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A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, Bobby Bonds, James Broderick and Greg Pryor. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, City Attorney George Cone, Attorney Brown McLeod, and City Clerk Betty Hudson were also present. There were approximately 20 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. The Mayor then gave the invocation and Council Member Carl Brown led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments or questions on agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

1. **Ordinance # 2019-10, An Ordinance to Add Article XII (Loitering) to Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro, SC**

City Manager Molinari then recognized Public Chief Wade Marvin to brief Council on the proposed ordinance.

Chief Marvin then addressed Council. He stated that in the United States, the crime of loitering is most commonly an ordinance in cities and towns, rather than state law. The purpose of the loitering ordinance and statutes is to enable law enforcement to take action aimed at reducing such activities as disturbing the peace, solicitation or prostitution, aggressive vagrant or panhandling, public drunkenness and drug dealing within front of or near public places. Earlier ordinances and statutes sought to punish people caught loitering more seriously than today. This is because there were legal challenges brought over the years causing changes in the way loitering is handled. Law enforcement officers often make a distinction between loitering with no intent to do harm and loitering with the intent to commit a crime or cause a threat to public safety.

Concluding, Chief Marvin said, we will be very careful in how we enforce this ordinance, but I think it is necessary for the local businesses. It's another tool that we can have in our belts to help enforce the laws and keep our streets safe.

The Mayor then said, the public hearing is opened, are there any comments or questions about this ordinance from the public? No comments or questions were raised and the public hearing was closed.

PRESENTATION:

1. **Municipal Elected Officials Institute Honor Roll Designation, Charlie Barrineau, Field Services Manager, Municipal Association of SC**

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Next, the Mayor announced, we are glad to have Mr. Charlie Barrineau, the Field Services Manager with the Municipal Association of South Carolina here tonight.

Mr. Barrineau then said, it's great to be here tonight. I am your new Field Services Manager. For those of you who may remember Bill Taylor, I took Bill's position last December. I was formally the City Manager in Greenwood. But tonight, I am here to honor you and present you with our Honor Roll Award. Each of you has completed the Municipal Elected Officials Institute. Of our 271 cities and towns in our state, only 23 has fully done what you have done - where all Council Members have completed the Elected Officials Institute. So, on behalf of the Association, I commend you and congratulate you and encourage you to continue with advanced classes to bring back the tools that we can teach to help your community. (This was a plaque awarded to all the Members of Walterboro City Council for completion of the Municipal Elected Officials Institute, by the Municipal Association of SC, designated as the Honor Roll Award).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The following Meeting Minutes were approved upon motion by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Brown, and passed unanimously.

1. Minutes of the May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting.
(Approved as submitted).
2. Minutes of the May 23, 2019 Special Called Meeting.
(Approved as submitted).
3. Minutes of the July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting.
(Approved as submitted).
4. Minutes of the August 6, 2019 Regular Meeting.
(Approved as submitted).
5. Minutes of the September 10, 2019 Rescheduled Regular Meeting.
(Approved as submitted).

In discussing the motion, Council Member Broderick thanked City Clerk Betty Hudson for her hard work in completing the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance # 2019-10, An Ordinance to Add Article XII (Loitering) to Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, Second Reading and Adoption**

The Mayor announced that this is Second Reading of the Ordinance we had in the public hearing on the loitering ordinance.

The Mayor asked if there any comments or questions from Council. No comments or questions were raised.

A motion was then made by Council Member Brown giving Second Reading and Approval to Ordinance # 2019-10, An Ordinance to Add Article XII (Loitering) to Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # 2019-R-09**, a Resolution to Create the City of Walterboro 2020 Complete Count Committee

The Mayor announced that Mr. Michael Kroll of the U.S. Census Bureau was present at the meeting tonight.

The Mayor then read the resolution in its entirety into the record. This resolution establishes a 2020 Complete Count Committee and states that the members of this committee will be comprised of the members of the Municipal Planning Commission and the City Appearance Board. Also, the Mayor may appoint additional members to the committee as necessary to achieve an accurate count. The Complete Count Committee will work with the Census Bureau and the State of South Carolina to strive for an accurate count.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel to approve Resolution # 2019-R-09 as submitted. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

The Mayor said, this is really important to the City of Walterboro, and we are going to be working hard to get everybody to help us get an accurate count - make sure that everybody is counted.

Mr. Kroll expressed his thanks for the help.

2. **Resolution # 2019-R-10**, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Walterboro to Act as the Sponsor for a Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for the Benefit of the Lowcountry Regional Airport and Adopt the Application for the Grant as Its Own, Accept the Grant Agreement and Other Matters Related Thereto

City Manager Molinari stated that the Airport was awarded a \$3,417,832.00 grant to put in some drainage improvements in the air field. The drainage for the air field was original put in during the 1940s and 1950s and is in dire need of replacement. The Airport was successful in securing funds and when we were doing the paperwork, the City was listed as a sponsor. Typically, when we have grants at the Airport, either the County is listed as a sponsor or the City and sometimes both. In this case, the City was listed as the sponsor. There will be no matching requirement from the City of Walterboro. So, there won't be any out-of-pocket expenses for the City. The City Attorney drafted this resolution. The paperwork arrived last Monday, and was signed off on by the Mayor and the City Attorney, but we need to adopt this resolution formally approving the funds, as we are the sponsor of the grant.

Mayor Young then said, when the package came in, we had less than two (2) days to get the signatures and return it, so that's 3.4 million dollars we have gotten for the Airport.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel to approve Resolution # 2019-R-10, a Resolution Authorizing the City of Walterboro to Act as the Sponsor for a Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for the Benefit of the Lowcountry Regional Airport. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion that passed unanimously. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

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3. **Proclamation # 2019-05, A Proclamation to Honor the South Carolina Artisans Center on its 25th Anniversary**

Next, the Mayor called Ms. Kristin Mumford, Director of the South Carolina Artisans Center to the podium. He then read Proclamation # 2019-05 in its entirety into the record, and presented a copy to Ms. Mumford. This proclamation states that the SC Artisans Center was established on October 10, 1994 by Mary Hunt, Denise Simmons and Carol Mullis, and is now celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The Mayor also thanked Ms. Mumford for the pictures around the wall in this room (displayed by the Artisans Center). He said, we really are enjoying them and they really add to Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to approve Proclamation # 2019-05, a Proclamation to Honor the South Carolina Artisans Center on its 25th Anniversary. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor. A copy of said proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

At this point, the Mayor said, Denise Simmons was my next door neighbor and I remember her coming over one day and saying, 'What would you think about us trying to have an Artisans Center in Walterboro, like they have in North Carolina or Asheville? So, never underestimate the power of one person who has a dream. He also stated that the City has been greatly involved in the Artisans Center from its inception in helping financially and in other ways.

Also, under New Business, the following agenda items were approved by motion as follows:

4. A request to close Lucas Street Between Hampton and Carn Streets on November 2, 2019 for the 150 -Year Anniversary Celebration of the Walterboro Fire Department from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by Fire Chief Paul Seigler. Fire Chief Seigler invited everyone to come out and join the big family event to celebrate the 150-year anniversary of the Walterboro Fire Department. Motion to approve this request was made by Council Member Pryor and seconded by Council Member Broderick. All in favor, None opposed, motion carried.
5. A request to close Walter Street between Washington and Wichman Streets on November 7, 2019 for a Fund-raising Event, which is part of First Thursday, by the Colleton County Arts Council, Kim Bridge, Director. A motion to approve this request was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Bridge and passed unanimously. Ms. Kim Bridge was present and told Council that they had just finished "Alice in Wonderland." We had 104 kids in our performance, so we really need this building in order to store the costumes, to sew the costumes and to wash the costumes. So, this is actually a fund-raiser. She invited everyone to come out and support this fund-raiser.

Council Member Bridge then said, I wonder if you have talked to Christan Spires so that it's part of the street, and it's not stuck down on the other end. Ms. Kim Bridge responded that she had already spoken to Christan before the request was put in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. City Appearance Board By-Laws

At the request of the City Manager, Council agreed to defer this agenda item to a future meeting, in order for the City Manager to get more information from Keep America Beautiful.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Brown So Moved and Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for a discussion of:

1. Contractual Matters:
 - a. I-95 Business Loop Project Phase 2.
 - b. Ireland Creek.
 - c. Commercial Sanitation Collection.
 - d. 102 McDaniel Street.

The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 7:32 P.M., a motion was made by Council Member Bridge to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and a motion was made by Council Member Broderick to approve additional services from Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., North Charleston, SC for the I-95 Business Loop Project in the amount of \$138,000. Council Member Brown seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Pryor and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 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: November 12, 2019