

## **MINUTES**

A Rescheduled Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, Bobby Bonds, James Broderick and Greg Pryor. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, City Clerk Betty Hudson, City Attorney George Cone along with Attorney Brown McLeod, were also present. There were approximately 17 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order. He then welcomed everybody to the meeting. He said, as we go into Thanksgiving we have a great deal to be thankful for. We are missing someone tonight who has been coming to Council meetings for many years, Mr. Horace Simmons who passed away and was buried on Saturday. He was probably the most regular attendee at our Council Meetings of any of our citizens. So, we will miss him.

Then the Mayor invited everyone to join in the invocation and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. The Mayor gave the invocation and Council Member Pryor led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

### **PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no comments or questions on agenda items.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Mayor then opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments on a proposed USDA Rural Development Project to acquire police vehicles, public utility vehicles, City Hall generator and the Citizen Service Center roof replacement.

City Manager Molinari told Council that the City had been successful in the past in securing USDA Rural Development funds for a variety of projects. In fact, a year ago at this time, we conducted a public hearing on five separate applications and all five of those applications were funded, totaling more than \$200,000. Before you this evening is a proposal to seek additional grant funds for two new police vehicles, four new trucks for our water and sewer and public works departments, a generator for City Hall and a roof replacement for the Citizens Service Center at 300 Hampton Street. The total amount, if approved by Council, that we will be applying for from USDA would be \$137,125. The City's match would amount to \$127,775, and I would be happy to answer any questions that City Council or the public may have.

No public comments or questions were raised. The public hearing was closed.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The following Meeting Minutes were approved upon motion by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously.

1. Minutes of the September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting.  
(Approved as presented).
2. Minutes of the October 2, 2018 Regular Meeting.  
(Approved as presented).

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3. Minutes of the October 24, 2018 Special Called Meeting.  
(Approved as presented).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance # 2018-15, Second Reading**

City Manager Molinari said, before you is a memorandum from the Planning Commission that should say October 31, 2018. At the October 30 Planning Commission Meeting, the Planning Commission met to make a recommendation on the zoning which is incorporated into the Ordinance of Interstate Interchange Commercial District. This is the parcel right off of Exit 57, at 1897 Bells Highway across the street from Walmart.

A motion was made by Council Member Pryor giving **Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2018-15**, An Ordinance Pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 3, Section 5-3-150, Subsection 3, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended, to Annex an Area, Known as TMS # 146-00-00-082 into the City of Walterboro, a South Carolina Municipal Corporation. Council Member Siegel seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance # 2018-16, Second Reading**

City Manager Molinari told Council that this ordinance has three separate parcels. This is JH Hiers Construction on Green Pond Highway, who has petitioned to join the City of Walterboro. This is similar to the previous annexation. Mr. Molinari stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on a recommended zoning for the parcels and recommends the zoning classification of Highway Commercial District which is consistent with the surrounding zoning and is also incorporated into the annexation ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick giving **Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2018-16**, An Ordinance Pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 3, Section 5-3-150, Subsection 3, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended, to Annex an Area, Known as TMS Numbers: 179-00-00-044, 179-00-00-072 & 179-00-00-094 into the City of Walterboro, a South Carolina Municipal Corporation. Council Member Bonds seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution # 2018-R-16, A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute forms pursuant to USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant applications in an amount not to exceed \$137,125.00 for the purchase of police vehicles, public utility vehicles, City Hall generator and Citizen Service Center roof replacement for the City of Walterboro**

The City Manager said, I would just ask for your favorable consideration and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to adopt Resolution No. 2018-R-16, to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute forms pursuant to USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant applications in an amount not to exceed \$137,125.00 for the purchase of police vehicles, public utility vehicles, City Hall generator and Citizen Service Center roof replacement for the City of Walterboro. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

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2. Consideration of Funding Recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Next, City Manager Molinari advised Council that a memorandum and supporting documentation were included in the agenda packets from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, which met on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Committee recommends the following funding allocations:

<u>Requests for 65% Tourism Fund</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Colleton Cty Historical & Pres. Soc. Holiday Tour of Homes	\$ 4,495	\$ 3,000
The Colleton Civic Center - "Smoke in the Boro"	\$10,000	\$ 9,500
SC Lowcntry & Resort Island Tour Commission - marketing	\$17,500	\$10,000
Walterboro Criterium - 2019 USA CRITS Championship	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>
Totals	\$53,995	\$ 43,500

Concluding, Mr. Molinari said, should these requests be approved as submitted, the projected remaining balance for the fiscal year will be approximately \$52,231. These remaining funds will be up for consideration at the next scheduled meeting in February.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel to approve the funding recommendations set forth by our City Manager for Accommodations Tax. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

3. Consideration of an Agreement Between the City of Walterboro and Bethel United Methodist Church for the Use and Maintenance of the City Parking Lot (Hampton Street)

City Manager Molinari pointed out that the lease agreement between the City and Bethel United Methodist Church had lapsed. Staff has been in communication with the church about entering into a new agreement. This is essentially the same agreement that we have been working from. Previously, the only changes that have been made are the names for the church and the term of the agreement. Staff changed the term from 10 years to 20 years. As you are aware, as part of the agreement, the City maintains responsibility for maintenance and liability insurance for the parking lot. The parking lot is used constantly for downtown parking, as well as a venue for downtown events.

At this point, Council Member Bonds, Pryor and Broderick recused themselves from voting on this agenda item since they are members of Bethel United Methodist Church.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the agreement between the City of Walterboro and Bethel United Methodist Church for the use and maintenance of the City Parking Lot as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0, with Mayor Young, Council Members Brown, Bridge and Siegel voting in favor. Council Members Bonds, Broderick and Pryor recused themselves from voting on this agenda item.

4. Request for Street Closings for Annual Christmas Parade on December 2, 2018 by Christan Spires, Tourism Director

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Tourism Director Christan Spires was present to request street closings for the Annual Christmas Parade on December 2, 2018. Ms. Spires pointed out the route that the parade will take.

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick to approve the request for the street closings for the Annual Christmas Parade on December 2, 2018. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

5. Request to Close E. Washington Street for First Thursday Event of each month in 2019 and December 5, 2018 by Christan Spires, Tourism Director

Christan Spires addressed Council regarding this agenda. She noted that the first event will be on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 due to a scheduling conflict. This is going to be a monthly event, where we encourage our merchants on E. Washington Street to stay open later from 5:30 to 8:30. We encourage our residents and tourists to go downtown, shop, etc. This is just a way to generate funds downtown.

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to grant the request to close E. Washington Street for the First Thursday Event of each month in 2019 and December 5, 2018. Council Member Bonds seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

6. Request for Street Closing for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade, January 20, 2019

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to grant the street closings for the Martin Luther King Day Parade on January 20, 2019. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. The motion then passed with all members voting in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no Committee Reports.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Consideration of Acceptance of \$1,000,000 South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant to Build a Well on Mable T. Willis Boulevard

City Manager Molinari reported to Council that the City was recently awarded \$1,000,000 from South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority to construct a well on Mable T. Willis Boulevard. In order for the City to begin this project, we need to formally accept the funds. The projected total cost of the project is \$1,167,415. The City's match funds will be \$167,415. That match will, depending on the timing of things, either come from reserves of the Water Department or will simply be budgeted for in the 2019-2020 Enterprise Fund Budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to accept the \$1,000,000 South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant to build a well on Mable T. Willis Boulevard. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mayor Young said, that's really a good job getting that grant. That's going to help us out a lot.

Palmetto Pride Public Art to Prevent Litter Grant Award - Christan Spires, Tourism Director

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Ms. Christan Spires announced that through the help of a small committee composed of herself, Hank Amundson, Dana Cheney, and Matt Mardell has been working on the Palmetto Pride Public Art to Prevent Litter Project. We submitted a photo from Colleton's History, which is an annual calendar that is produced by the Press & Standard. It's a picture of what Main Street looked like quite a few years ago. This will be painted on the side of Margie Bright's building downtown. We submitted that back in October and we were recently selected as one of five throughout the state to have this mural paid for by Palmetto Pride. They will give the artist \$500 and then would also get the community a CPTED class, which is Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

The Mayor and Council members indicated that the mural is going to look good.

Mayor Young asked if this required any action from Council. The City Manager responded that this is just for your information.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter an Executive Session. Council Member Broderick so moved and Council Member Pryor seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for:

1. A discussion of Matters Concerning the Provision of Water and/or Sewer Services by the City of Walterboro:
  - a. Mable T. Willis Boulevard Well.
  - b. Project Global.
  - c. I-95 Exit 57 Interchange.
  - d. Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.
2. Receipt of Legal Advice - SCE&G and Coastal Electric Franchise Agreements.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 7:42 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Bridge to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Bonds seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session with no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Pryor and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media, 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: January 8, 2019**