

**Walterboro City Council  
City Hall  
July 5, 2022**

**Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday July 5, 2022, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**Present were:** Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, James Broderick, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Finance Director Amy Risher, Utilities Director Wayne Crosby, City Attorney Brown McLeod, Mark Wysong President of Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce, and Officer Jacob O'Quinn with the Walterboro Police Department. Councilmember Greg Pryor was absent.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Public Input on Agenda Items:**

There was no public input on agenda items.

**Public Hearing:**

1. **Ordinance # 2022-08** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE II (SEWERS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA (Second and Final Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council, as Council is aware the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has approved the Industrial Sewer Pretreatment Program application, submitted by the City of Walterboro. As a result, we are required to amend our current sewer use ordinance to comply with the provisions in the Clean Water Act. We have our Utilities Director Wayne Crosby here if Council has any questions. Staff ask for Council favorable consideration when we get to the second and final reading.

There was no public input.

**Presentations:**

1. Mark Wysong, President, Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Young stated we are glad to have Mark Wysong from the Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce with us tonight to share some insight on what the Chamber is and what they do.

Mr. Mark Wysong gave a summary and overview of what the Chamber is, and what the Chamber does for the community. He also explained the Business Journal that they started to publish to reach the community. This is a once-a-month publication. Our goal is to publish positive information about what is happening in Colleton County. Mr. Wysong also showed a video that showed the different businesses that are involved

with the Chamber. After the video Council was able to ask some questions and Mr. Wysong gave his response.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon motion of Councilmember Bridge, Seconded by Councilmember Brown, the following minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Regular meeting June 7, 2022.
2. Special Called meeting June 21, 2022.

**Old Business:**

1. **Ordinance # 2022-08**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE II (SEWERS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA. (Second and Final Reading)

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by: Councilmember Fishburne.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

**New Business:**

1. **Ordinance # 2022-09**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2022-04, SO AS TO SET THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET (Introduction and First Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet an ordinance to set the Local Option Sales Tax credit factor for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. As City Council is aware we arrive at this number by taking our total anticipated sales tax collections and dividing that by the total appraised value of property in the city. When you do that, you come out with a local option sales tax credit factor of .00224. Staff recommends that council adopt first reading of the ordinance. We need to get the sales tax credit factor to the County Treasurer by August, so that can be incorporated into the tax bills that go out in October.

Motion: Councilmember Siegel; Seconded by Councilmember Brown.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

2. Consideration of a request from the Walterboro Rotary Club for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ireland Creek Bridge Run to be held on Thursday, September 29, 2022.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by: Councilmember Broderick.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

**City Manager's Report:**

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

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on June 16, 2022 and is recommending the following: Walterboro Tourism Commission 30% Designated Marketing Organization \$ 65,000, and for the 65% Tourism Fund for Palmetto Cycling Coalition- Festivelo 2022 \$16,000. For the SC Artisans Center-billboards \$ 20,000. For the Colleton County Rice Festival 2023 \$30,000 and the Walterboro Tourism Commission- Walterboro Rocks \$35,000. Should these requests be approved as submitted, the projected remaining balance for 2022-2023 will be approximately \$154,923. The remaining funds will be up for consideration at the next scheduled meeting in October 2022. The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee respectfully request City Council approval of these items.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by: Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

## 2. Recognition of Fire Captain, Chris Cook.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council it is my pleasure to recognize our Fire Captain Chris Cook who retired on June 2, 2022. Chris retired last month after serving 32 years with the Fire Department. Chris was hired on July 18, 1990. In October of 1990 he was promoted to Engineer. In 2012 Chris received his certification as a police officer. In 2015 he was promoted to Fire Captain. Most impressively on June 6, 2018, Chris received the National Medal of Honor along with two others for saving the life of a women during a fire, that fire occurred on November 5, 2017. I am very pleased to announce that Chris is going to continue to serve the city as a volunteer fire fighter. It has been a pleasure working with Chris and we wish you nothing but the best in your retirement.

## 3. Introduction of new Parks Director, Jonathan Burroughs.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated, Mr. Mayor and members of City Council it is my pleasure to introduce to you our new Parks Director, Jonathan Burroughs. Jonathan has been the Park Manager at Colleton State Park since June 2018. Mr. Burroughs has a bachelor's degree from Clemson University in Environmental and Natural Resource Management. He has been employed by the state park system since 2011. He will start with the city on July 25, 2022. We are looking forward to having Jonathan on board.

### **Executive Session:**

#### 1. Contractual Matter-Overhead Street light conversion.

#### 2. Personnel Matter- Appointment to Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

A motion was made to go into executive session by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Broderick. Mayor Young explained that City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter: Overhead Street light conversion and Personnel Matter: Appointment to Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Siegel, and passed unanimously.

A motion to appoint Tal Glover to The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne, and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Siegel, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:52 P.M. Notice of the meeting was 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 the meeting.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Nettles