim City Manager Jim Duckett told Council every year the City has followed a similar budget calendar. Since the new City Manager will start on Feb 17 and the calendar is usually submitted the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January, I just wanted to stick with that same schedule. He informed Council that the budget calendar had been submitted to the new City Manager, who will make the necessary changes to the calendar when he arrives.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Bonds to approve the 2014-2015 budget calendar as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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2. Consideration of 2014 Rice Festival Requests, Jimmy Trippe, President Colleton County Rice Festival - Approval of Street Closing Request and Parade Permit Request

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Lohr to approve the 2014 Rice Festival requests and Parade Permit as submitted. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

3. Approval of Projects List for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission

The Mayor then entertained a motion to approve the projects list for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick to approve the projects list for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission which includes in the order of 1 and 2; with No. 1 being a portion of the I-95 Business Corridor and No. 2 being the Walterboro Water Distribution Center (water improvements). Council Member Lohr seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Council Member Bond asked if the list could be amended. The Mayor stated that he thought that the City could add to the list. He said, I think we would have an opportunity to add to the list if we wanted to, but I think we are stating now that those are the first two top priorities. The motion then passed with all members voting in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There was no Committee Reports before Council.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:23 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson  
City Clerk

**APPROVED: February 11, 2014**