

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2005

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A Regular City Council Meeting was held at Walterboro City Hall on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Cone presiding. The main purpose of this meeting was to hold an installation ceremony for the recently elected Council Members - Mayor Elect Charlie Sweat, and City Council Members Mary Anne Cannady, Charles Lucas and Bill Young. The ceremony was attended by approximately 120 persons from the public and was held at the front entrance of City Hall.

PRESENT WERE: Outgoing Mayor Harry W. Cone, Jr., Outgoing Council Member Franklin Smalls, Council Member Elect Mary Anne Cannady, Council Member Elect Bill Young, Council Member Elect Charles Lucas, and Council Members Johnnie Thompson and Ted Parker. Also, present and participating in the installment ceremony were: City Attorney George Cone, Rev. Tina Sweet, Rev. Wayne Carter, SC Representative the Honorable Bill Bowers and SC Senator the Honorable Larry Grooms.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Cone called the meeting to order and called on Rev. Tina Sweet for the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance lead by Councilman Franklin Smalls.

The Minutes of the June 28, 2005 Regular Meeting were deferred by Council to the next Council Meeting.

There was no Old Business before Council.

Under New Business, reelected Council Member Mary Anne Cannady was officially sworn into office by the City Attorney George Cone. Council Member Cannady's daughter, Mrs. Deborah Culpepper, was also present, standing by during the swearing in.

Next, reelected Council Member Bill Young was officially sworn into office by the City Attorney George Cone. Councilman Young's wife, Janice Young, was also present, standing by during the ceremony.

Next, newly elected Council Member Charles W. Lucas was officially sworn into office by the City Attorney George Cone. Councilman Lucas's wife, Cindy Lucas, was also present, standing by during the swearing-in.

Newly elected Mayor Charles H. Sweat, Jr. was then officially sworn into office by the City Attorney George Cone.

Mayor Sweat, Council Members Cannady, Young and Lucas were then seated on Council.

Remarks were then made by Council Members Cannady, Young, Lucas and Mayor Sweat. Council Member Cannady thanked the voters for her reelection and pledged to stand firm for the City. She also thanked Mayor Cone for his service on Council and his friendship through the years. Council Member Young also pledged to do his best for the City of Walterboro and told the audience, "If you have a problem, please let me be the person you call." Newly elected

Councilman Charles Lucas also pledged to do his best for the City of Walterboro. Newly elected Mayor Sweat thanked all citizens for their support and pledged to do what's best for the City of Walterboro.

Representative Bill Bowers and Senator Larry Grooms each presented a framed two page resolution from the State General Assembly

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to Mayor Harry Cone for his many years of service to the City of Walterboro.

Mayor Sweat then presented outgoing Mayor Cone with an award from the City of Walterboro, which listed his years of service to the City of Walterboro as Fire Chief, Member of City Council and as Mayor. Mayor Cone served a total of 16 years as Mayor of Walterboro.

Representative Bill Bowers then presented Mayor Cone with a 1916 copyright hymn book, which he had promised to give him over the years at a certain time.

Mayor W. Harry Cone, Jr. then thanked the citizens and staff for supporting him during his years of service as Mayor. Mayor Cone stated there were two things that meant the most in his life: 1. Loyalty to God, his wife and his family, and 2. The City of Walterboro, citizens, Council and the people. He thanked the City Manager and all departments for their work and support over the years and mentioned many other loyal employees who had worked for the city. Concluding, Mayor Cone also thanked his wife, Diane Cone, for her years of support.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 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