

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2020

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, Greg Pryor and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, City Clerk Betty Hudson, and City Attorney George Cone were also present. There were approximately 8 persons present in the audience. Council Member James Broderick was absent.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and invited everyone to join in the invocation and the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Young gave the invocation and Council Member Pryor led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comments on agenda items were given.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The following Meeting Minutes were approved upon motion by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Brown, and passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

1. Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Rescheduled Regular Meeting (Approved as submitted).
2. Minutes of the December 3, 2019 Regular Meeting (Approved as submitted).
3. Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Rescheduled Regular Meeting (Approved as submitted).

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance # 2020-03, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I, Section 6-1, Codes Adopted, Enforcing Officials, So As to Update References to the Building Code Editions, First Reading**

Next, Council considered Ordinance # 2020-03, to amend the building codes as required by federal law. City Manager Molinari told Council that the South Carolina Building Codes Council has already approved and adopted the 2018 Building Code. This is a requirement for the City and we are proposing to update our ordinance to reflect those changes.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge giving First Reading Approval to Ordinance # 2020-03, being: An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro, Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I, Section 6-1, Codes Adopted, Enforcing Officials, So As to Update References to the Building Code Editions. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

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2. Resolution No. 2020-R-02, Designating April 2020 as Fair Housing Month and Approval of the Annual Nondiscrimination Policy

City Manager Molinari stated that this resolution is a requirement for our participation in the Community Development Block Grant program. He asked for Council's favor consideration of the resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel to adopt Resolution # 2020-R-02, designating April 2020 as Fair Housing Month and to approve the annual nondiscrimination policy. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote. A copy of said resolution and the nondiscrimination policy are attached as part of these minutes.

3. Resolution No. 2020-R-03, A Resolution to Retract Previously Given Notice of City's Intent to Terminate the City's Franchise Agreement with Coastal Electric Cooperative, Inc.

City Manager Molinari said, as you are aware, in April 2018, the City passed a resolution to provide Coastal Electric with a notice of termination of our franchise agreement. Similar to what we did with Dominion Energy last year, we need to rescind the notice of termination, which would put the clock on the franchise agreement back into effect. Essentially, what that means is that after April of this year, the franchise will roll over on a year-to-year basis, until we negotiate a new franchise agreement with Coastal Electric.

Council Member Pryor then made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-R-03, A Resolution to Retract Previously Given Notice of City's Intent to Terminate the City's Franchise Agreement with Coastal Electric Cooperative, Inc. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Attorney Cone added that the franchise agreement will roll over from year-to-year, but to terminate the agreement would take two years' notice.

The motion passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

Also, under New Business, the following agenda items were approved by motion as follows:

4. A request to hang a banner March 3-12, 2020 announcing the screening of "Variety" at the Colleton Civic Center March 12-13, 2020 by Kim Bridge, Director, Colleton County Arts Council. Motion to approve this request was made by Council Member Fishburne, seconded by Council Member Brown.

The Mayor asked if anyone remembered the variety shows in the past held at the Hampton Street Auditorium. A lot of the people in our community were involved in it, so this probably will be a really interesting night for a lot of people who are much older now to go back and see themselves on the big screen. It's films of the "Variety."

The motion passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

5. A request to close streets for the Annual Cubmobile Race on April 25, 2020 from 6:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. by Ms. Denise Godley-Givens, Cub Scouts Pack 646. City Manager Molinari stated that this is an annual event and that he had already discussed this with the Police Chief.

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A motion to approve this request was made by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Bridge. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried, except Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

6. A request for street closings and use of the City Parking Lot for the Annual Walterboro Criterium Pro-cycling Event on April 29, 2020. A motion to approve this request was made by Council Member Pryor, seconded by Council Member Brown, with all members voting in favor. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Consideration of Request to Approve Water Storage Tank Maintenance Contract

City Manager Molinari stated that a request and supporting document were received from the Utilities Director Wayne Crosby.

The Water Department solicited bids for the long term maintenance and management of the City's water tanks to include engineering and inspection services, rehabilitation, repair, repainting, inspection, washout and preventive maintenance of the water tanks in the distribution system. The City received proposals from three contractors. One of the bids was incomplete and had to be thrown out. The bids received were as follows:

Southern Corrosion (Roanoke Rapids, NC)	\$89,105.00
American Tank Maintenance (Warthen, GA)	\$99,897.00
Leary Construction (Greenfield, IN)	Incomplete Bid

Mr. Molinari stated that of the two bids that were complete, staff is recommending awarding the contract to South Corrosion (Roanoke Rapids, NC) in the amount of \$89,105.00. He pointed out that the fiscal year 2019-2020 Water Enterprise Budget has \$113,000 allocated for water tank maintenance.

Councilman Pryor asked Utilities Director Wayne Crosby if the City had ever used Southern Corrosion before. Mr. Crosby responded, yes, and as a matter of fact, both of the two competing bids were from a previous company that we were in a contract with. They left that company, one started American Tank Maintenance and the other is now a salesman for Southern Corrosion. I have used both companies before.

A motion was then made by Councilman Brown to approve the contract and accept the bid of Southern Corrosion (Roanoke Rapids, NC) for \$89,105.00 for the maintenance of the water tanks. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor announced that in a moment, he would be asking for a motion to go into Executive Session, and Council will be going into Executive Session for:

1. Receipt of Legal Advice - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades.
2. Contractual Matter - Project Swan.
3. The Provision of Water and Sewer Service to Encourage the Location or Expansion of Businesses - Bells Highway Corridor.
4. Potential Purchase of Property.

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The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member Brown So Moved and Council Member Fishburne seconded the motion that passed unanimously, except Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 7:51 P.M., a motion was made by Council Member Brown to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

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 Brown and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:52 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: May 5, 2020