

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 6, 2016**

Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
Tony Fountain
John Foust
Anne Sneve

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Sonny Underwood
Greg Lovell
Randy Banks
Lonnie Waters
David Buchanan

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Lisa Pritchard
John Sneve
Allison Boyle
Ken Bowron
Jack Short
Such Patel
Allison & Kevin Boyle
Anne Brown-Goolsby
Joe Clark
Dixie Nickoloff
Mary Ann Grissom
Tam Nicholoff
Sonny Proctor
Tucker Green
Cari Reeves

Members Absent:

Jim Looney

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

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

Mayor Weaver recognized Ms. Allison Boyle, former Councilmember, to speak. Ms. Boyle stated that she had enjoyed her time serving on the City Council, but had moved out of the City and could no longer serve as a Councilmember. Mayor Weaver read a Proclamation honoring Ms. Boyle for her six years and 5 months service to the City.

Mayor Weaver stated that Councilmember Jim Looney was not able to attend this Council meeting.

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

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized David Buchanan to present to Council quotes obtained on a new tractor and bush hog. The City obtained quotes for various brands and sizes from three different companies. The quotes ranged in price depending on the brands and the options available. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion for the purchase of the equipment. Councilmember John Foust made a motion that purchase be tabled until the City could test drive the equipment and see which would best suit the City's needs. Discussion followed. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B 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 Victor Patel, who is purchasing Trout's Beverages had completed the application process and the required advertising had been met. He stated that the background check had been received from the State since last meeting and that there were no disqualifying factors to prevent Mr. Patel from obtaining the alcohol license. He is now requesting that his application for a license to sell alcohol (Beer/Wine/Spirits) by the package be approved. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the license to sell beer, wine and spirits and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Clay Pilgrim of Rushton & Company, to present the 2015 Annual Financial Audit. Mr. Pilgrim reported that the City had received an unmodified opinion on the financial

statements. Mr. Pilgrim also stated that the audit found no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control and that there were no instances of noncompliance. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to accept the report and approve it for submission to the State of Georgia Department of Audits. Councilmember John Foust made such motion and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Pilgrim to discuss his firm's proposal to continue conducting the City's annual audit. Mr. Pilgrim stated that his firm would keep the price at what the City paid for the 2015 audit (\$17,290) for the next three years. Mr. Pilgrim stated that although Council could approve his firm for 2016, a three-year contract could not be signed and he would have the Mayor sign a separate contract – engagement letter each year – price remaining the same. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the continued use of Rushton & Company for the City's 2016 audit at the price of \$17,290 with the option of two more years at the same price. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under New Business, the Mayor recognized Sonny Underwood, Director of Planning and Zoning to present an application for selling alcohol (Beer and Wine) by the drink from Mr. Carlos Delpizzo, the owner of a restaurant to be located at 61 N. Main Street. Mr. Underwood stated that the background check was not yet received from the State, but he is requesting that the Council approve permission to continue the application process pending that upon receipt of the background check, there is nothing that would prevent him from obtaining an alcohol license. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the continuance of the license application, pending the background check comes back satisfactory. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood to address Council regarding a recommendation from the Planning Commission's June 2, 2016 public hearing whereby the Planning Commission had recommended for denial a request from WOB Beneficial Development 16, LLC to annex Parcels 041-058, 041-061 and 041-063 of 7.498 acres owned by Dennis W. Nicholson located at 1955 Highway 53 West, 55 Nickel Lane into the City as High Density Multifamily Residential (R-3) zoning. The Mayor then recognized Mr. Kenny Bowron with WOB Beneficial. Mr. Bowan stated that WOB Beneficial had withdrawn the request for annexation and zoning. No action taken.

Item E under New Business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council two applications for reduced water/sewer rates for approval. Following review by Council, Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the applications and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item F under New Business Mayor Weaver recognized Lisa Hoyle to present to Council the need to call for an election for Councilmember as we had the resignation of Ms. Allison Boyle. Ms. Hoyle stated that the election would be held the first Tuesday of November along with the County-held elections. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to call for an election to replace former Councilmember Allison Boyle, Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Lisa Hoyle presented to Council her recommendation for qualifying fee for candidates for the Special Election for 2016. She recommended it remain at the maximum allowed rate of \$35. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to accept the recommendation, and Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Councilmember John Foust made a motion to go into executive session and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. The meeting was closed.

Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. The meeting was reopened.

Mayor Weaver stated that no action was taken during executive session. The executive session was called in order to discuss the future acquisition of real estate.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of May 2016.

Lonnie Waters gave the animal control report for the month of May 2016. Mr. Waters also gave a report on the upcoming paving projects in the City.

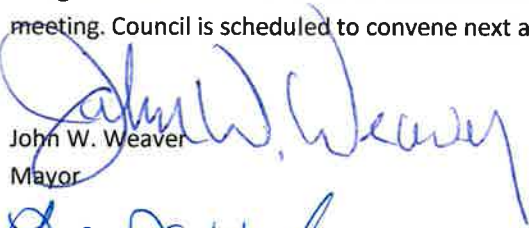
Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of May 2016

Captain Randy Banks gave a report of fire activities for the month of May 2016.

Councilmember John Foust gave an update on JYSA activities.

Mayor Weaver announced that the date for the Mayor's JYSA Golf Tournament would be August 24th this year.

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 regular council meeting to be held July 11, 2016.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director