

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

MINUTES

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

PRESENT WERE: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Paul Siegel, Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, James Broderick, Greg Pryor, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, Finance Director Amy Risher, Tourism Director Madison Stieglitz, City Clerk Callie Seals and City Attorney George Cone.

CALL TO ORDER:

With all Councilmembers present, the Mayor called the meeting to order, and invited everyone to join in as he gave the invocation. Mayor Young led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

At this point, the Mayor stated public input on agenda items had been distributed to Council by email.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – The Baird Audit Group, LLC – Ms. Brenda Carroll

Ms. Carroll thanked City Council for allowing them to be auditors and for the assistance they received from City staff. Ms. Carroll stated you received an unmodified or clean opinion, which, is the best you can receive. The financial statements have been presented fairly in all material respects and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Ms. Carroll then reviewed the entire report with City Council.

Opening Remarks by the Mayor

The Mayor welcomed everyone and then made the following remarks:

1. Welcoming of our new City Clerk, Callie Seals.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

1. **Ordinance # 2020-14, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN**

THE INCENTIVE AREA IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

City Manager Molinari stated there were no public comments and no questions from Council.

2. **Ordinance # 2020-15**, AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS BE WORN IN PUBLIC IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND RECOVERY (Second and Final Reading).

There were no comments or questions.

3. **Ordinance # 2020-16**, 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 # 147-11-00-108 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (SECOND AND FINAL READING).

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance # 2020-14**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE INCENTIVE AREA IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Second: Councilmember Pryor
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

2. **Ordinance # 2020-15**, AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS BE WORN IN PUBLIC IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND RECOVERY (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Siegel; Second: Councilmember Fishburne
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

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Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Second: Councilmember Broderick
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # 2020-R-12**, 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

\$149,700 FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES, FIRE TRUCK, AND BACKHOE FOR THE CITY OF WALTERBORO.

City Manager Molinari briefed Council on this agenda item. He said this resolution would accept \$149,700 in grant funding from USDA toward the purchase of police vehicles, fire truck and backhoe. He then asked Finance Director Risher to expand further. We ask for Council's favorable consideration of this resolution.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Second: Councilmember Brown
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

2. **Resolution # 2020-R-13**, TO EXPRESS THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, TO CAUSE THE CITY OF WALTERBORO TO BE REIMBURSED WITH THE PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS FOR CERTAIN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT.

City Manager Molinari briefed Council on this agenda item. He stated he and Finance Director Risher met with the bond council and he recommended that Council pass a resolution authorizing reimbursement to the City. We've already expended some out of pocket dollars in the Enterprise Fund for design and engineering cost for expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and as you are aware the City has procured the services of a financial advisor to assist us in the process of selling bonds to finance the matching portion of that project as well as some other water and sewer projects. Thus far, we have expended about \$207,000 out of pocket and this will allow us, the City, to reimburse ourselves for those out of pocket costs. In order to do that our bond council recommended that Council pass a resolution giving us authorization to reimburse ourselves from the proceeds of the bond.

Motion: Councilmember Pryor Seconded: Councilmember Brown
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

3. Parade/Procession Permit Request for Walterboro Christmas Parade to occur December 6 at 3:00 PM, with additional request for the street closing beginning at 1:00 PM (map route attached).

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Second: Councilmember Broderick
Discussion: Councilmember Pryor expressed his concern on the matter and believes it not to be a good idea to proceed with the parade. Councilmember Bridge inquired as to how parade would be broadcasted through PRTC live stream. City Manager Molinari gave details as to this.
Carried: Four (4) ayes - (Councilmembers Bridge, Broderick, Brown and Fishburne)
Three (3) nay - (Mayor Young, and Councilmembers Pryor and Siegel)

4. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Calendar

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Second: Councilmember Bridge
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Request to Purchase a Mini Excavator (Memorandum attached).

City Manager Molinari indicated there has been a request from the Utilities Director, Wayne Crosby, to purchase a mini excavator and received four (4) proposals. The amended 2020-2021 budget allocated \$65,000 for this to assist the water department with installation and repair of water lines and service. As you are aware, we received a grant from USDA that will cover 55% of this purchase. Staff recommends accepting a low bid from Steen Enterprises in the amount of \$62,500.

Motion: Councilmember Fishburne; Second: Councilmember Broderick
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilmember Bridge made the motion, and Councilmember Broderick seconded.

- a) The proposed location or expansion of businesses in the Central Business District

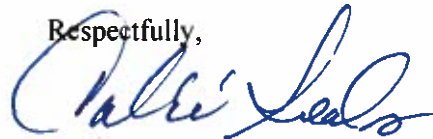
A motion was made by Councilmember Pryor to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Bridge seconded the motion.

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting returned to Open Session, and no action was taken.

There being no further business to consider a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Pryor, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:06 P.M. Notice of this meeting, call-in phone number, webinar I.D. and link to view the video were distributed with the agenda packets, 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