

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2017

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Von Headrick
Greg Lovell
Sonny Underwood
Lonnie Waters
Stella Brewer
David Hall
David Buchanan

Guests in Attendance:

Mary Livsey
Lonnie Adams
C. Larry Wilson
April Van Alstine
Donnie R. Low
Bart Connelly
Amy Leake
Jackson Leake
Jack Dunn
Donna Torres
Sharyn Petrylzanko
Fran Dodd
Diane Haler
Keith Haler
Gerry Nechvatal

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Attorney Bill Pickett

Press:

Dan Pool

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 Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the February 6, 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 Mr. Larry Wilson with the Pickens Arts and Cultural Alliance. Mr. Wilson gave Council an update on plans for the building on E. Spring Street. Mr. Wilson stated that the building was in need of repairs and renovations. He also stated that the Alliance was looking forward to working with the City on a conditional use deed, necessary for the Alliance to apply for a grant to renovate the building and grounds. Mayor Weaver stated that the Council could meet with Mr. Wilson at the March 30th work session. No action was taken.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water & Sewer Superintendant David Hall to present to Council the need for a test of the Marble Hill well to determine the gallons per minute that the well would produce. He stated that the cost to rent a pump to do the test would be approximately \$14,670 from Greene's Water Wells, Inc. He also stated that G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers had recommended the test and the use of Greene's Water Wells' equipment, and that they would be supervising the test. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve the rental and testing. Councilmember Tony Fountain made such motion. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present to Council options for speed breakers on Ridgewood Road. Mr. Waters stated that the City could purchase two more speed breakers at a total cost of \$1,100 that would match two that the City currently had that were installed previously, so that a total of four would be installed on Ridgewood Road. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion that the City purchase two additional speed breakers to be installed in addition to the two that the City currently owns. Councilmember Jim Looney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits to present the City's health insurance renewal for the April 2017 - March 2018 enrollment period. Mr. Bidwell stated that the group health insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield would have an increase of 28 percent and the group dental insurance would not increase over the prior year. See attached document with presented plans. It was noted that the City had budgeted for a 12% increase in group health coverage. Mr. Bidwell also presented other options including an

increase to the deductible and well as quotes from Aetna. Mr. Bidwell also stated that he did not obtain quotes from other companies as they either declined or required a detailed health questionnaire from each employee prior to quoting a price. Discussion followed. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to table the approval of the insurance renewal for further review. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. No action taken.

Item B under New Business, Mr. Bidwell stated that the Resolution for the Premium Only Cafeteria Plan was not necessary as the plan had not changed.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jack Dunn of the Downtown Alliance to present to Council, a design for proposed planters, trees and plants for Main Street. No action taken.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water & Sewer Superintendant David Hall to present to Council the need for a booster pump at Hill City. Mr. Hall stated that the County is currently purchasing a required amount of 500,000 gallons per month from the City of Calhoun, but does not use the entire amount of water purchased. He stated that this pump would allow the City to pump water from the County water system to the City water system on the west end toward Pleasant Hill Road. The total cost of this addition would be \$10,400 for the motor/pump, panel box and building/pad. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the purchase. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item E under New Business, Mr. Hall presented to Council three quotes obtained for the purchase of one 60 and one 100 horsepower motor for Cove Road wells. He stated that Council had previously approved the purchase of the motors in the 2017 budget. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to accept the low bid of James Electric Co. for at total price of \$17,400. Councilmember Tony Fountain made such motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized April Van Alstine with Appalachian Pretrial and Probation Program to present for Council's approval the probation agreement for 2017. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the agreement with Appalachian Pretrial and Probation Program and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized David Buchanan to present to Council proposed items for sale at auction. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the sale of equipment. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion Carried unanimously.

Mr. Buchanan presented to Council a list of vehicles and equipment for purchase in 2017. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to table the approval of the purchases until further review. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to the City.

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

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

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

Assistant Chief Von Headrick gave a report of fire activities for the month of February, 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 called council meeting to be held March 16, 2017.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk