

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 14, 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, the Mayor 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 Mayor then thanked all city and county personnel, including the police department, for their involvement with the Veterans Day Events this past weekend and the opening of the new Veterans Nursing Home. He announced that this was a successful event and hoped that everyone had an opportunity to be a part of it.

The Minutes of the October 24, 2006 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas, with all members voting in favor.

There was no Old Business before Council.

Under New Business, a motion was made by Council Member Cannady, seconded by Council Member Lucas, and passed unanimously giving First Reading by Title Only to Ordinance # 2006-24; being: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WALTERBORO TO CONVEY ITS INTEREST IN A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO TO CARPE DIEM GROUP LLC IN EXCHANGE FOR THE INTEREST OF CARPE DIEM GROUP LLC IN AN ADJACENT PARCEL OF LAND. Attorney Cone explained that this land exchange would straighten out the sideline between the City Parking Lot and the Unity Lodge. It's about 300 sq. feet a piece.

Next, Ordinance # 2006-25, An Ordinance to Annex Property to the City of Walterboro (located at 674 Sniders Highway, owned by Buccie Harley), was given First Reading Approval by Title Only. The motion for approval was made by Council Member Thompson, seconded by Council Member Lucas, with all members voting in favor. In discussing the motion, Council Member Cannady asked whether all the properties past Mr. Harley's property on the right-hand side were in the city limits. City Manager McConnell responded no. He explained that Mr. Harley's property would be in, the apartment complexes are in, and there is nothing else in the city limits until you get to the Great Swamp Sanctuary and Carolette Drive. The zoning changes there from Highway Commercial to Interstate Interchange Commercial District. Everything on the left side of the highway is in the city limits. Mr. McConnell explained that Ms. Cannady's property, all the way out and across the interstate is in the city limits.

Next on the agenda was consideration of RFP from banks for service to allow the City to accept credit cards for utility bills, business licenses, permits and court fines. Finance Director Jeff Lord reported that two proposals were received from Wachovia Bank and SC Bank and Trust. He recommended approval of the proposal received from Wachovia Bank. After a brief discussion on the difference in the two proposals, a motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Smalls, to accept the recommendation to award the credit card services to Wachovia Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, a motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Young to nominate Council Member Cannady as the voting delegate and Council Member Smalls as the alternate delegate for the 2006 Congress of Cities Meeting in Reno, Nevada, December 5-9, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Arden Lommen appeared before Council to request that a sign requesting clean rip raps be allowed to be posted at Gladys Whitten Park. The request was approved.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Cannady, seconded by Council Member Lucas, and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:45 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 November 28, 2006