

Walterboro City Council

City Hall

May 3, 2022

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday May 3, 2022, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

Present: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, James Broderick, Greg Pryor, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Assistant Police Chief Kevin Martin, Fire Chief Paul Seigler, Vicki Brown with the Press and Standard, Ashley Kellahan, Field Service Manager with MASC, Sue Keith, Finance Director Amy Risher, City Attorney Brown McLeod, and Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod.

Call to Order:

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

Public Input on Agenda Items:

There was no public input on agenda items.

Presentations:

1. Ashley Kellahan, Field Service Manager, Municipal Association of South Carolina - Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government Honor Roll Designation.

Mayor Young stated we have Ashley Kellahan from the Municipal Association of South Carolina here with us tonight. Ashley is our new Field Service Manager, and she has an award to present to us.

Ashley stated, thank you all for having me here tonight it is an honor. I am the new Field Service Manager and I look forward to working with you all. I am here tonight to present you all with the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government Honor Roll Designation for 2022. This is training the Municipal Association provides its elected officials. It is not a mandatory training, so kudos to you all for taking that additional step to be the most effective leaders for your citizens. Walterboro was 1 of 11 cities that was honored with this. Congratulations and thank you for having me tonight.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Broderick, the following minutes were unanimously approved:

1. Rescheduled Regular Meeting – April 12, 2022.

Old Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2022-02**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3, OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED TO

ANNEX AN AREA, KNOWN AS TMS # 163-03-00-035 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

Mayor Young stated has you remember this is the property we had the 1st reading on at our last meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; seconded by: Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

New Business:

1. Ordinance # 2022-03, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY 2021-2022 CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA BUDGET ORDINANCE # 2021-04 SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND MATTERS RELEATED THERETO (Introduction and First Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packets a memo from our Finance Director Amy Risher explaining the budget amendment. The reasoning for this is we were unable to complete the Mable T Willis well project in the previous fiscal year. Because of that we had an increase in net position of \$ 37,216. That must be accounted for through this budget amendment. The result will be amending the total expenditures for the Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year 2021-2022 to \$4,904,904.

Councilmember Brown asked, what should the motion say.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated that it should say to amend the fiscal year 2021-2022 City of Walterboro, South Carolina Budget Ordinance # 2022-04 to provide additional revenues and expenditures and matters related thereto.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; seconded by: Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Ordinance # 2022-04, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO (Introduction and First reading).

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by: Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. Ordinance # 2022-05, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND MATTERS RELEATING THERETO (Introduction and First Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; seconded by: Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

4. **Ordinance # 2022-06**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE UTILITY SUPPORT DEPARTMENT (Introduction and First Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Siegel; seconded by: Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

5. **Ordinance # 2022-07**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (Introduction and First reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; seconded by: Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

6. **Resolution # 2022-R-04**, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION FOR THE GADSON LOOP WATERLINE UPGRADE PROJECT AND TO COMMIT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 124,734 FOR THE PROJECT.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council, as City Council is aware we are in the process of applying for a CBDG Grant to improve the water lines in the Gadsden Loop area. With CBDG projects we must commit a match with at least 10%; we are extremely fortunate with this project. We have a wavier from the Department of Commerce increasing the grant award from \$500,000 to a little over \$800,000. Our commitment will be \$ 77,797 plus \$ 46,937 for a total of \$124,734 for the project. Staff ask for Councils favorable consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; seconded by: Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

7. **Resolution # 2022-R-05**, A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MAY 1-7, 2022, AS "MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK IN WALTERBORO" TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MUNICIPAL CLERKS MAKE TO CITIES AND TOWNS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; seconded by: Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

City Manager's Report:

1. Consideration of Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Walterboro Fire Department and the Town of Edisto Beach Fire Department.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a Mutual Aid Firefighting Agreement between the City of Walterboro Fire Department and the Edisto Beach Fire Department. Our Fire Chief Paul Seigler is here to answer any questions that City Council may have. Staff asks for favorable consideration.

Councilmember Brown asked; have we ever done this before?

City Manager Molinari states to the best of my knowledge no we have not, and I hope we never have to. If there was a serious fire on Edisto Beach or in the city, we have this agreement in place.

Councilmember Pryor stated that is a long way to go, but I guess all our other mutual ad agreements work the same way.

Fire Chief Seigler stated Edisto has an automatic aid agreement with the St. Paul Fire Department. They are local and have a few stations close to Edisto Beach. This is not an automatic aid agreement, this is a mutual aid agreement where they arrive on scene and assess the fire, and if they need help, they know it will take an hour before our firefighters could be there. This is a renewal that we did in 2012 and it's been in place 10 years. So, we just need to renew the agreement.

Councilmember Bridge asked does Edisto have their own fire trucks?

Chief Paul Seigler stated yes, and they have 2 firefighters on shift each day. They have 3 shifts, so they have 6 firefighters, plus the chief and assistant chief.

Councilmember Bridge asked are they hired by the Town of Edisto?

Chief Seigler stated yes, they are.

Mayor Young stated a good ISO rating reduce your insurance rates so that is good for us and for them.

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

Executive Session:

1. Contractual Matter - 114 North Walter Street.
2. Receipt of Legal Advice - Walterboro-Colleton County Airport Commission.
3. Personnel Matter - City Manager Compensation.

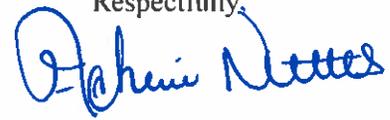
A motion was made to go into executive session by Councilmember Pryor, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne. Mayor Young explained that City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter: 114 North Walter Street, receive legal advice on the Walterboro-Colleton County Airport Commission and a personnel matter involving the City Manager's compensation. City Council may take action on any of these items after returning from executive session.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilmember Pryor, seconded by Councilmember Brown.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:15

P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed with the agenda packets, to all local media, posted on City Hall bulletin boards and on the City's website at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adrienne Nettles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk