

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
January 23, 2007

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Charles H. Sweat, Jr. presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Charles H. Sweat, Jr., Council Members: Charles Lucas Bill Young, Johnnie Thompson, Ted Parker, Franklin Smalls and Mary Anne Cannady. City Manager Tuck McConnell, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present.

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

The Minutes of the January 9, 2007 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Thompson, with all members voting in favor.

There was no Old Business before Council.

Under new Business, Ms. Tommie Derry requested permission to place directional signs in the city limits announcing the upcoming rodeo scheduled for May 4 and 5, 2007. A list of the locations had been provided to Council. She stated the signs would be placed on May 3 and removed by noon on May 7th. Ms. Derry stated that some of the locations on the list may be out of the city's jurisdiction, but she wanted Council to be aware of all the locations. In discussing the request, City Manager questioned the placement of the sign at Exit 203. Ms. Derry responded that this was incorrect; this is actually the exit at the new Wal-Mart. City Manager briefly discussed the list of locations for sign placements. In conclusion, he stated that only six of the eight requested locations were actually under the city's jurisdiction. Two of the listed locations were outside the city limits.

A motion was then made by Council Member Young to approve the request by Ms. Derry to place informational signs announcing the rodeo at the locations in the city limits as discussed. Council Member Cannady seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, on the agenda was consideration of a Quit Claim Deed to Susan Street regarding property on Moore Street. City Attorney Cone explained that in the past when this property was conveyed to Ms. Street, the city retained its rights to buy it back if some "clause" was not completed. The proposed ordinance gets rid of the city's reversionary interest in the Moore Street property. A motion giving first reading approval to an ordinance to allow said action was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Cannady and passed unanimously.

Next, the City Manager explained that the City has had a few businesses that have not paid their hospitality taxes. The ordinance calls for them to have a hearing in front of City Council. He stated he did not believe that any of those businesses would like to do that, so we hope they will go ahead and pay. City Manager McConnell further stated that if Council desires, the ordinance could be changed to eliminate the necessity of a hearing before City Council on nonpayment of A-tax or hospitality tax. He told Council that staff hopes that this does not continue to be a problem.

The Mayor then announced that the item to be discussed under the Executive Session had been deferred to a later date.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Cannady, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:25 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