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A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, June 10, 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, and City Clerk Betty Hudson were also present. City Attorney George Cone was absent. There were approximately 29 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then said, we are also glad to have some special guests with us.

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 or questions were received on agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Young then opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments/questions on the following proposed ordinances:

- 1) Ordinance # 2014-03, An Ordinance Adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Matters Relating Thereto.
- 2) Ordinance # 2014-04, An Ordinance Adopting the City Enterprise Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Matters Relating Thereto.

The Mayor then asked Mayor-Pro-Tem Tom Lohr, Chairman of the Budget Committee, to give a breakdown on the budget.

Council Member Lohr announced that the City has a \$10,466,641 total City budget. Of that amount \$7,034,797 would be in the General Budget.

Mr. Lohr thanked City Manager Molinari and members of City Council for helping to work out the budget this year. He stated that the highlights of the new budget include:

- 1) No property tax increase.
- 2) No water and sewer increase and no business license increase.
- 3) We are able to give a 2% cost of living adjustment for City employees. As previously mentioned, about all we were able to do for employees last year was to help them some on their insurance, and I know their insurance is going up this year. So, that kind of washes out some of the increase, but I am sure they are pleased to get what they can.
- 4) We will purchase one new sanitation vehicle and purchase three new patrol cars.

In conclusion, Mr. Lohr stated that with the City Manager's leadership and intelligence and on the part of everybody else here, I think we were able to accomplish some good things.

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The Mayor opened the floor to receive any comments or questions. None were received and the public hearing was closed.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1) Proclamation # 2014-08, to recognize the Colleton Preparatory Academy 2014 SCISA State Championship Girls Softball Team.

A motion to adopt Proclamation # 2014-08 as submitted was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Lohr, and passed unanimously.

The Mayor then asked the softball team members to come to the podium. He then read the proclamation in its entirety into the records and presented a copy to head coach Mallory Crawford. A copy of this proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

Ms. Crawford then introduced the girls who were present on behalf of the softball team: Madeline Hill, Jaime McLaine, Marla Strickland, and Ally Knight.

- 2) Resolution # 2014-R-06, to designate City Property at 100 South Jefferies Boulevard as the Discovery Center for the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary.

Mr. Moultrie Plowden, Chairman of the Friends of the Great Swamp Sanctuary Committee, addressed Council on this agenda item. He told Council that the committee wanted to have a resolution that specifies that the building is used for the educational purposes of the Wildlife Sanctuary.

A motion to adopt Resolution # 2014-R-06 as submitted was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Lohr. In discussing the motion, Council Member Broderick said, I would like to see us move quickly on that building. The motion passed with all members voting in favor. A copy of the Resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 13, 2014 Work Session for Budget Committee and the Minutes of the May 13, 2014 Work Session on the UDO Update were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Ordinance # 2014-03, An Ordinance adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Matters Relating Thereto, was before Council for **Second Reading Approval.**

A motion as made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Broderick, giving Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2014-03, being: An Ordinance adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Matters Relating Thereto. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

- 2) Ordinance # 2014-04, An Ordinance Adopting the City Enterprise Budget for Fiscal year 2014-2015 and Matters Relating Thereto, was before Council for **Second Reading Approval.**

Council Member Lohr made a motion giving Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2014-04, being: An Ordinance Adopting the City Enterprise Budget for

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Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Matters Relating Thereto. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 2014-05, An Ordinance to Modify the Public Safety Department of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina to Provide for the Establishment of Two (2) Positions, a Police Chief and a Fire Chief, **First Reading**.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Broderick giving First Reading Approval to Ordinance # 2014-05, being: An Ordinance to Modify the Public Safety Department of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina to Provide for the Establishment of Two (2) Positions, a Police Chief and a Fire Chief. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

2. Ordinance # 2014-06, An Ordinance to Abolish the Equipment Replacement Fund of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, **First Reading**.

The Mayor pointed out that this idea came about as we were preparing the budget and Council has talked about this. This is to make it official.

A motion giving First Reading Approval to Ordinance # 2014-06 as submitted was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Bonds and passed unanimously.

3. Request to Use the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary for the Walterboro Walk and Wag Fund-raiser, September 20, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. by the Friends of the Colleton County Animal Shelter

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Syfrett to approve the request to use the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary for the Walterboro Walk and Wag Fund-raiser on September 20, 2014 as submitted. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Molinari then introduced the City's new Parks Director, Mr. Adam Davis. Mr. Davis comes to us from Ashley Ridge High School in the Dorchester II School District, where he was the Director of Grounds and Athletic Fields. Mr. Molinari said, we are very happy to have Adam on board. Adam really rose to the top during the interview process and we are very much looking forward to him coming on board and being part of our management team.

Mr. Molinari also announced that Tourism Director Donna (Laird) Miller had acquired a Tourism Advertising Grant (TAG) from South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) in the amount of \$32,370. This money will be used to help promote tourism in the City of Walterboro through television media, print media and also through billboard advertising and through SCPRT. City Manager Molinari told Council that we will have to match SCPRT dollars - dollar for dollar. He said, I just wanted to bring this to Council's attention that we did receive this grant, and to bring it to you as information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter an Executive Session. Council Member Lohr So Moved and Council Member Syfrett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an

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Executive Session for: Contractual Matters pertaining to Sonoco Recycling, Use of the City Park Facilities and the School Board Reapportionment/Local Legislation.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 7:28 P.M., a motion was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Broderick, to exit the Executive Session and return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Lohr and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 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: June 24, 2014