

Walterboro City Council

City Hall

April 4, 2023

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday April 4, 2023, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

Present: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Ladson Fishburne, Greg Pryor, James Broderick, Paul Siegel, Judy Bridge and Carl Brown. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, City Attorney Brown McLeod, Amy Risher Finance Director, Steve Steiner with the Press and Standard, Johnny Holmes with the Colleton County Veterans Council, and Dana Cheney with Keep Walterboro Beautiful.

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 Pryor led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Public Input on Agenda Items:

There was no public input on agenda items.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilmember Broderick, Seconded by Councilmember Pryor, the following minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Regular Meeting – February 14, 2023.
2. Regular Meeting – March 7, 2023.

New Business:

1. **Ordinance #2023-04**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (Introduction and First Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds which includes the 2020 revenue loss totaling \$236,346, 2021 revenue loss totaling \$197,360, the Economic Stabilization, which was the purchase of the Ford Property totaling \$377,620.04, and the 2022 revenue loss totaling \$106,136. Once approved we will have a balance of \$1,814,192.19 for future expenditures. This is a federal requirement that the City Council pass an ordinance authorizing expenditures of these funds and we ask for council's favorable approval.

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; Seconded by: Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

2. Ordinance #2023-05, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF WALTERBORO TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES; TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAMS; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO (Introduction and First Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo from the Municipal Association of South Carolina and an ordinance. We have already adopted a new business ordinance, but the Municipal Association requires us to update its agreements, and this must be done with an ordinance where municipalities may participate in the three (3) collection programs. These three collection programs are the insurance tax program, brokers tax, and telecommunication tax program. All three are important sources of revenue in the General Fund. City Council is required to pass an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to sign the paperwork from the Municipal Association. We ask for City Council's favorable consideration of first reading.

Motion: Councilmember Siegel; Seconded by: Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

3. Resolution #2023-01, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2023 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by: Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

4. A Proclamation to Designate April 2023 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO.

Mayor Young stated we have Ms. Chapman, Ms. Edwards, and Ms. Herndon here with us tonight who will be accepting the Proclamation.

Ms. Herndon stated thank you very much for this Proclamation. We with Hopeful Horizons are very excited to be in Walterboro. Child Prevention Month is an important thing to us. We hope that we can work together as a community to strengthen families, strengthen prevention, and do the necessary things that need to be to protect our children.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by: Councilmember Brown

Discussion: none

Carried: All ayes

5. A Proclamation to Designate April and May 2023 AS KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL/GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP MONTH.

Dana Cheney stated we have had one clean up so far. I had seventy-nine high school honor society students help with that. They cleaned up twenty-seven miles in 6 hours all over the city. We are having Earth Day with the employees in the coming weeks. We have flowers and bushes coming in, so we are going to beautify all the parks.

Motion: Councilmember Fishburne; Seconded by: Councilmember Bridge

Discuss: None

Carried: All ayes

6. Consideration of requests from the Colleton County Veterans Council to commemorate Memorial Day 2023.

Mr. Johnny Holmes stated Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council we would like to thank you on behalf of the Colleton County Veterans Council for placing us on the agenda. It is our plan to recognize all the veterans.

Mayor Young stated that is always a great event, we thank you all for doing that.

Mr. Johnny Holmes stated, we thank you for all the help you give the Veterans.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by: Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

7. Consideration of a request from the Colleton County Citadel Club, Ireland Creek Duck Race and BBQ Cookoff, Saturday, April 29, 2023, 1-4 PM.

Mayor Young asked Jeff, is that the Saturday of the Rice Festival?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated, yes, it is.

Mayor Young asked will this interfere with the fireworks? Are they going to be in the way?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated I know they have coordinated with the Rice Festival. In fact, the first email I received from Lee Petrolawicz indicated they were going to do it Friday evening from 4-7 PM, then followed up by saying they were going to do it Saturday from 1-4 PM.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by: Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

City Manager's Report:

1. 2023 CDBG Prioritization.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council last month we conducted a public hearing for Community Block Grant (CDBG) needs for the coming year. Each year the city is required to prioritize our needs for the year and based on the priorities outlined by City Council at our Council Retreat in January, I am presenting the following needs: staff request Council's favorable consideration of these requests.

1. Public Infrastructure and Facilities

- Upgrades of water and sewer lines as needed.
- Other projects as identified.

2. Community Enrichment

- Demolition of properties that are attractive nuisances.
- Adaptive reuse of existing structures
- Other as identified.

3. Special Projects as identified

- Trail connector for Wildlife Center and Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Other projects as identified.

4. Multiple Activity Neighborhood Improvements projects

- Neighborhoods as identified.

5. Economic Development projects as identified

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by: Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Pryor, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne. Mayor Young explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters: Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission and Appointment to Tree Protection Committee.

Executive Session:

1. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission.
 - b. Appointment to Tree Protection Committee.

A motion to appoint Jayne Siegel to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending January 1, 2024, and to appoint Taylor Murdaugh to the Tree Protection Committee for an unexpired term ending January 1, 2026, was made by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Broderick. Councilmember Siegel recused himself because Jayne Siegel is his spouse.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Pryor, all in favor motion carries.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M. Notice of the meeting was distributed with the agenda packets, to all local media, posted on City Hall bulletin board and posted on the City's website at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk