

**Walterboro City Council  
City Hall  
October 5, 2021**

**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council at City Hall on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Paul Siegel, Judy Bridge, Greg Pryor, James Broderick, and Carl Brown. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, and Public Works Director Michael Crosby were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

With the above-mentioned Councilmembers present, the Mayor called the meeting to order, and invited everyone to join in as he gave the invocation. Councilmember Bridge led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGEND ITEMS:**

There was no public input on agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion of Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Brown, the following minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Minutes of August 17, 2021 (Special Called Meeting.)
2. Minutes of August 31, 2021 (Special Called Meeting.)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution # 2021-R-17**, A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24-30, 2021, AS "GARNET AND GOLD WEEK" FOR ALL THE SIGIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, AND CIVICS RENDERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SALKEHATCHIE.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Second: Councilmember Broderick.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

2. **Resolution # 2021-R-18**, A RESOLUTION TO RECONGNIZE THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021 AS NATIONAL CODE COMPLIANCE MONTH

Motion: Councilmember Pryor, Second: Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

3. Consideration of rescheduling the November 2, 2021, regular City Council Meeting (City Election Day) to November 9, 2021.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Second: Mayor Young

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes

4. Consideration of a request from the Colleton County Historical and Preservation Society to close Church Street between Fishburne Street and Miller Street from 2:00 P.M. Until 11:00 P.M. on Tuesday November 23, 2021, to host a tailgate party and oyster roast at the Bedon-Lucas House and Little Library Park.

Motion: Mayor Young; Second Councilmember Siegel.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. Consideration of bids to demo 419 Hampton Street (memorandum and materials forthcoming)

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated that we ran into some problems with bidders who did not include unit cost in their bids, which with the CDBG program is a problem. The difference between the three low bids and the next low bid was \$30,000. So, before we bring anything to Council, I need to talk to the Council of Governments, and go through our options. What we suspect is that we will probably have to bid it out again. Given the time frame I should be able to get it back before the next meeting in November for City Council approval.

2. Consideration of bids to remove sediment from Ireland Creek (memorandum and supporting material attached).

City Manager Molinari stated that City Council is aware of the bids to remove five hundred cubic yards of sediment from Ireland Creek. A couple months ago we met with Thomas and Hutton, which provided us an exhibit that is included in your agenda packet. This project will provide some short-term relief to Ireland Creek while we are in the process of developing a master plan for that area. We received two bids. The staff recommends Triple A Utilities and Construction, out of Columbia, South Carolina. The amount of their bid is \$29,516.00. This proposed expenditure will be absorbed into the fiscal year 2021-2022, Department of Public Works budget in the General Fund. The Public Works Director reached out to the contractors references and they were all very favorable. The area that we are focused on is just past Dowling Avenue, and a little past the apartment complex. Staff requests Council approval for consideration of this request.

Councilmember Broderick asked when will this project start. He was told that this project will start the first of November. Councilmember Bridge asked City Manager Molinari to explain why there is a large difference between the cost. City Manager Molinari stated that we asked for a lump sum bid, we did not go into a breakdown of the bid. Both bids were less than what we were anticipating. Public Works Director Michael Crosby stated the low bidder was highly recommended. They have done several projects in Lexington and Columbia.

Councilmember Brown stated that usually the low bidder with dirt hauling will find an area close to dump the refuse of what they dig up. Mayor Young, asked how many cubic yards is in a dump truck? Councilmember Brown answered eighteen cubic yards is in a dump truck.

City Manager Molinari stated that those mounds of sediment over time have built up, we reached out to the Army Corp, and were granted approval to do some maintenance activities. One of the activities was to remove the sediment. I think this is a good opportunity to have it done.

Councilmember Pryor asked, when was the last time the creek was dredged? Mayor Young answered that is has probably been twenty to twenty-five years since the last time something was done to it.

Assistant City Manager Amundson explained that you can see what has been moved by the color of the banks. The new banks are made from white sand and the older ones have black sand and grass.

Councilmember Bridge stated that the area is going to be like a retention pond, because the water is not going to flow out very quickly due to the narrowing of the area. Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson stated there is double streams once you get past the hatched area. The capacity reduction is greatest in the hatched area.

Councilmember Broderick asked, in the contract there is a bidder acceptance provision to the agreement as to liquidated damages? What are those liquidated damages? Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson stated that is only if they do not finish on time.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

#### **1. Potential Purchase of Property**

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Broderick. Mayor Young stated that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss a potential purchase of property. City Council may or may not take action on matters discussed. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilmember Pryor, seconded by councilmember Broderick.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Pryor, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:23 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed with agenda packets, to all local media, posted of City Hall bulletin board and on the City's website at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Nettles  
City Clerk