

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Tony Fountain
John Foust
Anne Morrow
Allison Ballew
Jim Looney

Staff:

Tacie Williams
Lonnie Waters
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Michael Castagna

Guests in Attendance:

Terri Walters
Jerry Steele
Mitch Yeargin

Members Absent:

none

Legal Counsel:

none

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

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 Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Councilwoman Allison Ballew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilman Jim Looney asked to be recognized and introduced Jerry Steele with the Pickens County Sportsman Club to make a presentation. Mr. Steele offered his gratitude for all of the City's help with the Fishing Rodeo, and presented plaques to Mayor Weaver, Chief Lovell and Lonnie Waters on behalf of the Club. He also presented Mitch Yeargin with Dept of Natural Resources with a plaque for all of his cooperation and assistance in past years.

City Clerk Tacie Williams read the minutes from the August 1, 2011 regular council meeting. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to accept as read, and Councilwoman Allison Ballew seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Under New Business, Water/Wastewater Superintendent David Hall and Finance Director Tacie Williams presented a proposal to Mayor and Council for the construction of a water line to the new tank site. Per Ms. Williams, Dave Raney, representative of GEFA, requested that the City move forward with plans to extend existing water infrastructure to the tank site so that the water supply will be available when the tank is ready to attach to the water system. He offered to entertain a request to fund the extension using GEFA funds. This will cost approximately \$250,000 for materials and the City will install the infrastructure using our construction crews. In addition to this cost, Ms. Williams also recommended that Council include the contract overage from the bids in the amount requested from GEFA, for a total loan amount of \$343,670. The Mayor explained that the only action required at this time is the approval for the engineer to design the plans for the water line extension, and to allow staff to gather bids for materials and continue discussions with GEFA. Councilman John Foust made a motion to allow those three actions to take place and Councilman Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tacie Williams presented reduced rate applications to Council for approval. She explained that this individual qualified for a reduced rate for water and sewer services according the requirements of the ordinance. Councilman Jim Looney made a motion to grant the reduced rate and Councilwoman Anne Morrow seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Developer Gerry Nechvatal gave a report to Council.

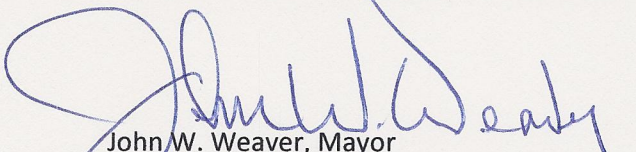
Finance Director Tacie Williams gave the financial report for the month of August 2011, as well as an update from the Clerk's office.

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

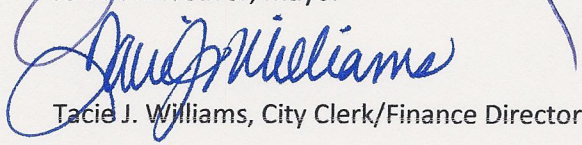
Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of August 2011.

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

Being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting on October 10, 2011.



John W. Weaver, Mayor



Tacie J. Williams, City Clerk/Finance Director