

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
July 25, 2006

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 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, Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Smalls for the invocation and Council Member Parker to lead the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

The Minutes of the July 11, 2006 Regular Meeting were APPROVED as corrected and dated 7/25/06 on a motion by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas with all members voting in favor. Council Member Smalls was absent and did not vote.

There was no Old Business before Council.

Under New Business, Council considered a slate of bid quotes to purchase a new 2007 compact truck for the Utilities Department, as submitted by Utilities Director Wayne Crosby, as follows:

Walterboro Motor Sales	\$12,861.00
Rizer Chevrolet	\$15,533.63

At this point, Public Works Director Charlie Chewing requested that his department piggyback off the bids received above for a new truck for his department. He informed Council that he could get the same price on the same truck for his Department, which had already been budgeted for the fiscal year.

A motion approving the low bidder, Walterboro Motor Sales, for the purchase of two 2007 compact trucks, at the price of \$12,861.00 each, was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Smalls and passed unanimously.

Next, Council considered a proposed ordinance to annex certain portions of S.C. Department of Transportation rights-of-way using S.C. Code Section 5-3-110. The annexation of the rights-of-way was suggested by SCDOT in a letter to the City Manager, dated May 30, 2006.

A motion was then made by Council Member Cannady giving First Reading Approval By Title Only, to Ordinance # 2006-19; being: AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN PORTIONS OF S.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN USING S.C. CODE SECTION 5-3-110 AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. Council Member Smalls seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

Next, Mayor Sweat read a proclamation in its entirety to honor and congratulate "Thelma and Johnnie Thompson on the Occasion of Fifty Years of Marriage," and designating August 3, 2006 as "Thelma and Johnnie Thompson's Day." A copy of said proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

There were no Committee reports given.

At this point, Council Member Young stated that at the flashing traffic signal at the bridge where traffic goes into Forest Hills, people just don't seem to understand that the red flashing light means to stop. He asked if there is anything that could be done, painting the road or putting a sign ahead to alert drivers to stop at the red flashing light. He also

expressed concern about a complaint he received where people are disobeying the speed limits.

Council Member Cannady also expressed concern on the time limit on the light change at Washington Street and Jefferies Boulevard. Public Works Director Charlie Chewning noted that the timing on the lights is monitored by the Highway Department with a computer that measures the number of cars coming through. It adjusts the timing of the lights according to the traffic pattern.

Council Member Lucas asked the City Attorney about the status on the problem with the shipping cargo container located at Mr. Willard Long's fireworks store. Attorney Cone stated he had not found anything defining the container as a sign, according to the definition in the ordinance. He stated he did send the entire ordinance to the Neeley's lawyer. Attorney Cone stated he was in receipt of some information tonight that might indicate a possible violation of that section of the ordinance.

Mr. Dennis Neeley then addressed Council concerning page 37 of the City of Walterboro's Zoning Ordinance Section 4.7.9, Accessory buildings, which states: "Placement of all structures for accessory uses shall be within required setbacks and height limitations. No manufactured home, shipping container or recreational vehicle shall be used as an accessory building. No accessory building shall be placed in a front yard or in a buffer. Requirements for specific accessory buildings are described in zoning district descriptions." A copy of this section of the ordinance had been provided to Council by Mr. Neeley. Mr. Neeley stated he felt this cited section of the ordinance should help eliminate the problem with the shipping container.

Mayor Sweat reminded Mr. & Mrs. Neeley to continue with the process and attend the meeting they have scheduled with the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals to consider the matter.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:35 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