

MINUTES

A Public Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting was held at Walterboro City Hall on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 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, and City Attorney George Cone were also present. City Clerk Betty Hudson was absent. City Manager Tuck McConnell was acting secretary.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order and gave the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag led by Council Member Cannady.

Mayor Sweat announced a public hearing on Ordinance # 2005-09, to Amend the Budget Ordinance to lower the millage rate from 95 mils to 78 mils as a result of reassessment. No comments were received and the hearing was closed.

The Minutes of the September 27, 2005 Regular Meeting and October 3, 2005 Special Called Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Cannady with all members voting in favor.

Martha Johnson and Beverly Haynes with students from Colleton Middle School presented the story of the Red Ribbon campaign. Each student read a portion of the story and the Red Ribbon pledge. The students were Jarrod Riley, Erica Edwards, Armentha Fryer and Ariel Snow. The proclamation designating October 23-31, 2005 as Red Ribbon Week was adopted by Council on the motion of Council Member Parker and seconded by Council Member Lucas. A copy of said proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

Next Resolution #2005-12 (Renumbered to # 2005-13) was explained by the City Manager. This resolution authorizes Worker's Compensation Coverage for Prisoners Performing Work for the City of Walterboro. A motion approving the resolution was made by Council Member Cannady, seconded by Council Member Thompson and passed unanimously. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

Council Member Smalls asked about the cost of Workers Compensation. The City Manager explained that there was no cost unless we used prison labor.

Under Old Business, a motion was made by Council Member Young giving Second and Final Reading Approval to Ordinance # 2005-09, being: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2005-02, SO AS TO SET THE MILLAGE RATE AND LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET. This ordinance lowers the millage rate from 95 mils to 78 mils and set the L.O.S.T. factor at .002004. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Mayor Sweat made the following Council Internal/External Committee Appointments:

Joint Railroad Right of Way Committee - Council Members Johnnie Thompson and Ted Parker.

Economic Development Commission - Franklin Smalls

Downtown Improvement District Review Board - Mary Anne Cannady

City Appearance Board - Charles Lucas

Great Swamp Sanctuary - Bill Young

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Next, Public Works Director Charlie Chewning recommended to Council that the parking spaces on Memorial Street remain and that the spaces be repainted and install appropriate signage such as "No Left Wheels to Curb" parking, and reverse the angle parking further down the street.

Council Member Lucas asked about the left wheels to curb parking on the remainder of the street. Mr. Chewning explained that the change was the least restrictive and better than making it a one-way street. Chief Rhodes addressed Council on the left wheel to curb parking.

Council Member Young questioned parking, and Council Member Parker brought up the stop sign. Considerable discussion followed. Attorney George Cone addressed a left wheel to curb ordinance. Council Member Cannady asked about a one-way street.

Concluding the discussion, the Mayor stated this item would be carried over for discussion at a later date.

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was set for Saturday, December 4, 2005. We will invite the public to bring ornaments to hang on the tree.

Next, Council received a written request from Ken Sloan of the Recreation Commission to close Klein and Washington Street for the Great Swamp Road Race on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at 8:30 A.M. It was agreed to defer this matter until the Police Department is advised. It was suggested that Ken Sloan be invited to the meeting to discuss this matter.

As an add-on agenda item, Charlie Chewning requested an overrun in the Public Works budget to buy a truck. This will offset an under-run in the Sanitation Department budget. That will leave a balance of \$2,800. A motion to approve the request was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously.

Next, a motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Cannady to appoint Mr. John Rogers to the City Appearance Board. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas to enter an executive session for a discussion of a contractual matter on the Exit 53 Landscape Contract. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session with no action being taken. There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Young and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:50 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,

E. R. McConnell
Acting Secretary