

Walterboro City Council  
Virtual Regular Meeting (Using Zoom)  
September 1, 2020

**MINUTES**

A Phone/Video Conference Virtual Meeting using Zoom was held by Walterboro City Council at City Hall on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, James Broderick, Greg Pryor, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, Attorney Brown McLeod and Utilities Director Wayne Crosby were also joined in the meeting. (Councilmember Paul Siegel joined later in the meeting).

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order and invited everyone to join in as he gave the invocation. Councilmember Broderick led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

At this point, the Mayor asked City Manager Molinari if there was any input to share with Council and he stated that no public input on agenda items had been received. He then proceeded to the next agenda item.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Mayor then opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive comments on the following proposed ordinance:

1. **Ordinance # 2020-08**, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #2020-04, so as to set the Local Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

Mayor Young then stated since no public input we'll move on to the approval of minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance # 2020-08, Second Reading**

City Manager Molinari briefed Council on Ordinance #2020-08.

A motion was made by Mayor Young, seconded by Councilmember Bridge, giving **Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2020-08**, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #2020-04, so as to set the Local Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

There were no comments or questions from the public. The public hearing was closed.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. Consideration of bids to rehabilitate and install generators at the Country Club, Foxcroft, and Birch Street Sewer Lift Stations (Memorandum and materials attached).

City Manager Molinari gave a brief update on the April 13, 2020 tornado. As a result, we had a number of sewer lift stations that were adversely impacted by that weather event. We applied to the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority for emergency funding to rehabilitate three of our pump stations: Country Club, Foxcroft, and Birch Street pump stations. Our utilities department received a number of bids on August 25, 2020. The engineer recommended that we split into two contracts. Contract 1, for the replacement of the pumps, control panels and piping. Contract 2, would be for the installation of permanently mounted generators. We are recommending for Contract 1, AC Schultes of Carolina, Inc. out of Rocky Point, NC. The engineer finds them to be qualified and capable of performing the project and that amount would be \$385,825.00. Hybrid Engineering has also reviewed the experience of the bidder for Contract 2, and recommends F.M Young Co., Inc. out of Fairfax, SC in the amount of \$169,000.00. The total construction cost of the project \$545,825.00. As I stated previously, we received a grant from RIA for \$483,450.00. The balance of \$71,375.00 can be absorbed by the net position in the Enterprise Fund. We are also going to apply for some additional funding from RIA to try and close that gap, and if we were to be awarded additional funding it would most likely be capped at \$500,000.00. If you have any technical questions, our Utilities Director Wayne Crosby is in on the meeting, otherwise staff has asked for favorable consideration of Contract 1 for the replacement of the pumps, control panels and piping. And a separate motion for Contract 2 which would be the installation of generators at each pump station.

Councilmember Brown then made a motion to accept the bid and issue a contact for the Country Club, Foxcroft and Birch Street Sewer Lift Stations to AC Schultes of Carolina, Inc. Councilmember Broderick seconded the motion. Councilmember Brown also made a motion to accept the bid and issue a contact to F.M. Young for the installation of the generators. Councilmember Fishburne seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

1. Receipt of Legal Advice – Economic Development Incentive Ordinance.
2. Contractual Matters:
  - a. City Fuel Purchases.
  - b. Potential Sale of City Property.
  - c. Potential Purchase of Property.
3. Personnel Matters:
  - a. City Appearance Board By-Laws.
  - b. Tourism Director Search.

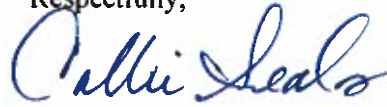
The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 6:15 P.M., Councilmember Bridge made motion to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Councilmember Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and a motion was made by Councilmember Broderick to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract for City fuel purchases with Southeast Petro Corporation. Councilmember Pryor seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to consider a motion to adjourn was made by City Councilmember Pryor, seconded by Councilmember Broderick and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:34 P.M. Notice of this meeting, call-in phone number, webinar I.D. and link to view the video were distributed to all local media, posted on City Hall bulletin boards and on the City's website at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,



Callie Seals  
City Clerk

APPROVED: February 2, 2021