

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2016

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:15 P.M. with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Jimmy Syfrett, Paul Siegel, Tom Lohr, Bobby Bonds, James Broderick and Judy Bridge. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Approximately 53 persons were present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Syfrett for the invocation and Council Member Bridge to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments made on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick, the Minutes of the April 5, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Proclamation No. 2016-01, to Recognize the Colleton County High School Band of Blue JV Winter Guard

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Lohr to adopt Proclamation No. 2016-01 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

Mayor Young then called to the podium to recognize the students present from the Colleton County High School Varsity Winter Guard, along with its Director, William Thomas and Jerry Street and also the CCHS Band of Blue Director, Mr. Tom Finigan. Also, present were other students and parents from Colleton County High School. The Mayor announced that he recently had the pleasure to go and present the awards at one of the band's state contests held here in Walterboro. He said, for those of you who have never seen them, it is really an incredible performance that they do, and they work very hard. We are pleased to present them with this proclamation. The Mayor announced that the JV Winter Guard won the 2016 SCBDA Winter Ensemble Scholastic AAA State Winter Ensemble Championship held at Winthrop University at Rockhill, SC on March 19, 2016. The Mayor read the proclamation in its entirety into the record. Concluding, the Mayor remarked, any time you can say you are the best in the state at what you do, that is quite an accomplishment. Keep up the good work.

2. Proclamation No. 2016-02, A Proclamation to Recognize Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Siegel to adopt Proclamation No. 2016-02, declaring May 2016 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the proclamation is attached as part of these minutes. The Mayor read the proclamation in its entirety into the record, and presented a copy to Mr. Aaron Bryant, who was present on behalf of the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

Mr. Aaron Bryant thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month. He reported that Colleton County currently

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ranks no. 12 out of 46 counties in the state for teen pregnancy. So, we do have a lot of work to do, but we will keep up that effort.

3. Proclamation No. 2016-03, Designating May 8-14, 2016 as National Nursing Home Week, and Approval of a Request to Place a Banner Across Jefferies Boulevard Announcing Nursing Home Week

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Syfrett, to adopt Proclamation No. 2016-03, designating May 8-14, 2016 as National Nursing Home Week, and to approve the request to place a banner across Jefferies Boulevard Announcing Nursing Home Week. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor read the proclamation in its entirety into the record and presented a copy to Ms. Rachel Campbell, who was present on behalf of PruittHealth Walterboro. A copy of said proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

4. Proclamation No. 2016-04, A Proclamation to Recognize Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15, 2016)

A motion to adopt Proclamation No. 2016-04, recognizing Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15, 2016) was made by Council Member Bridge and seconded by Council Member Broderick. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor read the proclamation in its entirety into the record and presented a copy to Police Chief Wade Marvin. A copy of said proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Reconsideration of Resolution No. 2016-R-02, A Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Clean Water Application to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority in the Amount of \$1,000,000 to Finance the Costs of Upgrading the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Chief Manager Molinari briefed Council on this agenda item. He explained that information came to us from our engineer that the matching portion of the improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant would be more than was originally given to the City. In April, City Council approved a resolution authorizing a match in the amount of \$1,000,000. That match needs to be increased to \$1.5 million. Last week we had a budget work session. The budget that will be going before City Council for First Reading at the end of May will reflect this increased amount. From a procedural standpoint, staff needs Council to reconsider the resolution (No. 2016-R-02). Then, at the June 7 meeting, it will return to City Council in the amount of \$1.5 million. Because of the information brought to us by our engineer, we are going to be requesting an extension to file the loan application. We ask for your favorable consideration of the reconsideration of the resolution.

A motion was then made by Council Member Syfrett, seconded by Council Member Lohr to reconsider Resolution No. 2016-R-02, Authorizing Submission of a Clean Water Application to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund in the Amount of \$1,500,000 (instead of \$1,000,000) to Finance the Costs of Upgrading the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 2016-03, An Ordinance to Amend the FY2015-2016 City of Walterboro, South Carolina Ordinance # 2015-03, So As to Provide for

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Supplemental Appropriation from the City's General Fund Balance in the Amount of \$430,000, First Reading

City Manager Molinari reminded Council that last year, the City closed on the purchase of property at 300 Hampton Street, which was formally the old First Federal Bank building. That was not a budgeted expenditure and we pulled those funds from our fund balance. To make our books correct for this fiscal year, we will need to authorize that appropriation in the amount of \$430,000. Staff asks for your favorable consideration.

A motion was then made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Broderick, giving First Reading Approval to Ordinance #2016-03, being: An Ordinance to Amend the FY2015-2016 City of Walterboro, South Carolina Ordinance # 2015-03, So As to provide for Supplemental Appropriation from the City's General Fund Balance in the Amount of \$430,000. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase New Truck for Sewer Support Department**

The City Manager noted that the following bids had been received to purchase a new pickup truck for the Sewer Support Department:

Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC)	2016 Ford F-150 Crew Cab	\$28,125.00
Rizer Chevrolet (Walterboro, SC)	2016 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab	\$32,000.00
Ravenel Ford (Ravenel, SC)	2016 Ford F-150 Crew Cab	\$28,673.00

He explained that the City has excess capacity in the 2015-2016 Sewer Support Budget to purchase a new pickup truck, and recommended acceptance of the low bid from Walterboro Ford, a local vendor, in the amount of \$28,125.00.

A motion was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Syfrett to accept the low bid of \$28,125 from Walterboro Ford to purchase a new pickup truck for the Sewer Support Department. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase New Vehicle for Police Department**

Next, the City Manager reminded Council that the Police Department was recently awarded a grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety to purchase a new vehicle for the Victim's Advocate. The grant requirements stipulate that the vehicle must be purchased through the state contract. The vehicle will be used solely for the Victim's Advocate. This will be a mid-size SUV with 3rd row seating. The Police Department has capacity in the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget to fund the required match of \$5,031.00. The grant will pay 80% of the cost and the City will pay 20%. The total cost for the vehicle is \$25,155 for a 2016 Ford Explorer with a state contract. The grant amount is \$21,124 and the City's matching portion is \$5,031.00. He asked for City Council's favorable consideration of this request.

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to go ahead and purchase this new vehicle for the Police Department as recommended. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

4. **Consideration of Parade Request by Mr. Horace Simmons, Community Action Line Against Violence**

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A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to approve the request by Horace Simmons, Community Action Line Against Violence, to hold a march on June 25, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. and use Pinckney Park immediately following the march. Council Member Syfrett seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Simmons then invited all the City Council Members and the City Manager to attend any events that they may have. He invited everyone to come out and enjoy themselves. The public needs you.

5. Consideration of Request by St. Jude's Church to Use the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary for a Community Walk on Saturday, June 11, 2016

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Broderick to approve the request by St. Jude's Church to use the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary for a community walk on June 11, 2016 as submitted. Ms. Marianne Holmes was present on behalf of St. Jude's Church and invited everyone to come out and join the walk on June 11th. This is a fund raiser for Water Missions International. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Bonds so Moved and Council Member Syfrett seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The Mayor then announced that the meeting would enter into an Executive Session for:

- 1) A discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements -I-95 Loop Project, Phase 2.
- 2) Receipt of legal advice - I-95 Business Loop Project, phase 1C and 1D; and
- 3) A personnel matter.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 7:30 P.M., a motion was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Syfrett to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting returned to Open Session with no action taken as a result of the Executive Session. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Lohr and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media, posted on the City's website, and the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson
City Clerk

APPROVED: July 12, 2016