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A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, April 22, 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. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Betty Hudson, and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Twenty-one (21) persons were present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order, and called on Council Member Syfrett for the invocation and Council Member Bridge to lead the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no comments or questions on agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Next, the Mayor opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments on proposed Ordinance # 2014-01, being: An Ordinance to Amend the FY2013-2014 Budget, So As to Provide for Supplemental Appropriation from the City's General Fund Balance in the Amount of \$470,000.

City Manager Molinari told Council that the City had two significant unbudgeted expenditures: a \$420,000 settlement with the County and a \$50,000 expenditure for an interim City Manager. Because our actual expenditures will be significantly more than our budgeted expenditures, to satisfy the auditors, we will need to do a budget amendment.

No comments or questions were received. The public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting began.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 8, 2014 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting were approved as submitted upon the motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick with all members voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 2014-01, An Ordinance to Amend the FY2013-2014 City of Walterboro, South Carolina Ordinance # 2013-04, So As to Provide for Supplemental Appropriation from the City's General Fund Balance in the Amount of \$470,000, **Second Reading and Adoption**

A motion was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Siegel, giving Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2014-01 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 2014-02, An Ordinance to Amend the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Walterboro, So As to Clarify and Strengthen Portions of the Ordinance, **First Reading**

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A motion was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Syfrett to adopt Ordinance # 2014-02 as submitted. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

2. Proclamation No. 2014-04, to Recognize April, 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Siegel to adopt Proclamation No. 2014-04 as submitted. The Mayor then read the proclamation in its entirety into the records. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of said proclamation is attached as part of the minutes.

3. Request for Use of Downtown Plaza and to Close Street for Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26, 2014, by Colleton County Veterans Council

A motion was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Broderick to approve this request as submitted. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

Mr. James White, present on behalf of the Veterans Council, thanked Council for its support of the veterans. He said, this year there will be a wonderful program planned. He invited everyone to attend.

4. Request to Renew Membership in Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium

City Manager Molinari explained that Council received a letter from Mr. Chris Bickley of the Lowcountry Council of Governments. Eight years ago, over 20 local governments in the four-county region came together to qualify for direct affordable housing funding assistance from the federal government, and the HOME Consortium was formed. Each year, the Consortium receives between \$600,000 to \$700,000. To participate in the Consortium, it has to be renewed every three years. The City of Walterboro has benefitted from this program. We've had a number of older homes inside the City limits that have been rehabilitated through funds from this program. Mr. Molinari then recommended that the City continue its participation in the Consortium.

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to approve the City's continued membership in the Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium program. Council Member Siegel seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

No Manager's Report was presented.

Before adjourning the meeting, Mayor Young reminded everyone that the Rice Festival would be held this week. He invited everyone to attend.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:23 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed

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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: May 13, 2014