

Walterboro City Council
Special Called Meeting
July 24, 2018

MINUTES

A Special Called Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 11:30 A.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, Bobby Bonds and James Broderick. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. There were 3 persons present in the audience. Council Member Greg Pryor was absent.

This meeting was called to consider three resolutions to accept grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He then announced that Ms. Nickie Toomes of the local USDA, Rural Development office was present at the meeting along with her assistant. He then asked Ms. Toomes if she had any remarks regarding the resolutions.

INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Toomes stated that she had the Letter of Conditions for a Community Facilities Grant and would like to present this information to Council.

Ms. Toomes said that she is glad to be here on behalf of the Trump Administration, our State Director Ms. Debbie Turbeville, our Program Director for Community Facilities Ms. Michelle Cardwell and our Area Director Mr. George Hicks. I am here with a Letter of Conditions today for three (3) Community Facilities Grants that were able to be funded from the National Office. Copies of the Letter of Conditions had been distributed to all Council Members. She said we are glad to be here to the City with more grants to help you as we have in the past. The grants that we are funding are for: police cars in the amount of \$49,800, for City Hall Annex handicap accessibility for \$45,700 and the Discovery Center's generator and the handicap accessibility for \$49,900. The bottom of the page talks about some forms that we are going to be signing today, and then on the second page it talks about the breakdown of the costs.

Ms. Toomes further stated that for the police cars project, the total development cost is \$93,932, of that the Community Facilities grant is \$49,800. The City of Walterboro's contribution on that project is \$43,532.

For the City Hall Annex Handicap Accessibility and Generator, the total development cost is \$83,138, of which the Community Facilities Grant is \$45,700. The City's contribution for this project is \$37,438.

For the Discovery Center's generator and handicap accessibility for the restrooms - total project cost is \$91,000, with the Community Facilities Grant being \$49,900, and the City of Walterboro's contribution is \$41,100.

Ms. Toomes said, we are glad to present these grants. Now, you will have to take a vote on the grant resolutions to accept the grants. We would like to, in the future, have a dedication and Ms. Debbie Turbeville, Ms. Michelle Cardwell and Mr. George Hicks would like to attend. So, we would like to work with you whenever you do that.

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The rest of the Letter of Conditions talks about forms that will be signed or have been signed during the application process. We will update our compliance with you, and it talks about the forms that are submitted during the grant closing.

She said, on the last three pages, there is a breakdown of the fund analysis for the three grants - how much the City is putting in and how much the grant is for each project.

She then asked if there were any questions. No comments or questions were raised.

At the point, the Mayor told Ms. Toomes we appreciate your continued cooperation with the City, and we have had a long relationship now in a number of examples where you have helped us with different projects and we all really appreciate that. Various Council Members also voiced their thanks to Ms. Toomes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution No. 2018-R-08, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Forms Pursuant to USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant in the Amount of \$45,700.00 for Handicap Accessibility Equipment for the City Hall Annex

Council Member Broderick made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-R-08, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Forms Pursuant to USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant in the Amount of \$45,700 for Handicap Accessibility Equipment for the City Hall Annex. Council Member Siegel seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Pryor was absent and did not vote. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

2. Resolution No. 2018-R-09, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Forms Pursuant to USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant in the Amount of \$49,800.00 for the Purchase of Police Vehicles for the City of Walterboro

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to adopt Resolution No. 2018-R-09, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Forms Pursuant to USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant in the Amount of \$49,800 for the Purchase of Police Vehicles for the City of Walterboro. Council Member Brown seconded the motion that passed unanimously, except Council Member Pryor was absent and did not vote. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

3. Resolution No. 2018-R-10, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Forms Pursuant to USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant in the Amount of \$49,900.00 for Funding for Generator/Handicap Restroom for Discovery Center for the City of Walterboro

Council Member Bonds made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Forms Pursuant to USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant in the Amount of \$49,900 for Funding for the Generator/Handicap Restroom for the Discovery Center for the City of Walterboro. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Pryor was absent and did not vote. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

The Mayor then announced that on all resolutions approved, we have 6 yeas, zero nays and 1 absent, and we will sign those in a minute.

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There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Siegel and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 A.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City's website and the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson
City Clerk

APPROVED: August 7, 2018