

## **MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 12, 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. There were approximately 43 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation. Council Member Broderick 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 following minutes were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously.

1. Minutes of the April 22, 2014 Budget Committee Work Session.
2. Minutes of the April 22, 2014 UDO Update Work Session.
3. Minutes of the July 22, 2014 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business before Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance # 2014-09, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2014-04, So As to Set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget, **First Reading.**

Mayor Young read the first reading to the title of the proposed Ordinance.

City Manager Molinari informed Council that in previous years, the City has been able to set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit as part of the budget document. The Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor is a very simple formula. You take your anticipated collections and divide that by the total appraised value within the City. We have to rely on the County for that information. We did not have that information before June 30. We are required by law to set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor. Once we set that, we will send that information to the County auditor, so it can be reflected in the tax bills that will go out in the fall.

Council Member Siegel made a motion giving First Reading Approval to Ordinance # 2014-09. Council Member Lohr seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of Bids Received for Purchase of Pickup Truck for Utilities Department

City Manager Molinari stated that the Utilities Department has \$25,000 budgeted in the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget for the purchase of a full size pickup truck. The City solicited bids from two local dealers, as well as a bid from the state contract. We

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received a bid from one local dealer, a no bid from the other local dealer, as well as the state contract price. The bids received were as follows:

Rizer Chevrolet (Walterboro, SC)	- No Bid
Love Chevrolet (State Contract)	- \$27,171.00
Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC)	- \$25,000.00

Mr. Molinari stated that the low qualified bidder was Walterboro Ford in the amount of \$25,000.00. He concluded by stating that City staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of the low bidder.

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Siegel, to accept the low bid from Walterboro Ford in the amount of \$25,000.00. In discussing the motion, Council Member Bonds asked how much was budgeted for this automobile. Mr. Molinari answered that the City budgeted \$25,000.00. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

3. Consideration of a Parade Request by Mr. Horace Simmons, Action Line Against Violence

Mayor Young then entertained a motion to approve the request. Council Member Siegel made a motion to approve the parade permit request as submitted by Mr. Horace Simmons. Council Member Lohr seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

4. Request to Hang a Banner for Life Insurance Awareness Month, September 1-5, 2014

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to approve the request to hang a banner for Life Insurance Awareness Month as submitted. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that carried with all members voting in favor. None opposed.

At this point, the Mayor announced that Agenda Item No. 5, under New Business, entitled "Appeal of Tree Protection Ruling, 718 Hampton Street, Danny Riddle," will be deferred to a later meeting. He said that Mr. Riddle was unable to attend the meeting tonight and has asked that Council postpone this appeal until a future meeting. So, we will not be acting on this tonight.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There was no Committee Reports given.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

There was no report given.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

- 1) Personnel matters:
  - a) Police Chief and Fire Chief Search Update, and
  - b) Discussion of Boards and Commissions Appointments.
- 2) Receipt of legal advice related to a construction project.

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The meeting then convened into Executive Session.

At approximately 7:34 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Siegel to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session. No action was 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 Lohr, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 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: August 26, 2014**