

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2005

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A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 8, 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, and Ted Parker. Council Members Franklin Smalls and Mary Anne Cannady were absent. City Manager Tuck McConnell and City Attorney George Cone were also present. City Clerk Betty Hudson was absent.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order and gave the invocation and called on Council Member Lucas to lead the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

The Mayor announced that Council Member Cannady is still a bit under the weather, but she is recovering well from her knee surgery. The Mayor also recognized that Council Member Smalls was absent.

The Minutes of the October 25, 2005 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Parker with all members voting in favor.

There was no Old Business before Council.

Under New Business, Marilyn Peters and Shawn Jadrnicek of Clemson Extension requested Council's input on installing additional signage for the Farmers Market. Ms. Peters gave a brief presentation on their revitalization project to make improvements and bring in new business to the Farmers Market. She pointed out that having a Farmers Market that is marketed, promoted and easily accessible for our community is important to improving the health and well-being of our children and our residents. Mr. Shawn Jadrnicek briefly talked about the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables. He pointed out that the Farmers Market is also a great tourist attraction.

To promote the Farmers Market, Mr. Jadrnicek suggested placement of signage for the market:

At the beginning of the parking lot to give the days and times, on Wichman Street, on Jefferies Boulevard, and off the two exits for I-95. He proposed using either a temporary or permanent Farmers Market sign.

On a question raised by Council Member Parker, Mr. Jadrnicek indicated there were two farmers currently participating, but there are others also interested in participating. Ms. Peters pointed out that her organization is working on securing the "WIC voucher program", which would add \$40,000 into the economy which could only be spent at the local Farmer's Market.

Mayor Sweat thanked them for coming and noted that there will be events occurring around town in the next 6 to 8 months involving signage and that the City Manager will keep them informed.

There were no committee reports given. Council then convened into an executive session to discuss a contractual matter on Colleton County.

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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 Young, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:57 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