

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2008

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 6:15 P.M. with Mayor Charlie Sweat presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Charlie Sweat, Council Members: Randy Peters, Charles Lucas, Bill Young, Ted Parker, Franklin Smalls and Mary Anne Cannady. City Manager Jeff Lord, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. There were approximately 42 persons present at the meeting. Council Member Cannady arrived later at the beginning of the meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the September 23, 2008 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted with a note that spelling errors had been corrected by the City Clerk. The motion for approval was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Young and passed with all members voting in favor. Council Member Cannady was absent and did not vote.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A proclamation designating October 23-31, 2008 as Red Ribbon Week to bring awareness to alcohol and drug abuse in the community and recognizing Colleton County Safe and Drug Free Schools was adopted. The motion for adoption was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas and passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Cannady was absent and did not vote.

Ms. Minthalee Stephens and students from the Hendersonville Elementary School appeared before Council to read this proclamation in its entirety. A copy of said proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid for Repair of Downtown Waterfall

City Manager Lord informed Council that staff received one bid. Staff had interest from 3 different parties who looked at the waterfall for repair; however, only one proposal was received. It is from Brightwell Engineering & Contracting in the amount of \$27,640. City Manager Lord stated that this bid is \$7,640 over budget. However, this repair is terribly needed. The roof is falling in, and we are at risk of losing our pumps and the associated electronics. We have had some savings on other capital items in that department.

Public Works Director Charlie Chewing told Council that this repair really needs to be done. It's getting to the point where it is scary. We have already had the roof to cave in over the machine room at the waterfall, and it has rained in on our electrical pumps there.

A motion was then made by Council Member Parker to accept the bid from Brightwell Engineering & Contracting for the amount of \$27,640 for repair of the downtown waterfall. Council Member Young seconded the motion. In discussing the motion Council Member Peters asked if the sum of \$610.00 would be deleted from the total bid amount. It was noted in the quote that if the City does not use the rough sawn cypress, that the bid would be \$610 less if pine were used. He asked if the City would be using cypress wood or pine wood. City Manager Lord then recommended that the City stay with using the cypress, because we are not replacing the whole trellis, we are just fixing parts of it. The original trellis is made of cypress.

The motion then passed unanimously. At this point, Council Member Cannady was present and also voted in favor of the motion.

Acceptance of Resignation of Harvey Nichols

Council Member Lucas noted that Mr. Nichols had moved out of state to Maine to accept a new job. Council Member Cannady then moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Harvey Nichols from the City Appearance Board. Council Member Lucas seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Street Closing Request by Boy Scouts Troop 678 for Annual Scout Mobile Race

Mr. Chris Cook appeared before Council to request a street closing for the annual scouts' mobile race on Saturday, November 1. Mr. Cook requested that West Forest Hills Road be closed from Jefferies Boulevard to Ireland Creek at the stop sign from 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M... The only businesses that this will affect will be Rizer Chevrolet, Bank of Walterboro, Murdaugh and Jones and Jones, and four of these places will be closed. Mr. Cook reported that part of the race would go beside the Foodland store. He has talked with the store's officials and he was given permission to use one side of the building. This would not interfere with any of the business of the store. Council Member Young asked if the race would go all the way to the bridge. Mr. Cook responded that only Forest Hills Road would be closed to the stop sign at Ireland Creek. The rest of the area there would remain open.

A motion was made by Council Member Young to approve the street closing request by the Boy Scouts Troop 678 for their annual scouts' mobile race as submitted. Council Member Lucas seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Designation of Voting Delegate for 2008 NLC Congress of Cities Meeting in Orlando, FL on November 11-15, 2008

Council Member Smalls nominated Council Member Mary Anne Cannady as the voting delegate for the 2008 NLC Meeting in Orlando FL on November 11-15, 2008. Council Member Lucas seconded the motion and the nomination was closed. Council Member Cannady was unanimously elected as the voting delegate.

Due to the fact that most Council Members would be attending the NLC Meeting in Orlando, FL on November 11-15, 2008, a motion was made by Council Member Cannady, seconded by Council Member Smalls to cancel the regularly scheduled November 11, 2008 City Council Meeting. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

Consideration of Veterans Day Parade Permit Request

Next, Council reviewed a parade permit request submitted by Council Member Smalls on behalf of the Veterans Council to hold a Veterans Day Parade on November 9, 2008. The parade would begin at 2:30 p.m. and would line up at 1:30 P.M. at the Live Oaks Cemetery on Jefferies Blvd. and end at the Foodland store on Forest Hills Road. It will consist of approximately 75 units. The streets would close at 1:30 P.M. and the parade should end around 3:30 or 4:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters to approve the Veterans Day Parade Permit request as submitted. Council Member Lucas seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

As an add-on Agenda Item, Denise Pinckney, the Victims Assistance Coordinator for the City of Walterboro, Public Safety Department, addressed Council. Since October 2008 has been designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Ms. Pinckney asked if the Mayor, City Manager, and City Council Members would conduct a Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Colleton County High School running tracks. She stated that she had also asked the Colleton County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate Mable Hendricks, Sheriff George Malone and County Council Members to share in this walk. The walk would begin at 9:00 A.M. and end at 9:30 A.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Cannady to adopt "**October 25, 2008 as the Mayor's Walk for Domestic Violence Day.**" Council Member Smalls seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Some Council Members (Smalls, Young and Parker) expressed concerns that they would not be able to attend the walk due to previous engagements.

A motion to enter an Executive Session was then made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously. The Mayor then announced that the meeting will enter an executive session to discuss: 1) a contractual matter on a franchise agreement; 2) discuss negotiations incident to proposed sale of property and 3) discuss appointments to Municipal Boards and Commission.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and a motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Lucas to appoint Mr. Isaiah Crosby to the Great Swamp Sanctuary Commission and remove Mr. Buck Limehouse. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Cannady 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: October 28, 2008