

MINUTES

A Rescheduled Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, Bobby Bonds, James Broderick and Greg Pryor. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, City Clerk Betty Hudson, and Attorney Brown McLeod, attended the meeting on behalf of City Attorney George Cone. Council Member Carl Brown was absent. There were approximately 15 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and invited everyone to join in the invocation and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mayor Young gave the invocation and Council Member Pryor led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no comments or questions on agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Mayor then opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments on the following proposed ordinance:

1. **Ordinance # 2019-01**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Article II, Business and Professional Licenses, So As to Clarify and Strengthen Portions Thereof and to Provide for Annual Classification Update.

City Manager Molinari said, as you are aware, the Municipal Association has been working with the General Assembly over the last couple of years in an effort to streamline the Business License process and one of the ways to do that is to have a uniform Business License Ordinance across the state that's adopted by all municipalities, and this is what this proposed ordinance before you does. There are a couple of significant things. It standardizes the license year to make April 30 the due date. It also makes sure that enforcement procedures are uniform with what other cities do across the state and this should help make, not just the City of Walterboro, but cities across the state, more business-friendly.

There were no comments or questions from the public. The public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The following meeting minutes were approved upon motion of Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Bridge and passed unanimously. Council Member Brown was absent and did not vote.

1. Minutes of the November 20, 2018 Rescheduled Regular Meeting.
(Approved as submitted).
2. Minutes of the November 27, 2018 Special Called City Council Meeting
(Approved as submitted).
3. Minutes of the December 4, 2018 Regular Meeting.
(Approved as submitted).

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance # 2019-01, Second Reading**

Under Old Business, a motion was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Bonds, giving **Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2019-01**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, Chapter 8, Article II, Business and Professional Licenses, So As to Clarify and Strengthen Portions Thereof and to Provide for Annual Classification Update. The motion passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Brown was absent and did not vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consideration of Rescheduling the February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting to February 12, 2019**

The Mayor stated that the February 5, 2019 meeting conflicts with the Municipal Association's Legislative Action Day Meeting. Council Members will be attending this meeting, so we will need to reschedule our February 5 meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to reschedule the regular February 5, 2019 meeting to February 12, 2019. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Council Member Brown was absent and did not vote.

2. **Ratification of the Proclamation to Honor the Life and Legacy of Franklin R. Smalls. (Former Council Member Franklin R. Smalls passed away on December 9, 2018).**

Next, Mayor Young said, when we lost Mr. Smalls, it was between Council meetings, and so we did a proclamation that I read at his funeral service, and I would like to read that proclamation now into the record and make it a part of our permanent history. The Mayor then entertained a motion to approve ratification of the proclamation.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to approve the ratification of the proclamation as submitted. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Brown was absent and did not vote.

At this point the Mayor said, I had the pleasure of serving with Mr. Smalls for many years. He was one of the people who interviewed me and hired me in 1974 when I came to Walterboro. We served on City Council together, I think, for 22 years.

The Mayor then said we are honored to have members of Mr. Smalls family present with us tonight - Ms. Lula Smalls, wife, and sons, David Smalls and Gregory Smalls.

The Mayor then read the proclamation in its entirety into the record. A copy of said proclamation is attached as part of these minutes. The Mayor, Council and all persons present then gave a standing ovation in honor of Mr. Smalls.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Under the City Manager's Report, Mr. Molinari introduced the City's new Fire Chief, Mr. Paul Seigler. He stated that Mr. Seigler is nearing 30 years of service to the Walterboro Fire Department. He started as a volunteer in 1989 and worked his way up through the ranks, earning the rank of Captain. Paul is a graduate of Walterboro High School. He recently begun his duties as our new Fire Chief, and I wanted to formerly recognize him. I believe he's going to do a great job for us.

The Mayor and Council Members then congratulated Mr. Seigler.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter an Executive Session. Council Member Pryor so moved and Council Member Bonds seconded the motion that passed unanimously, except Council Member Brown was absent and did not vote. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for:

1. A Contractual Matter - Legal Services.
2. A Personnel Matter - Appointment to the City Appearance Board.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 6:50 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Bridge to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Siegel seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Brown was absent and did not vote on the motion.

The meeting returned to Open Session and a motion was made by Council Member Bonds to appointment Mr. Ladson Fishburne to the City Appearance Board to fill Mr. Horace Simmon's unexpired term. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Brown was absent and did not vote on the motion.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Bridge and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:51 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: February 12, 2019