

Walterboro City Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2009

### **MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 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, City Clerk Betty Hudson, City Attorney George Cone and Attorney Ashley Amundson were also present. Approximately 11 persons were in attendance at the meeting.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Smalls to give the invocation and Council Member Buckner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Mayor Young welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged that Council Member Smalls was present after a brief illness.

The Mayor then deferred to a later date agenda items No 2 and 3 under New Business, until our attorneys can agree on language that are bothersome in those two items.

The Mayor then opened the floor to receive Public Comments on any of the agenda items. No comments were given.

The Minutes of the August 11, 2009 were approved with one minor change on page VI, second paragraph, to correct Council Member "Parker" to read "Council Member Peters asked if the group had any rain plans for the event". The motion for approval was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Smalls and passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Park Improvements - Council Member Buckner**

Council Member Buckner opened by thanking the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to bring this item on the agenda for discussion. Mr. Buckner stated that he had asked a representative from Play World Systems to come and talk to us about specifically Pinckney Park. We have put together a proposal for physical fitness stations that I believe would be a great addition to the Pinckney Park. At this time, I like to defer my time to Play World Systems.

Mayor Young then asked Council Member Buckner if he had a motion to accompany this. He said, before we discuss this we need a motion. He further stated, we need a motion and a second to discuss the park improvement. He then asked Council Member Buckner, do you have a specific motion that you want to make.

Council Member Buckner then made a motion that Council hear Mr. Eastman from the Play World Systems to discuss park improvement. He added that Mr. Eastman had driven all the way here from Rock Hill. He then asked for the blessings of this Council to at least have him (Mr. Eastman) take a few minutes to make a presentation. He then stated, I make a motion to allow him to address us.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Buckner then asked Council to reconsider to let Mr. Eastman make his presentation. He then stated, I would like to make a few comments about the playground equipment.

Mayor Young then stated, we need a motion to discuss this. Do you want to make a motion? He then asked, what are we discussing. We need a motion to entertain business. So, you need to make a motion.

Council Member Buckner then responded, I believe, as I understand it, that "Park Improvements" is line item one under New Business on the agenda, and therefore I am taking the time right now to discuss this with Council.

Mayor Young then stated, you can make a brief introduction, and then we need a motion.

Mayor Young further stated, just a brief introduction and then you need to make a motion. If you don't have a motion and a second to discuss it then we are not making good use of the time. That's why Roberts Rules are set up that way. You have to have a motion and a second, but you can make a brief introduction and then make your motion.

Council Member Buckner then said, I like to make a point of the park equipment that I think would be great for Pinckney Park. These are physical fitness stations which will allow for the citizens of Walterboro to be able to have an outlet for physical fitness. They include pull up bars, sit up bars, push ups and I thought it would be a great idea to have them stationed throughout Pinckney Park. Therefore I have asked that we consider purchasing the equipment now, because I believe that this is something that the citizens of Walterboro would like to see happen at their park.

Council Member Buckner then made a motion that the City install the equipment now, following the procedures for procurement, making sure that we secure all the necessary bids for similar equipment. No second was received, and the motion died for lack of a second.

2. Proposal for Conceptual Planning Services for I-95 Business Loop Streetscape Corridor by Wood+Partners, Inc.

**This agenda item deferred to a later date as announced by the Mayor at the beginning of the meeting.**

3. Inventory and Assessment Services Proposal for Downtown Arborscape by Wood+Partners, Inc.

**This agenda item deferred to a later date as announced by the Mayor at the beginning of the meeting.**

4. Recommendation to Purchase New Commercial Front Load Garbage Truck to Replace Truck Destroyed in Wreck

Public Works Director reported that the City received 8 different quotes for different model trucks. It appears that the best deal for the city is a 2008 Labrie (Demonstrator) with 11,000 miles at the cost of \$176,110.00. This truck will still have a one year warranty. Mr. Chewing reported that he checked on the engine warranty. He found that the city would only be losing about 5 months on the 5 year warranty. The insurance company has offered to pay \$129,300.00

for the loss on the wrecked truck. Mr. Chewing recommended the purchase of the replacement truck from Amick Equipment Company at \$176,110.00, which would leave a remainder of \$46,810 that the city would need to pay out of the general fund. Mr. Chewing stated, we did not have this particular truck in the equipment replacement fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Parker to purchase the low bid garbage truck from Amick Equipment Company for \$176,110.00. Council Member Lucas seconded the motion. In response to a question from Council Member Parker, Mr. Chewing stated that the wrecked truck was a 2005. Council Member Lucas asked if the amount the insurance company offered is acceptable or low. Mr. Chewing reported that in speaking with a couple of the truck dealers, they felt this amount was pretty good.

The motion then passed with all members voting in favor.

5. Recommendation to Purchase a Compact Pickup Truck for the Water Department.

Utilities Director Wayne Crosby reported that the city accepted bids for a 2010 compact pickup truck to be used in the water department. Four bids were accepted as follows:

Walterboro Motor Sales	\$15,571.35
Rizer Chevrolet	\$16,893.55
Jim Bilton Ford	\$15,736.00
Bilton Chevrolet	\$17,241.00

Mr. Crosby recommended acceptance of the low bid of \$15,571.35 from Walterboro Motor Sales. He stated that the bid was slightly more than what was budgeted at \$14,900.00 based on a 2009 vehicle. Unfortunately, there are no 2009 compact truck vehicles available. Most dealerships blame that on the cash for clunkers program.

A motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Peters to accept the low bid of \$15,571.35 from Walterboro Motor Sales to supply the city with a compact pickup truck. In discussing the motion, Council Member Smalls asked if a state contract price would have been more. Utilities Director Crosby stated, that state contract prices would not be available on 2010 pickups until November sometime. But state contract prices on 2009 models are actually \$40.00 more than the price for a 2010 model submitted by Walterboro Motor Sales.

Council Member Buckner then asked Utilities Director Crosby to tell us what company he has used to purchase the last three vehicles for his department. Mr. Crosby responded that Walterboro Ford Motor Sales has been supplying us with the vehicles we have purchased over the last two years. Prior to that, it is usually Walterboro Motor Sales or Rizer Chevrolet. Council Member Parker added, with the lowest bid on all of those. Mr. Crosby stated, generally the two local dealerships are competitive with state contract, and most times, even beating the state contract price.

The motion then passed with a vote of 6/1 with Mayor Young, Council Members Peters, Lucas, Parker, Smalls and Lohr voting in favor. Council Member Buckner voted against the motion.

6. Bids Received for the Rivers Street Water System Improvements Project.

Utilities Director Wayne Crosby reported that the Rivers Street Water System Improvement Project is only part of the concept that will eventually take the concrete elevated water tank out of service downtown. As you know, our engineers have told us that this tank is more of a liability at this point than anything else. So, there will be a series of projects upcoming to take that tank out of service and still provide fire service protection for downtown Walterboro. This project was chosen as the first of several projects because there are some residual funds available from a grant that was award to us through LCOG for the Pine Needle Lift Station. These residual funds amount to about \$106,000. The city accepted a total of 10 bids for this project, ranging from \$131,529.50 to \$242,924.00. The bids received were as follows:

1.	Green Construction Co. of Summerville, SC	\$131,529.50
2.	C&W Construction, Inc., Jackson, SC	\$136,227.00
3.	B&C Utilities, Inc., Johns Island, SC	\$147,838.00
4.	Superior Utilities, Inc., Moncks Corner, SC	\$166,223.30
5.	Landscape Pavers, LLC, Charleston, SC	\$172,244.00
6.	Seaside Utilities, Inc., Moncks Corner, SC	\$180,879.20
7.	Bishop & Sons Plumbing & Piping, Inc., Charleston, SC	\$181,037.34
8.	Tideland Utilities, Inc., Summerville, SC	\$183,551.00
9.	James F. Pederson Company, Inc., Hollywood, SC	\$206,205.50
10.	Anson Construction Co., Inc., Charleston, SC	\$242,924.00

Mr. Crosby then recommended the acceptance of the low bid of \$131,529.50 from Green Construction, whom we have worked with before.

A motion was then made by Council Member Parker to accept the low bid of \$131,529.50 from Green Construction Company of Summerville. Council Member Smalls seconded the motion.

In a discussion of the motion, Council Member Buckner asked Mr. Crosby to explain exactly what the plans are for this area. Mr. Crosby explained that the city will extend from the 12" water main just recently put in service down the new bypass. We will extend from that 12" main with an 8" fire protection main that will run the length of Rivers Street to Proctor Street. Where, it will turn and run down a short distance from Proctor Street and come up Henderson Street and tie back in to South Memorial Street. So, the intent is to make a loop that will increase fire protection for those areas. It will also add an addition of seven fire hydrants to that area.

The motion then passed with all members voting in favor.

#### 7. Bids Received for the Lincoln Apartments Water System Improvements Project.

Utilities Director Wayne Crosby reported that this project is to extend a 6" water line on Sweat Street to a dead-end line on Springwood Drive. This line will run directly in front of Lincoln Apartments, which is on Witsell Street. There are only two fire hydrants included in this package. They will both be placed in close proximity to Lincoln Apartments. We have had several fires in that area over the last several years. There is no access to fire protection in the front of the building and so, we are hoping to eliminate that, while also adding additional fire flow by looping those two lines - one dead-end line and one 6" line. We accepted a total of 11 bids ranging from \$42,866.00 to \$114,932.00. The low bid was submitted by C&W Construction. The bids received were as follows:

1.	C&W Construction, Inc., Jackson, SC	\$42,866.00
2.	Seaside Utilities, Inc., Moncks Corner, SC	\$54,398.30
3.	Superior Utilities, Inc., Moncks Corner, SC	\$57,997.76
4.	Green Const. Co. of Summerville, Summerville SC	\$58,348.00
5.	James F. Pederson Company, Inc., Hollywood, SC	\$58,506.10

6. Bishop & Sons Plumbing & Piping, Inc., Charleston, SC	\$60,301.00
7. B&C Utilities, Inc., Johns Island, SC	\$66,860.45
8. W. E. Davis Construction Company, Pinopolis, SC	\$71,911.00
9. Tideland Utilities, Summerville, SC	\$75,853.00
10. J. R. Wilson Construction Co., Inc., Hampton, SC	\$75,915.00
11. Anson Construction Company, Inc., Charleston, SC	\$114,932.00

Mr. Crosby stated that staff did ask our engineers to look at C&W. Their bid did come in rather low compared to what we had estimated for this project. Based on the information from the engineers, they do feel confident that C&W can complete this project for \$42,866.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters to accept the low bid of \$42,866 from C&W Construction, Inc. of Jackson, SC for the Lincoln Apartments Water System Improvements Project. Council Member Parker seconded the motion.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner asked Mr. Crosby, do you foresee any water outages in this area or disruption of service. Mr. Crosby responded that this would be "temporary". He said, we have tried over the last several projects to go out and identify what's available, and where the valves are. Most people in that area have probably seen us out there in the last several months. We have located several valves, even this week we located four. So, we are hoping to isolate as small a section as we possibly can. There is no water main on Witsell Street now from Springwood Drive to Sweat Street, so there will be no outages in that area. Only temporary outages are expected on the Sweat Street end and the Springwood end just to make the connections.

Mr. Crosby further stated, based on your approval tonight, we are a month out from doing any pre-construction conference. So, prior to having any outages, we will ask the contractor to give us at least several days notice, and we will advertise to the public so everyone will have plenty of notice.

The motion then passed unanimously.

8. Request to Use a Portion of the City Parking Lot for Prescription Assistance Mobile on September 25, 2009, Raleigh Williams, NAACP.

A motion was made by Council Member Smalls, seconded by Council Member Peters to allow the use of a portion of the City Parking Lot for the Prescription Assistance Mobile on September 25. The motion passed with all members voting in favor. The mobile will set up from 1:00 P.M. to approximately 3:00 P.M. This request was submitted by Raleigh Williams, President of the Colleton County Branch of the NAACP.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Parker asked if this use of the parking lot would coincide with any other planned event. Mr. Lord responded that the Business Expo is on the 24<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held the day after, and we do not see any conflicts.

A motion was then made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously to enter an Executive Session for a discussion of appointments. The meeting then entered into an Executive Session.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and the next agenda item was Old Business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Commissions

A motion was made by Council Member Smalls to newly appoint Ms. Dandi Daniels to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Parker seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

A second motion was made by Council Member Parker to newly appoint Charlie Sweat to the Great Swamp Sanctuary Commission. Council Member Lucas seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

A third motion was made by Council Member Lucas to newly appoint Joe Williams to the Recreation Commission. Council Member Smalls seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner stated, I believe we need to re-advertise for this position; we only received one letter of interest. Therefore, I think we need at least two letters, if it's possible, before we make this decision. I would like to see more than 1 individual considered for that position.

The motion passed with a vote of 6/1, with Mayor Young, Council Members Peters, Lucas, Parker, Smalls and Lohr voting in favor. Council Member Buckner voted against the motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Lohr to newly appoint William K. Reasonover to the Tree Committee. Council Member Peters seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Lastly, a motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Lucas to newly appoint Todd Litchfield as Ex-Officio Member of the Tree Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Smalls and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:02 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: September 22, 2009**