

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday October 2, 2017

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Dr. Sonny Proctor

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Steve Roper
Greg Lovell
Sonny Underwood
David Hall
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Gerry Nechvatal
John Sneve
Amy Leake
Jackie Dunn
Ryan O'Dea
Doug Patterson
Layla Patterson
Darrell Broom
Frank Maturo
Matthew Maturo
Haley Bouchie

Members Absent:

Anne Sneve
Tony Fountain

Legal Counsel:

Attorney Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m. He requested John Foust give the invocation. Councilmember Jim Looney led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver stated to let it be noted that Councilmembers Tony Fountain and Anne Sneve were absent from the meeting.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the September 13, 2017 regular meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried with John Foust abstaining as he was absent for the September meeting.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Jim Looney regarding updates on the Roper/Perrow/Pool Property Committee. Councilmember Jim Looney stated that there had been no action by the Committee since the last council meeting.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Sonny Proctor regarding updates on the Personnel Policy Committee. Councilmember Sonny Proctor stated that there had been no action by the Committee since the last council meeting.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present to Council the quotes received for striping parking lots at the City's parks. Mr. Waters stated that he had received two quotes as follows: Johnson Laux at \$1,200 and Browns Asphalt & Maintenance at \$1,250. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the low quote of Johnson. Councilmember John Foust seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jackie Dunn and Amy Leake to present to Council a copy of the Kimley-Horn traffic study and to discuss the study. No action taken.

Item E under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the 2017 tax millage rate as advertised and as considered in the upcoming budget. She recommended Council adopt a millage rate of 4.655 mills for the upcoming 2017 tax billing. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adopt the millage rate at 4.655 mills. Councilmember John Foust made such motion, and Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item F under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Chief Roper to present for Council's approval to order a new fire engine. Chief Roper stated that the City could use a tag-on purchase with another city to lower the cost. He stated the cost of the engine would be \$497,500 if purchased prior to November 1, at which time the price would increase by three percent. He stated that additional cost to equip the truck would be approximately \$75,000. He

stated no payments would be due on the fire engine until 2019 (one year after delivery). Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the fire engine and equipment order. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Haley Bouchie with the Jasper Merchants Association. Ms. Bouchie stated that she was originally coming to speak to Council regarding the JMA's use of the greenspace downtown Halloween night (for kid's bouncy house), but she was withdrawing her request due to lack of volunteers. Mayor Weaver and Council approved for the JMA to have use of the greenspace if volunteers could be secured.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Darrell Broom with JYSA. Mayor Weaver stated that the Mayor's Golf Tournament fundraiser for JYSA was a success. Mayor Weaver then presented a check for \$6,000 to JYSA as a contribution from the 2017 Mayor's Golf Tournament. Mr. Broom thanked the City for the contribution.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits to discuss the upcoming renewal of the City's group health insurance in April 2018. Discussion with Council followed. No action taken.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Director of Planning and Zoning. Mr. Underwood stated that the Planning Commission at its last called meeting had voted to recommend approval for a request from Lonnie Waters and Gary Waters (Applicant) to annex Parcel 053D 036 of 17.8 acres owned by Eula Ann Elizabeth Waters located at 434 Boling Fountain Road, Jasper, Georgia into the City as C-2 (General Commercial) and R-3 (Multifamily) zoning. He stated that the applicant had since withdrawn the request. No action taken.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the recommended homestead exemptions. She recommended to Council that the City continue to offer a \$3,000 homestead exemption and \$4,000 homestead exemption for citizens 65 and older. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to continue the homestead exemptions as recommended. Councilmember Jim Looney made such motion, and Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall to discuss the proposed water pollution plant expansion. Mr. Hall recommended that a workshop be set up for Council to meet with G. Ben Turnipseed. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to allow Mayor Weaver to set up the workshop. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present to Council the results of the October 2, 2017 bid opening for Paving Project No. 2017-003. Mr. Waters stated that the bid tabulation is as follows:

Bartow Paving Company	\$ 369,908.38
Colditz Trucking, Inc.	\$ 586,363.83
Johnson Paving, LLC	\$ 350,349.00
Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc.	\$ 357,396.25

Mr. Waters stated that the low bid was \$350,349.00 from Johnson Paving, LLC. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the low bid of Johnson Paving for the paving project. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H under New Business, Mr. Waters discussed with Council the new regulation requiring all street signs to be replaced. This item was tabled until the next regular Council meeting.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to the City.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of September, 2017.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of September, 2017. He also gave an update on the wood bridge.

Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall gave a report on his department's reaction to Hurricane Irma.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of September, 2017

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of September, 2017.

Councilmember John Foust gave a report on JYSA.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Sonny Proctor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular council meeting to be held November 6, 2017.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director