

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
October 23, 2007

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Young, Council Members: Randy Peters, Charles Lucas, Ted Parker, Franklin Smalls and Mary Anne Cannady. Public Works Director Charlie Chewing representing the City Manager, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Mayor Charlie Sweat and City Manager Tuck McConnell were absent.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Young then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Minutes of the October 9, 2007 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Smalls and passed with all members in favor. Mayor Sweat was absent and did not vote.

A proclamation designating October 23-31, 2007 as Red Ribbon Week for the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse, was read into the records by students from the Colleton Alternative School. Mr. Herman Bright, Director and Ms. Carolyn Winn, teacher, at the Alternative School were also present. Ms. Winn introduced each student, who in turn read the proclamation in its entirety. A motion adopting the proclamation was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Cannady and passed unanimously. The group presented red ribbons to Council and others present in recognition of Red Ribbon Week. (A copy of said proclamation is attached as part of these minutes).

There was no Old Business before Council.

Under New Business, Council considered funding recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Committee. Finance Director Jeff Lord announced that the City advertised on September 14 that it would accept funding requests from the A-tax fund. The A-Tax Committee met on October 11 to consider the only two requests received. The recommendations of the committee were as follows:

<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Approved by A-Tax Committee</u>
Lowcountry Tourism Commission -	\$12,000	\$ 3,000
The Downtown Criterium	\$14,000	\$10,000
Total	\$26,000	\$13,000

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The Committee recommended that Council approve \$13,000 in A-tax funds, approved by the A-Tax Committee, to be distributed as noted above. A motion approving the recommendations from the A-Tax Committee as submitted was made by Council Member Cannady, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously. Mayor Sweat was absent and did not vote.

Next, Council Member Smalls nominated Council Member Mary Anne Cannady as the voting delegate for the 2007 Congress of Cities Meeting in New Orleans, LA, November 13-17, 2007. Council Member Parker seconded the motion. The nominations were closed and Council Member Cannady was elected as the voting delegate for the NLC Meeting and Council Member Smalls as the alternate voting delegate. Mayor Sweat was absent and did not vote.

Next, Mr. Don Pool, 1120 Dandridge Road, was appointed by Council to fill a vacancy on the Friends of the Great Swamp Sanctuary for an unexpired term on the motion of Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously. Mayor Sweat was absent and did not vote.

Lastly, Under New Business, Council Member Parker moved and Council Member Cannady seconded, that Council authorize the Mayor Pro-Tem to reschedule or cancel the November 13 meeting, if he determines in his judgment that the agenda is not sufficient to warrant a meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Sweat was absent and did not vote.

There were no Committee Reports given. A motion to enter an Executive Session to hear a contractual matter on the Great Swamp Sanctuary, was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Smalls, and passed with all members voting in favor. Mayor Sweat was absent and did not vote.

The meeting returned to Open Session at approximately 6:45 P.M. Mayor Pro-Tem Young then announced that another Executive Session needs to be held on a personnel matter. A motion to re-enter Executive Session to hear a personnel matter was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Smalls and passed unanimously. The meeting then reconvened into Executive Session.

The meeting returned again to Open Session and 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 Pro-Tem adjourned the meeting at 7:06 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