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A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Paul Siegel, Dwayne Buckner, Charles Lucas, Randy Peters, Tom Lohr and Bobby Bonds. City Manager Jeff Lord, City Clerk Betty Hudson, and City Attorney George Cone were also present. There were approximately 17 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody to the meeting. Everyone then repeated the Lord's Prayer. Council Member Lucas led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Council Member Lucas then requested that agenda item No. 4 under New Business, Consideration of Appointment to the Walterboro Tourism Commission, be moved to be considered after the Executive Session. Mayor Young then stated, if there are no objections, we will just make that adjustment. No objections were made.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

1. No public comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the October 25, 2011 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Buckner, seconded by Council Member Lucas and passed with all members voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase a Residential Garbage Truck for Sanitation Department, and**
2. **Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase a Street Sweeper for Public Works Department**

The City Manager then stated he would speak on both these agenda items at the same time. He said, both of these vehicles are in our capital improvement plan, in our budget and capital budget for this year. Both of them exceed the budgeted price. Unfortunately, we received our budget price in March, and now in November prices have gone up a little. Each vehicle exceeds our budget price about \$5,000 each. However, we do have some pending grants that we are waiting on, and there are other budgeted items that we are holding off on, just to make sure we have enough money to pay for everything. We are recommending the approval of the low bidder for both of them.

The first bid item is for a 20-foot cubit yard residential garbage truck. The low bidder is Amick Equipment for \$187,916, and the second item is for a new street sweeper, and Amick Equipment is also the low bidder at \$109,781. Mr. Lord explained that the current street sweeper was struck in an accident about a week ago and is out of commission. So, we are waiting on this being replaced.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Lucas, to accept both low bids as submitted from Amick Equipment Co. to purchase

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a residential garbage truck for \$187,916 and to purchase a new street sweeper for \$109,781.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner stated, the City Manager has addressed this, but we are over budgeted by more than \$9,000 on these purchases and we are using the same company, Amick Equipment Company, for both purchases, if we decide to take the low bid on both. Is there any way we can negotiate with them, since we are buying two pieces of equipment, so that we would be able to meet within the allotted budgeted price? City Manager Lord pointed out that this has already been done. The street sweeper is actually a demonstration model. So, we are already getting a discount.

Council Member Buckner then said, my concern again is the \$9,000. City Manager Lord pointed out that because of this, the City is holding off on purchasing a \$76,000 piece of equipment. Public Works Director Charlie Chewing pointed out that the city is holding off on purchasing a yard trash truck which is around \$67,000 and then a pickup truck around \$15,000.

Council Member Lucas asked if the street sweeper that was damaged in an accident would be out of commission, and if the city would be getting insurance money on that? He said, what is the disposition? City Manager Lord responded, we are going to get some money, but it is a very old model. So, if it gets totaled, there won't be very much to it. Mr. Chewing added that the street sweeper is 10 years old. Council Member Lucas then said, that would be money you weren't normally going to have, so it could be used toward the difference. City Manager Lord responded, that's correct, it could take up the difference. I believe it is being evaluated by the manufacturer now. Mr. Chewing reported that the city has hauled this equipment to Columbia today. We are hoping that we are going to get it fixed and use it as a backup. We don't have a backup presently.

Mayor Young then asked Mr. Lord, do I understand you are holding off on the other two purchases until we see if the grants come in? Then at that time, we might still make those other two purchases? Mr. Lord responded, absolutely.

The motion then passed unanimously.

Council Member Peters then asked, does the new truck have anything to do with the recycling. Mr. Lord responded that the new residential truck is needed to do recycling, because then what we'll do is take one of our current trucks and use that in the recycling route. It will go into backup status for that purpose, so yes.

3. Consideration of Appointment to the Youth Advisory Commission

On the recommendation of Council Member Tom Lohr, two new students were appointed to the Youth Advisory Commission. Upon motion by Council Member Lucas Ms. Keoisha Bingley was newly appointed to replace Trey Black as the representative from Colleton County High School, and Mr. Clay Crosby was newly appointed to represent Colleton Preparatory Academy on the Youth Advisory Commission. Council Member Bobby Bonds seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner commended Council Member Lohr for his work on the Youth Advisory Commission. He said, I think the work of this commission has been very important to the community. We were in a great position with having this commission created to be able to work in conjunction with D.J.J., and I am really excited about the work of this commission, how it's forming and the things that the commission has been doing, and Councilman Lohr I know you've taken a lot

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of time and put forth a lot of effort on this commission. I just want to say thank you, because it is really making a difference in the community.

4. Consideration of Appointment to the Walterboro Tourism Commission

It was agreed at the beginning of the meeting, to move this agenda item to be discussed after the Executive Session.

5. Request to Close Street for Cubmobile Race on November 19, 2011 by Chris Cook

This street closing request by Chris Cook to close Forest Hills Road between South Jefferies Boulevard and Ireland Creek Drive on November 19, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the annual Cubmobile Race was approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Lohr, and passed with all members voting in favor.

6. Consideration of Canceling or Rescheduling the December 27, 2011 City Council Meeting

Council Member Lucas made a motion to cancel the December 27, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting, unless an emergency matter comes up. Council Member Peters seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

7. Request for Authorization to Issue a Temporary Certificate of zoning Compliance for a Mini Carnival to be Located at Walterboro Christian Center, 320 Robertson Boulevard

A request for authorization to issue a temporary Certificate of Zoning Compliance to the Walterboro Christian Center for a mini carnival to be located at 320 Robertson Boulevard was before Council. In a letter from Pastor Ja-Don Buckner, it was requested that this carnival operate from Thursday, November 10, 2011 to Sunday, November 13, 2011.

A motion to grant the request as presented was made by Council Member Buckner, seconded by Council Member Peters, and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

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 Buckner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor announced that the meeting would enter an Executive Session for a discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and a discussion of boards and commissions appointments. The meeting then convened into Executive Session.

4. Consideration of Appointment to the Walterboro Tourism Commission

The meeting returned to Open Session and a motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Peters to appoint Ms. Jean Harrigal to the Walterboro Tourism Commission Executive Board. The motion passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to consider, a motion was made by Council Member Lucas to adjourn. Council Member Bonds seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:45 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: November 22, 2011