

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 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 and Attorney Brown McLeod on behalf of City Attorney George were also present. Approximately 12 persons were present in the audience. City Attorney George Cone was absent.

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order and invited everyone to join in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor gave the invocation, and Council Member Bonds led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

At this point, the Mayor announced that he would like to take the opportunity to thank Council Member Bonds for his diligent service on City Council and to the citizens of Walterboro. I think that I speak for everybody on Council in thanking him and for being part of this team that has gotten a lot done.

Council Member Bonds then said, the number one thing that I think got accomplished or what I think laid out the most important thing that I have been a part of in the eight years I have been on Council, is bringing on Jeff Molinari. Let me tell you, we are fortunate to have him. He's a good leader and to that extent I feel like Council and the City, particularly is in a better place now than it was when I came on board. Jeff keep doing the good work.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no comments or questions raised on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Calendar

Next, City Manager Molinari told Council that this calendar was pretty much identical to the one we had last year. I have reviewed the proposed budget calendar with all three members of the Budget Committee and they are in favor, and staff asks for Council's favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Bridge, to approve the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget calendar. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

2. Acceptance of the Resignation of Ladson Fishburne from the City Appearance Board

The Mayor pointed out that Ladson Fishburne would become a City Council Member in January. A motion was then made by Council Member Brown to accept the resignation of Ladson Fishburne from the City Appearance Board. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

3. Consideration of 2020 Rice Festival Requests for April 24-25, 2020 by Josh Bell, Chairman Colleton County Rice Festival, including Street Closing Requests and Parade Permit Request, etc.

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A motion granting the 2020 Rice Festival requests for April 24-25, 2020 as submitted was made by Council Member Pryor, seconded by Council Member Siegel and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No City Manager's Report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then announced that in a moment, he would be asking for a motion to go into Executive Session, and when we do that, we will be going into Executive Session to discuss:

1. A Contractual Matter - City Fuel Purchases.
2. A Personnel Matter - Appointment to the Municipal Election Commission.

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Broderick So Moved and Council Member Siegel seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 6:51 P.M., a motion was made by Council Member Bridge to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Siegel seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and a motion was made by Council Member Siegel to appoint Ms. Diane Downey to the Municipal Election Commission. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 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: March 3, 2020