

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 4, 2019, 6 PM

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Tony Fountain
Sonny Proctor
Kirk Raffield

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Brandon Douglas
Lonnie Waters
Steve Roper
David Hall
Greg Lovell

Guests in Attendance:

David Copeland
Steve Lawrence
Jim Looney
Darren Fichter

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

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. He called on Councilmember Tony Fountain to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by council. City Clerk Lisa Hoyle stated that there was one change to the agenda – the reading of the minutes should have been roman numeral V and numbering afterward would change accordingly. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver called on Ms. Hoyle to read the minutes of the October 7, 2019 administrative public hearing held at 9:00 am. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Hoyle read the minutes of the October 7, 2019 public hearing held at 5:30 pm. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by vote of 4 with Tony Fountain abstaining as he was absent for the meeting. Ms. Hoyle read the minutes of the October 7, 2019 regular meeting with a change noted that Councilmember John Foust made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to accept the minutes with the change. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Douglas to update the council on the subletting of city property. Mr. Douglas stated that he had not had a chance to create a user agreement and check on the liability issues involved with the leasing of city facilities as requested by Mayor and council at the September meeting. He stated that this was a priority to get this document to Bill Pickett for review, but unfortunately he had nothing for this month's meeting. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to table this item once again. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made such motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Douglas to present the Service Delivery Area map amendment for the changes approved in the July council meeting. Mr. Douglas presented the map that was prepared by the Regional Commission for council's review. He stated this map will be sent to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a 30-day review, after which it will be ratified and formally amended. He stated that he was asking that council review the map and to make sure that it reflects the July meeting amendment approval. No action taken.

Items A and B under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Douglas to give a report on the Jasper Planning Commission. Mr. Douglas stated on October 15, 2019 a Planning Commission public hearing was held to consider whether Special Land Use Permits are to be added to the city's zoning ordinance. He stated that there was no public in attendance and that the Planning Commission voted to recommend the addition of the Special Land Use Permits. Mr. Douglas presented to council how the permit would affect the ordinance. A copy of the ordinance amendment is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Mayor Weaver stated that he wanted to voice his concern over council making decisions on who would be granted the permits. He stated that there could be potential lawsuits. Discussion with council followed. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made a motion that the recommended addition of Special Land Use Permits be approved and that this be considered the first reading of the ordinance amendment. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. More discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Douglas to present to council a request from the developer of Piedmont Village, a development previously approved by council, to change the side setback on the outside periphery from back of the curb. Mr. Douglas stated that they are requesting to change the setback from the originally approved five-foot to a four-foot setback in those areas. He stated that city staff has no issues with this request and that the utilities lie in front or to the rear of the buildings and should not be impacted. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the requested setback. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Douglas to present to council special events planned. Mr. Douglas stated that Lollidrops on South Main Street had requested that on Sunday, December 1st, South Main be closed from E. Spring Street to Hwy 53. He stated that E. Spring Street and Hwy 53 would not be affected. He stated that the owner of the business was planning an event to have a play area for children and to allow photos with Santa and live reindeer. Owner Darren Fichter was also present at the meeting to make this request. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to close South Main Street from E. Spring Street to Highway 53 from 12:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Sunday December 1st. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Douglas stated that for council information the Rotary is sponsoring a Public Safety dinner on November 12th and the Jasper Police Department as well as the Jasper Fire Department would be in attendance.

Mr. Douglas asked if council desired to designate a contingency date for the Christmas Parade which is planned for December 7th if the need should arise due to inclement weather. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to set December 8th as a contingency date for the parade. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the 2020 Operating Budget for Council's review. Ms. Hoyle stated that the public hearing on the budget would be held on November 12th and we would expect to adopt the budget at the next regular Council meeting held December 2nd. Discussion by Council followed. No action necessary.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Douglas to present an obligation on an old contract for GPS on the city vehicles and equipment with Fleetmatics, now Verizon Connect Fleetmatics. He stated that due to the former city manager discontinuing the contract with the company and not providing a 60-day notice prior to March 15, that the company is stating the city is responsible for the entire year of 2018. He stated that the collections agency offered a compromise in the amount of \$22,525.78. He stated that he is requesting guidance from council as to how to proceed. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to allow the city manager to negotiate the best resolution with the company. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall and Mr. Douglas. Mr. Douglas stated that there was a \$75,000 budgeted use of cash for the year 2019 to install water pipe to connect to the Grandview water system. He stated that the city has spent approximately \$53,000 of these funds. He is requesting another \$38,240 to get the line to a point of 1,800 feet from the county facility. He stated that staff had requested quotes for the third and final phase of the line. There was only one quote provided from Calhoun Meter Company in the amount of \$38,239.36. He asked that the additional funds be approved in excess of the \$75,000 budgeted. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$38,239.36 for the materials from Calhoun Meter Company. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Douglas to present ordinance amendments to the city's defined benefit retirement plan. He stated that the city had been requested by GMA to restate the defined benefits plan in accordance with IRS standards. He stated that he is asking for modifications to the defined benefits plan to allow for the Rule of 80, change multiplier to a flat 1.5%, remove in-service retirement, add up to three years military service to count towards city service and increase minimum weekly hours of work to 30 for eligibility. He stated that the Pension Plan Modification Committee had met and reviewed the modifications. He stated that if council wished to move forward with the modifications, this could be considered the first reading of the ordinance amendments. Mayor Weaver asked for a committee report. Councilmember Proctor stated that the committee had met on October 23rd and had concluded that they were supportive of the modified version of the plan. Mayor Weaver asked how much this would cost the taxpayers. Mr. Douglas stated according to preliminary figures, that this would increase the cost of the plan by approximately \$123,845. He stated that the percentage funded would drop from approximately 98% down to approximately 79%. Mr. Douglas stated that he felt these amendments would help

recruit and retain employees. Mayor Weaver stated that his concern was that these changes could put the plan in jeopardy in the future. He also stated that he was concerned about the funding of the plan and employees retiring from the plan at an earlier age. He stated that he wanted the citizens of Jasper to know that ultimately the taxpayers are funding this increase in employee benefits. More discussion followed regarding details of the plan. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve this document as the first reading of the defined benefits ordinance amendment. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item I under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Douglas to present a change to the Farm Winery section of the city's ordinances. Mr. Douglas stated that there had been an interest from a winery to open a store in the city and sell wine samples that are produced onsite. He stated that the current ordinance does not address for the inclusion of the manufacture of wine. He is proposing to add to the ordinance to authorize the winery to "manufacture" in addition to sell and distribute. Mr. Douglas read the ordinance amendment. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion that this be approved as the first reading of the ordinance amendment to farm wineries. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Douglas to present to council a list of alcohol renewals for 2020. Businesses who have paid for Alcohol license renewals since the last regular meeting and are requesting approval are as follows:

ALCOHOL LICENSE NAME	License Type
Aby Asian Cuisine	Beer and Wine by the drink
QuikTrip Corporation Store #829	Beer and Wine by the package
SIYA RHM, LLC dba Jasper Beverage	Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits by the package
Tariz Food Mart Bp W Church St	Beer and Wine by the package
Tater Patch Players	Beer and Wine by the drink
The Last Catch	Beer and Wine by the drink
Buffalo Luke's	Beer and Wine by the drink
Saifan 2017 Investment LLC(Jasper Convenience)	Beer and Wine by the package
Carolina Pizza Co Inc (Pizza Hut)	Beer by the drink
Trout's Beverage, Inc. 1	Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits by the package
Trout's Beverage, Inc. 2	Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits by the package
Bub-Ba-Q	Beer and Wine by the drink
Kroger	Beer and Wine by the package
Johnny's New York Style Pizza	Beer and Wine by the drink
The Old Mulehouse	Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits by the drink
Dos Margaritas III	Beer and Wine by the drink
Teek 1 LLC/Dunns Food Mart	Beer and Wine by the package

**QuikTrip Corporation # 829 is changing Registered Agents to Joshua Stephen Gracek. Mr. Gracek has met all the requirements and his background check results were good. We ask if you will accept the changes in Registered Agent.

Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve the license renewals as presented. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver stated that council needed to go into executive session in order to discuss land acquisition. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to go into executive session. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver closed the meeting.

Councilmember John Foust made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver opened the meeting.

Mayor Weaver asked for committee updates. Councilmember Proctor gave an update on the Economic Developer Hiring Committee and the Perrow/Roper/Pool Property Development Committee.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of October 2019.

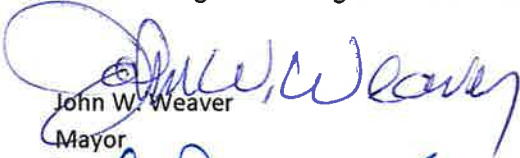
Lonnie Waters gave a report on roads and streets.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of October 2019.

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Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of October 2019.

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion. Council is scheduled to convene next at the public hearing on November 12, 2019 and at the regular meeting to be held December 2, 2019.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director