

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 5, 2011

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Tony Fountain
John Foust
Allison Brown
Jim Looney

Staff:

Tacie Williams
Lonnie Waters
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Michael Castagna

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey

Members Absent:

Anne Morrow

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Christie Pool

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He requested John Foust give the invocation.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilman John Foust made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Councilwoman Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Weaver asked that it be noted in the minutes that Councilwoman Anne Morrow was not in attendance.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes from the November 7, 2011 regular council meeting. Councilman John Foust made a motion to accept as read, and Councilwoman Allison Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

There was no old business on the agenda.

Under New Business, Planning and Zoning Director Michael Castagna presented to Council the list of businesses renewing their alcohol licenses for 2012. See attached list. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to renew the licenses and Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Castagna requested permission for Tater Patch Players to advertise their intent to sell beer and wine by the drink as part of their application process. Councilman Jim Looney made such motion and Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Councilman Looney then asked Mr. Castagna if the percentages outlined in the ordinance pertaining to alcohol and food sales had been explained to the applicant. Mr. Castagna confirmed that he had reviewed the information at length with a representative of the organization. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Finance Director Tacie Williams presented the 2011 Budget Amendment to Council for approval. Councilman Jim Looney, budget committee member, expounded on the changes presented in the budget amendment. Ms. Williams noted for the record that this was the second budget amendment for 2011. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to accept the amendment as presented, and Councilman John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Williams presented the 2012 Operating Budget for review by Council. She explained the objectives of the proposed budget, and Councilman Jim Looney and Mayor Weaver also discussed details of the budget. No action necessary at this meeting.

Ms. Williams presented the bids for the audit of the financial statements for 2011 and 2012. These bids were submitted with a third year option for 2013 at Council's discretion. The lowest bid was submitted by RL Jennings of Ellijay and Rome. Ms. Williams discussed all three firms and their bids with Council. After discussion, Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to accept the bid of RL Jennings for 2011 and 2012, and Councilman John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council on the recent economic development activity from his office.

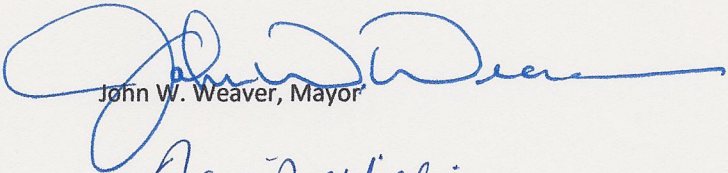
Finance Director Tacie Williams gave the financial report for the month of November 2011, as well as an update from the Clerk's office.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of November 2011.

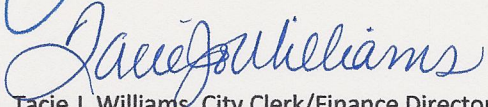
Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of November 2011.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of November 2011.

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the called meeting on December 19, 2011.

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John W. Weaver, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tacie J. Williams".

Tacie J. Williams, City Clerk/Finance Director