

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
July 2, 2019

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Siegel presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Siegel, Council Members: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Bobby Bonds, James Broderick and Greg Pryor. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, City Clerk Betty Hudson, and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Mayor Bill Young was absent. There were approximately 9 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Siegel called the meeting to order and said those who wish can stand and join in the invocation. Council Member Bridge gave the invocation and Council Member Bonds 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 Pro-Tem then opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments on the following proposed ordinance:

1. **Ordinance # 2019-07**, An Ordinance of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, Requiring Annexation Commitments in Order for Properties Located Outside of the City to Connect to the City's Utility Services or Upgrade Existing Service, Adding Provisions to the Code of Ordinances of the City Providing for the Same; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

City Manager Molinari explained that this is an ordinance that we will put into law on what has been the City's policy for over 40 years, which will require annexation for properties that are outside of the City that connect to our water/sewer system to annex if they are not contiguous. They will be required to sign a covenant which will be recorded with the deed requiring that property owner or any subsequent property owner to annex the property as soon as it is contiguous to the City limits.

No public comments or questions were raised on the proposed ordinance, and the public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved as written on the motion of Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Broderick. The motion passed with all members voting in favor, except Mayor Young was absent and did not vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance # 2019-07, Second Reading**

Mayor Pro-Tem Siegel announced that this was the same ordinance that we just had the public hearing on, and this will be the Second and Final Reading on this ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to adopt **Ordinance # 2019-07**, An Ordinance of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, Requiring Annexation

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Commitments in Order for Properties Located Outside of the City to Connect to the City's Utility Services or Upgrade Existing Service, Adding Provisions to the Code of Ordinances of the City Providing for the Same; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion.

There was no discussion held on the motion. The motion then passed unanimously, except Mayor Bill Young was absent and did not vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request to Use the Hampton and Lucas Street Parking Lot for a Community Yard Sale and Food Distribution on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. by the Lowcountry Community Action Agency

City Manager Molinari stated, you have in your agenda packet, an e-mail from Ms. Tara Glover, the Executive Director of Lowcountry Community Action Agency, requesting permission to use the City Parking Lot.

Council Member Pryor made a motion to approve the request to use the Hampton and Lucas Street Parking Lot for a Community Yard Sale and Food Distribution on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. by the Lowcountry Community Action Agency. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Bridge stated that since the parking lot is going to be separated, will there be a problem with traffic walkers going back and forth across the street. Is that a safety issue? Mr. Molinari responded, this is just the City's parking lot. Ms. Bridge explained that she thought that maybe participants would be going over into our other Hampton Street Parking Lot. Mr. Molinari said, it was his understanding that this is just going to be on one side of the road.

The motion then passed with all members voting in favor, except Mayor Young was absent and did not vote.

2. Request to Use the Washington Street & Jefferies Blvd. Parking Lot and the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary for the 6th Annual Walk and Wag Fund-raiser, September 28, 2019 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., and to put up No Parking Signs on the Evening of September 27, by Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to approve the request to use the Washington Street and Jefferies Blvd. Parking Lot for the Annual Walk and Wag Fund-raiser. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor, except Mayor Young was absent and did not vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase Two (2) New Patrol Vehicles and One (1) Admin Vehicle for the Police Department

The City Manager noted that Council had received a request and supporting documentation from the Chief of Police to purchase two (2) new patrol vehicles. The Police Department received bids from 2 vendors and 1 no bid. The bids received were as follows:

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Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC)	Ford Interceptor	\$92,450.80
Santee Automotive (Manning, SC)	Dodge Charger	\$88,214.50
Rizer Chevrolet (Walterboro, SC)	Chevrolet Caprice (not available)	No Bid

Mr. Molinari stated that the vehicles will be outfitted with a complete police package. The City did receive one bid from one local vendor; however, in applying the Local Preference Option as outlined in Section 2-251 of the Code of Ordinances, Walterboro Ford did not qualify for the opportunity to match the price submitted by Santee Automotive. The City also received a \$50,000 grant from USDA to purchase these new police patrol vehicles. The net cost to the City for both vehicles will be \$38,214.80. He stated that City staff recommends purchasing the two vehicles from the low bidder, Santee Automotive (Manning, SC) in the amount of \$88,214.80.

City Manager Molinari then outlined the bids received for the police admin vehicle. He stated that the City also received a request and supporting documenting from the Police Chief to purchase a new administrative vehicle. We received 3 bids, with the low bidder being Santee Automotive (Manning, SC) for the purchase of a Dodge Charger in the amount of \$31,219.23. The bids received were as follows:

Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC)	Ford Interceptor	\$32,906.23
Santee Automotive (Manning, SC)	Dodge Charger	\$31,219.23
Rizer Chevrolet	Chevrolet Caprice (not available)	No Bid

Mr. Molinari said, again, we applied the Local Preference Option and Walterboro Ford did not qualify for the opportunity to match the lowest bidder. Staff recommends purchasing the Dodge Charger from Santee Automotive in the amount of \$31,219.23.

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to purchase two new patrol vehicles for the police department from Santee Automotive (Manning, SC), who I understand to be the low bidder with the preference. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. Council Member Brown then asked for an explanation why the Rizer Chevrolet Caprice is not available. Chief Marvin explained that they quit making that vehicle. Council Member Brown then asked, so there is not a secondary vehicle that you would take, that would give them a shot at this? Chief Marvin answer, that's a Tahoe, and that's way too high. Mr. Brown then said, they just knew that they couldn't compete then? Chief Marvin responded, that's correct. I spoke with them personally and explained.

The motion then passed with all members voting in favor. Mayor Young was absent and did not vote.

A motion was then made by Council Member Pryor to purchase the admin vehicle for the police department from Santee Automotive. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Mayor Young was absent and did not vote. On a question from Council Member Bonds, the City Manager affirmed that this would be Kevin Martin's vehicle.

2. Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase Pickup Truck for the Water Department

Mr. Molinari reported that a memo and supporting documentation had been received from the Utilities Director for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Water Department. The City received three bids as follows:

Rizer Chevrolet (Walterboro, SC)	2019 Chev. Silverado 1500	\$25,026.70
Family Ford (St. George, SC)	2019 Ford F-150	\$24,880.00
Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC)	2019 Ford F-150	\$24,380.00

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Mr. Molinari stated the low bidder was Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC) for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$24,380.00. He noted that the Water Department budget had \$27,000 allocated for this purchase.

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to award the contact for the vehicle purchase to Walterboro Ford in the amount of \$24,380.00. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor, except Mayor Young was absent and did not vote.

3. Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase Service Body Crane Truck for Sewer Department

City Manager Molinari pointed out that the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Sewer Department had \$98,000 allocated for a new crane truck. This piece of equipment will be used to pull pumps at our sewer lift stations for repair. This truck will replace a 2004 Chevrolet crane truck. Bids were received from three (3) dealers as follows:

Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC)	\$100,375.00
Family Ford (St. George, SC)	\$100,493.00
Triple T Truck (Summerville, SC)	\$121,469.00

Mr. Molinari stated that staff recommends purchasing the crane truck from Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC) in the amount of \$100,375.00. The City received a \$49,900 grant from USDA to purchase the crane truck. The net cost to the City will be \$50,475. The cost is \$2,375 more than the budgeted amount, and this amount will be absorbed by the Sewer Department budget. City staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick to go with staff's recommendation to purchase a crane truck from Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC) in the amount of \$100,375.00. Council Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor. Mayor Young was absent and did not vote on the motion.

4. Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase a New Residential Sanitation Vehicle

City Manager Molinari stated that the 2019-2020 budget allocated \$260,000 for the purchase of a new residential sanitation vehicle. The City solicited bids from three (3) dealers. The bids received were as follows:

I State Truck Center (Sioux City, IA), 2020 Freightliner M2-106	\$246,191.00
Amick Equipment (Lexington, SC), 2020 Freightliner M2-106	\$244,943.50
Triple T Freightliner (Summerville, SC), 2020 Freightliner M2-106	\$236,143.50

Mr. Molinari stated that staff recommends purchasing a 2020 Freightliner M2-106 Sanitation Truck from Triple T Freightliner (Summerville, SC) in the amount of \$236,143.50. City staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to accept staff's recommendation to purchase a new residential sanitation vehicle from Triple T Freightliner. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Council Member Broderick asked if the City had purchased a truck from Triple T Freightliner before and

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if the City had good luck with them? Mr. Molinari responded affirmatively. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Young was absent and did not vote.

5. Emergency Sewer Line Repair - Madison Street

City Manager Molinari stated that a letter had been submitted from Public Works Director Mike Crosby. As you are aware, a section of 8 inch sewer main on Madison Street had deteriorated to the point of needing immediate replacement to avoid failure of sewer service for approximately fifteen (15) homes. The section that was replaced is approximately 250 linear feet of 40 plus year-old Terra-Cotta clay pipe. The pipe had collapsed in several areas, limiting service to these homes in the neighborhood. Due to the pipe's depth and soil conditions, repairs had to be made in a timely manner. I directed the Director of Public Works to complete these repairs. The amount is above what I can authorize. I wanted to get Council's formal permission for the repair, because of the immediacy of it. These repairs were done last week, and in fact the Public Works Director notified me yesterday that these repairs were completed on Saturday. The work was done by Jordan Construction (Okatie, SC) in the amount of \$30,412. They were able to mobilize and get the job done very quickly. These funds will come out of last year's budget and the Sewer Support budget had \$66,000 allocated for system repairs.

A motion was made by Council Member Pryor to approve the emergency sewer line repair on Madison Street in the amount of \$30,412.00. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Mayor Young was absent and did not vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Siegel then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Bridge made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion that passed unanimously, except Mayor Young was absent and did not vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Siegel announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for:

1. A personnel matter relating to the appointment of an Associate Municipal Judge.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 6:44 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Brown to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Mayor Young was absent and did not vote.

The meeting returned to Open Session and a motion was made by Council Member Bridge to appoint Mr. Timothy Rowe as Associate Bond Judge. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0 with Council Members Brown, Bridge, Broderick and Pryor voting in favor. Mayor Young was absent and did not vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Siegel and Council Member Bonds recused themselves from voting since they will practice law before municipal court from time to time.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Bridge and passed unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Siegel adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M. Notice of

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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: October 1, 2019