

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 5, 2017**

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Tony Fountain
Dr. Sonny Proctor

Staff:

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

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Lonnie Adams
Gerry Nechvatal
Sam Latimer
Amy Leake
Jackson Leake
Carrie & Jeff Roland
Craig Jones
Kristal Beaver
Wade Marshall
Sue Finley
Jena Finley
Val Jacobson
David Stonirichi

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Attorney Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m. He requested Lonnie Waters 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 Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the May 1, 2017 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Assistant Chief Von Headrick to present to Council two quotes for the repair to the Burton Street Barn and for the Fire Station roof. Mr. Headrick stated the quotes are as follows:

	<u>Barn</u>	<u>Fire Station</u>
Fountain Roofing	\$10,200	\$15,930
Allen Wynn Construction	\$12,250	\$12,319

Mr. Headrick stated that this was for metal replacement only and did not include amounts for structural damage if found. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the low bid of Fountain Roofing for the Barn and the low bid of Allen Wynn Construction for the Fire Station work. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Headrick to present to Council a quote from Caldwell Electrical Contractors for the emergency generator for the Police Department. Mr. Headrick stated that the City asked Caldwell to give a quote based on the quality of work on the other generators, timeliness of work, and that would allow the City to have one contact for all the emergency generators purchased. Mr. Headrick stated that the quote was \$45,000 and FEMA had awarded \$49,082 for this generator with the City's cost being \$7,362.30. Ms. Hoyle stated that the City had budgeted for the cost of this generator for 2017. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to accept the quote of \$45,000 from Caldwell Electrical for the Police Department generator. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present to council annexation of a section of Cove Road. Mr. Waters stated that this section of Cove road is from current City limits to the top of the s-curves. He stated that this is a gift from the County and the County attorney had the road surveyed and a quit-claim deed had been filed (a copy attached and made part of these minutes). Mayor Weaver stated that this annexation did not have to go before the Planning Commission as it was a gift from the County. Attorney Bill Pickett agreed and stated that he had talked with the County attorney as well. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the proposed gift of the section of Cove Road from the County as surveyed and per the quitclaim deed. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Sam Latimer of Rushton and Company to present the 2016 Annual Financial Audit. Mr. Latimer reported that the City had received an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. Mr. Latimer also stated that the audit found no material weaknesses and one significant deficiency in internal controls in the Municipal Court Fund. He stated there were no instances of noncompliance. He stated that the significant deficiency noted that deposits for traffic citation receipts were not timely deposited. Mayor Weaver recognized Police Chief Greg Lovell to state how that deficiency had been corrected. Chief Lovell stated that deposits will be made daily and if there is not deposit, a statement saying such will be sent to the City's finance department. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to accept the report and approve it for submission to the State of Georgia Department of Audits. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was no Item B under New Business.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver stated that Piedmont Hospital had withdrawn its request to place a mobile unit for the helicopter pad. No action taken.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Assistant Chief Von Headrick to present to Council a quote from Municipal Emergency Services for a thermal imaging camera. Mr. Headrick stated the camera being used by the fire department no longer worked. Mr. Headrick stated that the quote of \$7,395 is less than the \$8,000 that the City had budgeted for this purchase in 2017. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to the purchase of the thermal imaging camera for \$7,395. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized David Buchanan to present to Council quotes from two vendors for the purchase of a skid steer. Mr. Buchanan stated that the City's three year lease was up on the old skid steer and it had been turned back into the dealer, rather than purchased. Mr. Buchanan had obtained two quotes, Mason Tractor quoted \$58,000 and Nelson Tractor quoted \$60,611. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. No action taken.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to give an update on the wood bridge. Mr. Waters stated that a meeting with DOT was scheduled for later in the week and the City should have more information regarding the extent of repair work necessary. No action taken.

Item G under New Business, Mr. Waters presented to Council a work change order on the upcoming paving project. Mr. Waters stated that Johnson Paving had included in their original bid to pave Mosley Heights at a cost of \$29,325. Since this street is concrete, he stated this street would need repairs prior to paving. He stated that the City had asked Johnson to quote mill edges at Jacob's Pointe and City Park paving. Additional cost to the City would be \$34,165.60. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the change order as presented. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item H under New Business, Mr. Waters presented to Council the possible need for the moving of the marble basketball monument located on South Main Street. He stated that Georgia DOT had contacted the City with concerns that the monument might be in the way of the new traffic signal posts to be installed in the future. Mayor Weaver stated that he had spoken with the Board of Education regarding the monument. No action taken.

Item I under New Business, Mayor Weaver gave an update on the City Park. No action taken.

Item J under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall to present to Council a resolution to adopt a Water Conservation Plan as prepared by G. Ben Turnipseed, Engineers. He stated that this is necessary in order for the City to continue its groundwater withdrawal permit increase application. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the resolution for the Water Conservation Plan. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item K under New Business, Mr. Hall presented to Council a letter from Georgia Department of Natural Resources regarding the proposed expansion of the City's Water Pollution Control Plant to 1.56 MGD. The DNR has initiated its review of the Environmental Information Document for the project. He stated that the City is required to hold a public meeting and must advertising this meeting for at least 30 days prior to the date of the hearing. Mr. Hall stated that he needed Council's approval to advertise and hold this public hearing. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to allow the City to advertise the public hearing. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item M under New Business, Mr. Hall presented to Council three quotes for a color camera for the water department to find obstructions in the lines. Quotes obtained are as follows:

NozzTeq	\$ 8,900.00
Winnelson	\$12,990.63
TrioVision	\$13,473.00

Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the purchase with the low bid from NozzTeq of \$8,900. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item N under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Planning and Zoning to address Council regarding a recommendation from the Planning Commission's May 23, 2017 public hearing whereby the Planning Commission had recommended for approval a request from CSC Properties (Applicant) to annex Parcel 041-053 of 2.34 acres owned by Patricia Roland and Gary Copeland located at 1860 Highway 53 West, Jasper Georgia into the City as C-2 (General Commercial) zoning. Mr. Underwood stated that all required advertising and notifications were completed. At this time Mayor Weaver opened up the meeting for public comment. Following public comment, the Mayor entertained a motion from City Council. Councilmember Jim Looney mad a motion to approve the annexation of Parcel 041-053 into the City as C-2 zoning. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Following the vote, a discussion occurred between City Attorney Bill Pickett and Councilmember Sonny Proctor regarding the question of Proctor owning land in the area of the annexation. Proctor stated that Mr. Pickett recommended that he abstain rather than vote for the annexation. Mayor Weaver recognized the request and no action was taken. Vote remains at 5 for and 0 against.

Item L under New Business, Mayor Weaver gave Council an update on the Marble Hill well. He stated that he had met with John Klein (who used to work for Georgia Marble) and Imerys to look at the City's use of the well. He stated that they had determined that withdrawing water from the well would create sinkholes and the well was not considered feasible for the City to withdraw at this time. Mayor Weaver also stated that he is planning to look at Imerys' Whitestone location as a possible water source. No action taken.

Item O under New Business, Sonny Underwood presented an application for selling alcohol (Beer and Wine) by the package from the owner of Dunn's North Convenience Store. Mr. Underwood stated that the background check had been received from the State with nothing that would prevent the owner from obtaining an alcohol license. He is requesting that the Council approve permission to continue the application process. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item P under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember John Foust. Councilmember Foust stated that the City needed an ordinance on city blight. Mayor Weaver appointed John Foust and Anne Sneve to a City Blight Committee to write such ordinance. John Foust stated that he wanted Attorney Bill Pickett to be involved.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to the City.

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

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of May, 2017.

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

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

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities.

Being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular council meeting to be held July 10, 2017.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk