

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
May 22, 2012

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 6:15 P.M. with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Paul Siegel, Dwayne Buckner, Charles Lucas, Randy Peters, Tom Lohr and Bobby Bonds. City Manager Jeff Lord, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Approximately 16 persons were present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order and called on Mr. Horace Simmons for the invocation. Mr. Simmons asked that everyone repeat the Lord's prayer. Council Member Bonds led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

At this point Mayor Young stated that there have been many great events held recently in the City of Walterboro. He said, I would like to take a few minutes on behalf of Council to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make all these events happen. He thanked Mr. Bubba Trippe and all members of the Rice Festival Committee. It was a great Rice Festival this year. Mr. Dewey Griggs was the chairman for the Criterium and we had another great Criterium. We had the wings and wheels event at the airport, and had a great crowd there. We want to thank Roger Medlin and Tommy Rowe who did a great job with that. This past weekend was the Antiques, History and Arts Festival, we'd like to thank all of the people who worked hard to make that a reality. I believe that Gail Doggett and David Evans are the chair persons for this event. All these people worked hard to give us a sense of community and really shine a positive light on Walterboro and Colleton County, and we appreciate their efforts.

The Mayor also displayed a large poster size letter signed by the students at the Black Street Early Childhood Center. The students thanked the Mayor and Council for the large recycling "green" cans received for use at their school. Mrs. Karen Mock, a teacher at the Black Street Early Childhood Center, is responsible for helping the students with the recycling program.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments made on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The following minutes were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Lucas, and passed with all members voting in favor:

1. Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.
2. Minutes of the April 24, 2012 Regular Meeting.
3. Minutes of the May 8, 2012 Regular Meeting.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner commended and thanked City Clerk Betty Hudson for putting together the work on the minutes. He said that this is a lot of work.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

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1. Consideration of Recommendation to Award Construction Contract for 12-Inch Water Line Extension Project at Highway 64, I-95, Exit 57 Interchange and to Authorize the Use of \$77,754.77 from the Enterprise Fund Balance

On this agenda item, City Manager Lord explained that the City had received a grant from Coastal Electric Corporate to do what is referred to as ISO No. 3 Water Line Looping Project, which is a water line to be installed from the water tower on Hiers Corner, coming out to Bells Highway, going under the interstate and out to and in front of what use to be Coastal Lumber. The purpose of this project is because we needed to increase water flow for fire coverage in that area, and to get us some fire hydrants in front of those two hotels and the church. So, it is important for that reason. The bids received for this project were as follows:

Potter Construction, Savannah, GA	\$191,950.00
Tideland Utilities, Summerville, SC	\$196,210.50
Eadie's Construction, Ridgeville, SC	\$199,725.00
B&C Utilities, Johns Island, SC	\$224,800.50
BRW Construction Group, Savannah, GA	\$227,962.00
James F. Pedersen, Hollywood, SC	\$237,580.55
MJL, Inc., Moncks Corner, SC	\$253,387.40

Mr. Lord stated that the low bidder was Potter Construction at \$191,950.00. He explained that the cost of the project was more than we anticipated because of conflicts, mainly associated with going under the interstate which were not anticipated. So, the request is to approve the low bidder and allow the City to use the Enterprise Fund Balance of \$77,754.77 to make up the difference.

A motion was then made by Council Member Lucas to approve the recommendation to award the construction contract for the 12-inch water line to the lowest bidder, Potter Construction, in the amount of \$191,950.00. Council Member Lohr seconded the motion.

In discussing the motion, Mr. Buckner asked Mr. Lord how much money was originally set aside for this project? Mr. Lord stated that the grant received was for \$130,000 or \$140,000, so it's about \$80,000 more than what we have.

The motion then passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Bids Received for Purchase of New Chairs in the Council Chambers

City Manager Lord explained that the City received the following bids to purchase 40 new chairs for City Council Chambers. These bids were solicited by our Chambers design consultant, Mrs. Jayne Siegel.

Collins Supply Charleston, SC	\$3,736.40
Office Products Plus Bluffton, SC	\$3,380.00
Lowcountry Office Supply Walterboro, SC	\$3,180.00

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Mr. Lord also explained that while the quotes are well below the amount that normally requires Council approval, the Procurement Code requires Council's approval for purchases over \$500 when a city official has interest in the purchase.

A motion was then made by Council Member Buckner to accept the low bid of \$3,180.00 to purchase 40 new chairs from Lowcountry Office Supply. Council Member Lucas seconded the motion.

Council Member Paul Siegel then recused himself from voting in this issue, on the basis that his wife, Mrs. Jayne Siegel, is the designer who solicited the bids for the chairs. Council Member Peters also recused himself from voting on this issue, because of his association with Lowcountry Office Supply.

The motion then passed with a vote of 5/0 with the following Council Members voting in favor: Mayor Young, Council Members: Buckner, Lucas, Lohr and Bonds and none voting against the motion. Council Members Siegel and Peters recused themselves from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest as previously noted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter an Executive Session was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Buckner and passed unanimously. The Mayor then announced that the meeting would enter into an Executive Session for a discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements. The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

The meeting returned to Open Session and there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Buckner and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:37 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: June 12, 2012