

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 4, 2015

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Tony Fountain

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Sonny Underwood
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnice Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Brian Pritchard
Kirk and Caitlan Raffield
R.E. Strickland
Ronald Wheeler
Jimmy Howell
Paul Poore
Thomas Hullman
Donna Hughes
Sherry Maddox
Daryl & Wanda Morris
John Sneve

Members Absent:

Allison Boyle

Legal Counsel:

None

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order. He requested Councilmember 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 and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver stated that it should be noted that Allison Boyle was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Weaver recognized Paul Poore and other members of the Jasper Merchants Association to speak on behalf of Relay for Life. Mayor Weaver read a proclamation declaring the week of May 10 through May 16, 2015 as Relay for Life Days. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the proclamation declaring the week of May 10 through 15, 2015 as Relay for Life Days, Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver recognized Ray Smith, Ron Strickland and Ronald Wheeler of the American Legion Post 149 to speak on behalf of the Bluegrass Charity Festival. Mr. Smith stated that they would like to propose to the City that May 4 through May 10 be proclaimed Bluegrass Charity Festival Week. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion that it be noted in the minutes that the Mayor and Council recognize the American Legion and the Veterans Association and proclaim that May 4 through May 10, 2015 be Bluegrass Charity Festival Week. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the April 6, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Mayor Weaver noted that a correction be made to change wet well replacement to wet well addition under item F under new business. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion with the change. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to present the second reading of ordinance Chapter 78, Section 55: Solicitation of contributions, employment or business. Ordinance read as follows:

78-55 Solicitation of contributions, employment or business

No person shall stand on a highway or a city street or a road for the purpose of soliciting employment, business or contributions from the occupant of any vehicle. The maximum fine for violation shall be no more than \$500.

Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the ordinance as read. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Councilmember Jim Looney asked that it be noted that a letter from Ralph O. Dennis was sent to the Mayor and all Councilmembers asking that the Council not approve the ordinance as read. The Mayor called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Item B under old business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Planning and Zoning Director, to present an alcohol license application to Council for approval. He informed Council that the new owners of J. Town Grill had completed the application process and the required advertising had been met. They are now requesting that their application for a license to sell alcohol (Beer/Wine) by the drink be approved. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the license to sell beer and wine by the drink and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under old business, Mr. Underwood presented an alcohol license application to Council for approval. He informed Council that the new owners of Shyaman 1 Convenience Store had completed the application process and the required advertising had been met. They are now requesting that their application for a license to sell alcohol (Beer) by the package be approved. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the license to sell beer by the package and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under new business, Sonny Underwood presented an application for selling alcohol (Beer and Wine) by the package from Dunn's Food Mart. Mr. Underwood stated that there was nothing in the background check of the owners that would prevent them obtaining an alcohol license, therefore they are requesting permission to continue the application process. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under new business, Mayor Weaver stated that the City Park baseball fields are in need of fence replacement. He stated that he had obtained one quote, but wished to table any action on purchasing until the next meeting to allow time for the City to obtain more bids. Following discussion, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to table the approval of fence replacement until next council meeting to allow the City to obtain more bids. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under new business, Mayor Weaver stated that he had been approached by Ann Dobson requesting an increase of \$1,000 in the City's donation to the Pickens County Library for 2015. Following discussion, Jim Looney made a motion to increase the donation by \$1,000 for 2015 and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the 2014 Budget Amendment to Council. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the amendment as presented, and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item G under new business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council an application for reduced water/sewer rates for approval. Following review by Council, councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the application and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of April 2015.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of April 2015.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of April 2015.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of April 2015.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on June 1, 2015.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director