

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
March 22, 2011

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:15 P.M. with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Dwayne Buckner, Randy Peters, Charles Lucas, Ted Parker, Franklin Smalls and Tom Lohr. City Manager Jeff Lord and City Attorney George Cone were also present. City Clerk Betty Hudson was absent. Dennis Averkin, Director of Finance and Administration, acted as recording secretary. There were approximately 15 persons in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Young called the meeting to order. The invocation was led by Council Member Smalls, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Lucas.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Marsha Johnson asked about rental land with respect to A-Tax grants. City Manager Lord responded that it was owned, so no disclosure is required.

PRESENTATION:

1. **Acknowledgment to the City for Participation with the Colleton African Arts Project.**

Ms. Jack Cord, Executive Director, appeared before Council with words of thanks to the city for supporting the efforts of the Colleton African American Arts Project (CAP). She presented a group picture to Mayor Young, who in turn thanked Council. She also thanked Council Member Smalls for his work on the project.

2. **Presentation of Life Saver Award to Patrolman Jon Edwards**

Mayor Young recognized Patrolman Jon Edwards for his recent receipt of the Life Saver Award from the S.C. Police Chiefs Association. Mayor Young read the incident report. He stated that Officer Edwards saved the life of a fire victim and his dog. The Mayor then called Officer Edwards and Chief Rhodes to the podium. Mayor Young pinned a ribbon on Officer Edwards and Chief Rhodes to applause.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 11, 2011 Special Called Meeting and the Minutes of the February 22, 2011 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting were approved upon motion of Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Buckner and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ratification of Acceptance of SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Grant in the Amount of \$22,760.05 and Authorizing \$5,690.05 in Local Match Funds**

City Manager Lord explained that this is part of an application that was submitted and signed off by the Colleton County Delegation for the city to be able to place playground equipment at Mayfield Park. This is part of the Parks Master Plan for the city.

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A motion was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas, to ratify the acceptance of the SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Grant as submitted. In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner thanked the Mayor for his leadership in obtaining this grant for the city. The Mayor showed great leadership in talking to the Delegation. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

2. Consideration of Budget for 2011 General Election

City Manager Lord presented two cost estimates for use of the machines and paper ballots for the 2011 General Election.

Absentee Ballots Printing Cost	\$1,470.00	
Paper Ballots Printing Cost		\$11,277.00
Poll Managers	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00
Poll Workers	<u>\$1,440.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,440.00</u>
Total	\$3,630.00	\$13,437.00

City Manager Lord explained that we are presenting the two options because at this time, we are not clear whether or not we are going to be able to use the machines or if we will have to use paper ballots.

Mr. Lord asked Council to approve both figures, and if the Municipal Election Commission can use the electronic machines, we will go to the lower value, if not, we will use the higher value.

Council Member Lucas asked if the Commission had to go through a certain company in order to get the ballots printed. He felt the cost of \$3.00 per ballot was high. Mr. Lord responded that we received this cost from the County Elections & Voter Registration Board. Mayor Young asked if that was the actual cost to print a ballot? City Manager Lord explained that this is the price they are charging us to do it. Mayor Young then asked, do they have to do it? He asked the City Manager to find an answer to the question.

The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the two budgets for the 2011 Municipal General Election as presented. Council Member Lucas so moved, and Council Member Parker seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner asked if the number of poll workers (6) and poll managers (2) were sufficient to have a smooth election? City Manager Lord affirmed that this number was consistent with what has been done in the past. This decision is made by the Municipal Election Commission as per the requirements of the state code. Council Member Buckner said, the reason I asked is to make sure we don't have long lines and issues that we had in the county election. I want to make sure we have enough personnel in place so if something arises, it can be corrected in an efficient manner. **The motion passed with all members voting in favor.**

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. A motion was made by Council Member Lucas to enter an Executive Session. Council Member Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor announced that the meeting would enter an Executive Session for a discussion of Appointments to Boards and Commissions. The meeting then convened into Executive Session.

The meeting returned to Open Session with no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 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: April 12, 2011