

Walterboro City Council  
City Hall  
August 3, 2021

**Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council at City Hall on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Paul Siegel, Judy Bridge, Greg Pryor, James Broderick, Carl Brown.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

With the above-mentioned Councilmember present, the Mayor called the meeting to order, and invited everyone to join in as he gave the invocation. Councilmember Pryor led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

There was no public input on the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance # 2021-07,** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2021-03, SO AS TO SET THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated that City Council needed to set the local option sales tax credit factor, that will be sent to the county and included in the property tax bill that will go out in October. The formula that is used to calculate the amount is the total anticipated local option sales collections and divided by the Fair Market value. You would take 978,862 and divide by 491,419,197 which gives you a local sales tax credit factor of .001992.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Brantley Strickland from the Southern Carolina Development Alliance was in attendance to talk about the USDA grant for Retail Strategies. The purpose of this grant is to improve the quality of life of the seven counties we cover. We want to improve the recruitment of jobs that will drive wages up and put more money in people's pockets. The City of Walterboro was one of the eleven counties selected for the grant. We are going to be partnering with a nationwide consulting firm called Retail Strategies. They are going to give a good look on the demographics that these commercial companies use to select communities for restaurants and stores. From that we will produce marketing materials, which the city will be able to use to contact developers and companies. Training will also be available for whoever the city designates to do the work. Also, these services will come at no cost to the city. There will also be a webinar on September 15<sup>th</sup> for anyone who would like to participate. The Walterboro Wildlife Center will host other municipalities on December 7, 2021, for the Retail Academy workshop.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion of Councilmember Pryor, seconded by Councilmember Brown, the following meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Minutes of July 20, 2021.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Ordinance # 2021-07**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2021-03, SO AS TO SET THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET (Second and final reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Second: Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution # 2021-12**, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GEORGE W. CONE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO.

Motion: Mayor Bill Young, Second: Councilmember Broderick.

Discussion: None.

Carries: All ayes.

2. **Resolution # 2021-13**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO ADOPTING THE 2020 LOWCOUNTRY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Motion: Councilmember Siegel, Second: Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated you have in your agenda packet a resolution for the city to adopt the 2020 Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was done by the Lowcountry Council of Governments, and each unit of local government must adopt this plan. By adopting this plan, we will be eligible for FEMA and emergency assistance. City staff asks for Council favorable consideration of this request.

3. Consideration of a request from the Colleton County Veterans Council for the November 7, 2021 Veterans Day Parade. Street closure, permission of signage and use of the city parking lot for food vendors also requested.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Second: Councilmember Pryor.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

Colleton County Veteran's Council member Johnny Holmes thanked the Councilmembers for the consideration and that they looked forward to having the parade again this year.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. Consideration of funding recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated on July 16, 2021, the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee held a special called meeting to consider two requests. The first request is for 30% designated marketing funds for the Walterboro Tourism Commission, in the amount of \$ 50,000. The second request is 65% for the tourism fund for the City of Walterboro billboards in the amount of \$21,000. Should these amounts be approved, the remaining balance for the fiscal year will be \$86,129. These remaining funds will be up for consideration at the next meeting in October. The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee respectfully requests City Council's approval of these two recommendations.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; second: Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. Personal Matter: City Attorney Search
2. Receipt of Legal Advice- American Rescue Plan Act.

A motion was made to go into executive session by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bridge. Mayor Young explained that City Council will be going into Executive Session for a personal matter: City Attorney search and Receipt of Legal Advice- American Rescue Plan Act. Council may or may not take action on these matters. A motion to come out of executive session was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Pryor.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Pryor, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed with agenda packets, to all local media, posted on City Hall bulletin board, and on the City's website at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Nettles  
City Clerk

Approved