

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 1, 2015

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| <u>Members Present:</u> | <u>Staff:</u> | <u>Guests in Attendance:</u> | <u>Guests in Attendance:</u> |
| Mayor John Weaver | Lisa Hoyle | Nancy Unzicker | Mari Livsey |
| Jim Looney | Sonny Underwood | Ruth Wall | John Sneve |
| John Foust | Greg Lovell | Gwen Brandon | Robert Jones |
| Anne Sneve | Steve Roper | Karen & Bobby Fowler | Charlie Messner |
| Tony Fountain | Lonnie Waters | Fran Dodd | Luke Copeland |
| Allison Boyle | | Amy Leake | Jimmy Weaver |
| | | Jackson Leake | Tyler Westbrook |
| <u>Members Absent:</u> | <u>Legal Counsel:</u> | Sonny Proctor | Chase Sutton |
| None | Bill Pickett | Parish Lowrie | Jackie Sutton |
| | | Jimmy Howell | Michael Maturo |
| | | Lonnie Adams | Pauline Maturo |
| | | Max Caylor | Matthew Maturo |
| | | Rob Jarrett | David Carver |
| | | Madison Carver | Ricky Westbrook |
| | | Clay Pilgrim | Jack Bloom |
| | | | <u>Press:</u> |
| | | | Angela Reinhardt |

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He requested Rev. Max Caylor 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 John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver recognized several members of the Boy Scouts of Pickens County working on Citizenship Merit Badges. They were attending the council meeting as a part of this obtaining the badge. Mayor Weaver had one of the leaders introduce all boy scouts in attendance.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the May 4, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried with four votes (Allison Boyle abstained since she was not in attendance at the May 4 meeting).

Item A 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 Dunn's Food Mart 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 package be approved. Councilmember Allison Boyle made a motion to approve the license to sell beer and wine and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under old business, Mayor Weaver stated that the City has not yet obtained additional quotes on the City Park baseball fields fence replacement. He stated that he wished to table any action on purchasing until the next meeting. 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 quotes. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under old business, Mayor Weaver recognized Clay Pilgrim of Rushton & Company, to present the 2014 Annual Financial Audit. Mr. Pilgrim reported that the City had received an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. Mr. Pilgrim also stated that they noted one material weakness and two significant deficiencies in internal control and that there were no instances of noncompliance. Councilmember Jim Looney stated that he would like to review the audit comments and add to the agenda at the next regular council meeting. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to accept the report and approve it for submission to the State of Georgia Department of Audits and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Sonny Underwood to give a report of the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Underwood stated that at the May 28, 2015 Planning Commission meeting, Ms. Tinya Page had requested to annex Parcel 053A-090 of 2.27 acres located at Cornett Road North into the City as Commercial-2 zoning. Mr. Underwood stated that there had been no letters or other notice of opposition and that the re-zoning request was advertised in the local paper, a sign was placed on the parcel and all neighbors within 200 feet or directly across the road of this parcel were sent a notice informing them of the request and of the May 28, 2015 Planning Commission public hearing. Mr. Underwood stated that it was recommended by the Jasper Planning Commission that the property be annexed as requested. Following discussion, Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to annex Parcel 053A-090 into the City as C-2 property. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under new business, Mayor Weaver recognized Amy Leake, Jackie Dunn and Gerry Nechvatal with the Downtown Alliance. The group gave a presentation on improving the City's business district and requested that the City fund a transportation survey using the 2014 SPLOST funds. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to allow Mayor Weaver to work with the Downtown Alliance to obtain costs and proposals for a transportation survey. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to present the bids on the paving of Sanders and Burton streets. Mr. Waters read the contractor bids as follows:

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| Bartow Paving | \$73,424.00 |
| Blount Construction | \$68,985.00 |
| C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. | \$92,433.18 |
| Colditz Trucking & Paving, Inc. | \$69,580.00 |
| Johnson Paving | \$63,322.00 |
| Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc. | \$64,645.00 |

Mr. Waters stated that Johnson Paving, who was the apparent low bidder, meets all specifications and bonding requirements. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the City to contract with the low bidder Johnson Paving. Councilmember Allison Boyle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item E under new business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council an application for reduced water/sewer rates for approval. Following review by Council, councilmember Tony Fountain 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 May 2015.

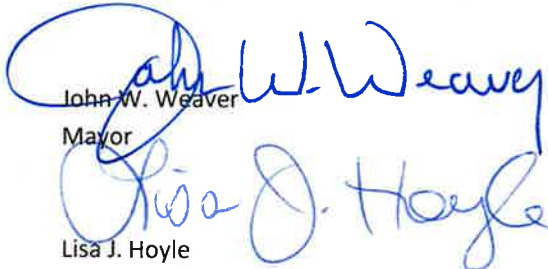
Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of May 2015.

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

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

Mayor Weaver recognized Pickens County Commission Chairman Robert Jones as being present at this meeting.

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 July 13, 2015.


John W. Weaver
Mayor


Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director