

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 5, 2015**

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Jim Looney
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Allison Boyle
Tony Fountain

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Sonny Underwood
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Lonnie Waters
Michael Castagna

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
John Sneve
Ellen Ottinger
Janet Mueller
Charles Messner
J.R. McLaughlin
Steve McKenzie
Tim Ghorley
Darryl & Lynn Henson

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

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

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver recognized Max Caylor to speak about Charles and Ardis McCain's 27 years of significant and heartfelt service while citizens of the community. Mayor Weaver read a proclamation honoring the McCains for their service. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the proclamation, and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the December 1, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no Old Business.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember John Foust nominated Councilmember Jim Looney to continue to serve in that capacity for 2015. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the nomination. Nomination passed with four votes in favor. Councilmember Jim Looney abstained from voting.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver turned the meeting over to Councilmember Jim Looney. Councilmember Looney opened the floor for nominations for City Manager for 2015. Councilmember Tony Fountain nominated John Weaver to continue to serve in that capacity and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the nomination. Nomination accepted by unanimous vote.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver presented his appointments for 2015. For the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mayor Weaver recommended that Martha Poole be reappointed for a three-year term. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the appointment, and Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. For the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, Mayor Weaver recommended that John Unzicker be re-appointed for a three-year term. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the appointment and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. For the Jasper Housing Authority, Mayor Weaver recommended that Vance Farrow be reappointed for a five-year year term. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to accept the recommendation and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mayor Weaver read the following recommendations for the Council Committees:

Finance Committee	Jim Looney John Foust
Water Committee	Tony Fountain

Public Safety	Allison Brown
Streets	Anne Morrow
Parks	John Foust
	Anne Morrow
JYSA Liason	John Foust

Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendations for Council Committees and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to discuss election qualifying fees. Ms. Hoyle stated that the 2015 Election Qualifying Fees must be set this month and the amount could be anything up to the maximum of \$35. Councilmember Jim Looney recommended that the City set the fee at \$35. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to set the 2015 qualifying fee at \$35 and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Joe Walker with Pointenorth Insurance to discuss our upcoming liability and worker's compensation insurance renewal. Mr. Walker stated that he had looked at several other insurance companies for the City liability insurance and Glatfelter (current carrier) was the recommended carrier. Mr. Walker stated that Glatfelter's premiums remained the same except for increases for property additions of the City. Mr. Walker stated that Bitco Insurance Company was \$7,000 less than what we are currently paying Key Risk Insurance Company for worker's compensation. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to approve the insurance renewal and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present quotes from ETC for two servers recommended for purchase in January. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to purchase the servers, Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Discussion followed and it was decided to table the purchase until February and obtain more quotes. No action taken.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present a reduced rate application for Council's review and approval. Ms. Hoyle stated that the applicant did meet the requirements for reduced rates. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the rate reduction, Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item H under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Tim Ghorley, Chairman of the Planning Commission to present the Jasper Planning Commission Report. Mr. Ghorley stated that on December 17, 2014, the Planning Commission heard a request for an annexation of Map and Parcel Number JA05-036 and a request for re-zoning of Map and Parcel Number 053D-031. Mr. Ghorley informed the Council that the Planning Commission had recommended to approve that Map and Parcel Number JA05-036 of 6.00 acres owned by Randy and Tina Pinyan be annexed into the City as Residential Agriculture ("R-A") property. Mr. Ghorley stated that the property owners had completed all required advertising, signage and public notices. Discussion followed and Mayor Weaver opened the floor for public concerns. Following public comments, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the annexation of Map and Parcel Number JA05-036 into the City as R-A property. Mr. Ghorley informed the Council that the Planning Commission had recommended to approve that Map and Parcel Number 053D-031 of 19.85 acres owned by Timothy D. Snow be re-zoned from R-A to Light Industrial ("M-1") property. Mr. Ghorley stated that the property owners had completed all required advertising, signage and public notices. Discussion followed and Mayor Weaver opened the floor for public concerns. Following public comments, Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to reject the recommendation of the Planning Commission to re-zone Map and Parcel Number 053D-031 into the City as R-A property. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Mayor Weaver called for a vote. Council voted to reject the recommendation of the Planning Commission with Councilmembers John Foust and Anne Sneve voting to oppose the motion to reject and Councilmembers Allison Brown, Jim Looney and Tony Fountain voting in favor of the motion.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of December 2014.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of December 2014.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of December 2014.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of December 2014.

Mayor Weaver gave Council an update of the planned action of the City to treat Cove Road in preparation of inclement weather.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA and eight-year old wrestler Isaiah Williams.

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver asked Reverend Max Caylor to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on February 2, 2015.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director