

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 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, City Attorney George Cone along with Attorney Clenton Campbell, were also present. Twenty-one (21) persons were present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order. The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized that members of the Leadership Colleton Class, Brad Samuels of SCE&G, and others were present at the meeting tonight.

Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation and Council Member Broderick led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no comments or questions on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 25, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted upon the motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick with all members voting in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. & 2. Proclamations

Mayor Young explained that some of the proclamations on the agenda did not really require any action by Council. We have **Proclamation No. 2014-01** designating April 1, 2014 as National Service Recognition Day and the proclamation is attached. The Mayor stated that he had already presented this proclamation to Ms. Ann Whisenhunt from the American Red Cross this morning. This was to recognize all volunteers with the American Red Cross and others who volunteer nationally in service to others. The Mayor also announced that he had presented a **Proclamation No. 2014-03** this morning to Sharon Courtney who is representing Colleton County's American Red Cross, designating March as American Red Cross Month. Copies of the proclamations are attached as part of these minutes.

The Mayor also explained we have another **Proclamation No. 2014-02** designating April 6-12, 2014 as Week of the Young Child, and we have Ms. Cindy Dickerson here tonight to receive that proclamation. The Mayor then read this proclamation in its entirety into the records, and presented it to Ms. Dickerson. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

3. Resolution No. 2014-R-02, Designating April 2014 As Fair Housing Month and Approval of Annual Nondiscrimination Policy

Mayor Young then read the resolution in its entirety into the records.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 2014-R-02 and to approve the annual Nondiscrimination Policy as presented. Council Member

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Lohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution and Nondiscrimination Policy is attached as part of these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Bids Received for a Truck for the Public Works Department

City Manager Molinari informed Council that a request to purchase a truck was received from the Public Works Department. They are requesting a new truck to be used for travel by the work crew, and also to hold a high pressure sewer cleaner. The Department of Public Works currently has \$25,500 allocated in the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget for the purchase of a new truck. The City received three quotes. The low qualified bidder was Walterboro Ford-Mercury in the amount of \$27,681.00. City staff is recommending the selection of the low qualified bidder. Mr. Molinari noted that the purchase price is \$2,181 over the budgeted amount. He explained that the Public Works Director, Mr. Charlie Chewning, has assured him that the additional monies will be absorbed into the Public Works Budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel to approve the low bid as recommended by City staff. Council Member Bonds seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

2. Request to Close the Streets for the Annual Cubmobile Race on April 26, 2014 by Ted Remley & Anthony Kubik, Cubmasters

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Siegel to approve the request to close the streets for the Annual Cubmobile Race on April 26, 2014 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Request to Hang a Banner Announcing Special Olympics on May 1, 2014, to be held at Colleton Middle School, by Ms. Patti Lohr

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick to approve the request to hang the banner announcing the Special Olympics on May 1, 2014 as submitted. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Molinari stated, as you are aware the City has had a drainage issue near the intersection of East Washington Street and North Lucas Street. He explained that the cause of this draining issue is due to cypress knees that have grown into the drainage pipe that runs along North Lucas Street. Back in January, the City submitted an application to the County Transportation Committee for some funds to help alleviate this problem. At the March CTC Meeting, the City was awarded \$52,000 to remove the cypress roots from the pipe. City Manager Molinari stated that the City will be advertising the project for bid in the next 30 days, and we should be back before you at the May Council Meeting to award the contract.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter an Executive Session. Council Member Bonds So Moved and Council Member Lohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for a personnel matter regarding boards and commissions appointments.

The Mayor announced that he and Council Member Broderick had a good trip to the National League of Cities Meeting in Washington, DC and also met with some of our congressional senators and representatives.

The meeting then entered into an Executive Session. A motion was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Siegel to re-enter Open Session. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

The meeting returned to Open Session and no action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Lohr, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:12 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson
City Clerk

APPROVED: April 8, 2014