

**Walterboro City Council**

**City Hall**

**June 7, 2022**

**Minutes**

A regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday June 7, 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, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Finance Director Amy Risher, Utilities Director Wayne Crosby, City Attorney Brown McLeod, Tom Finigan, and The Band of Blue Winter Assembly. Councilmember Greg Pryor was not in attendance.

**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 Bridge led the pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Public Input on Agenda Items:**

There was no public input on agenda items.

**Public Hearing:**

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 RELATING THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

There was no public input.

2. **Ordinance # 2022-04,** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

There was no public input.

3. **Ordinance # 2022-05,** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

There was no public input

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

There was no public input.

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

There was no public input.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon motion of Councilmember Broderick, Seconded by Councilmember Brown, the following minutes were unanimously approved:

1. Regular meeting May 3, 2022.

**Old Business:**

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

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by: Councilmember Broderick.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

Councilmember Bridge asked Finance Director Amy Risher will we get this information in some type of report?

Amy Risher stated, yes you we will get this when you receive your final revenue expense report.

2. **Ordinance # 2022-04**, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND MATTERS RELEATING THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Siegel; Seconded by: Councilmember Bridge.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

3. **Ordinance # 2022-05**, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by: Councilmember Siegel.

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 (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Fishburne; Seconded by: Councilmember Brown.

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 (Second and Final Reading)

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by: Councilmember Fishburne.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

Councilmember Bridge would like to thank all the Department Heads and our City Manager for all the hard work that went into preparing these budgets. She would also like to thank the Budget Committee for all they have done in putting this together.

**New Business:**

1. **Ordinance # 2022-08**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE II (SEWERS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA (Introduction and First Reading)

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 34 Article II, which deals with our sewer system. DHEC has approved our Sewer Pretreatment Program application and we need to amend our ordinance to be in compliance with the Clean Water Act. We have our Utilities Director Wayne Crosby here with us, who is going to go over the highlights of the Ordinance.

Utilities Director Wayne Crosby stated the city's existence sewer ordinance already gives us the ability to prevent anything that would be detrimental to our treatment process. We adopted the pretreatment program in 2019 that clearly defines volume and contamination and requires industries to pretreat if necessary. This program tells you what can and cannot be allowed in the treatment process. It tells you what can be handled at 2.64 million, and 5.625 million according to the design of this new plan. The adoption of the amended ordinance will make the pretreatment and sewer ordinance uniform, while allowing us to inspect the industrial discharge. It outlines enforcement actions we can take if an industry is not in compliance. We have had one industry that was under the pretreatment plan, and that industry has been purchased. We are in the process of renewing that Pretreatment program with the new industry. We are just waiting on the adoption of the new ordinance to make that happen.

Mayor Young asked; which industry is that?

Mr. Crosby answered, Crescent Dairy.

Councilmember Siegel asked, who purchased it?

Mr. Crosby answered, Gehl Foods.

Mr. Crosby stated we expected that it would be a similar process but my understanding it may not be. There may a difference in the pretreatment. Currently that is the only industry we have under our pretreatment program. We have provided this information to every industry that has asked for it if they were to locate to Walterboro. We provide this so we are uniform across the board. I ask for council's favorable consideration of the new ordinance.

Mayor Young stated, in reading through this I do have one question. It says all industrial users that discharge into the city system are required to comply with pretreatment provisions of the Clean Water Act. Is it possible to have an industrial business that might not have to do a pretreatment? Does this restrict someone who doesn't need it?

Mr. Crosby, great question. It does not restrict anyone. We have several industries that discharge into the system, but one is only considered a categorical user because of the dairy products.

Mayor Young stated, but the ordinance says all industrial user must use the pretreatment.

Mr. Crosby answered, it should say all industrial users may be subject to it. It's a step-by-step basis. Every industry would have to fill out a pretreatment program application.

Mayor Young stated: I wouldn't want to run anyone off if they thought they had to do a pretreatment.

Mr. Crosby stated most of these larger industries that are asking for the information are aware of the pretreatment process. Gehl Foods met with us 2-3 months ago. We went over the pretreatment process, and they know they must do it.

Mayor Young stated, I realize they are probably aware of it, I am just concerned about the way this is worded, it requires everyone to do it.

Mr. Crosby stated our attorney Brown Mcleod is reviewing the pretreatment ordinance as well.

Attorney Brown stated, I am in the process of reviewing it now. I think they just wanted to get it before Council as soon as possible.

Mr. Crosby stated, the problem with the existing ordinance is that we knew an industry was causing a problem. They would handle the problem right away, but it would eventually come back. We did not have anything in place like the pretreatment program that gave us proper control for them to maintain their system.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by: Councilmember Brown.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

## 2. A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE COLLETON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF BLUE WINTER PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE.

Mayor Young asked Band Director Tom Finigan to tell Council a little about what the band has accomplished.

Tom Finigan stated good evening, City Council, I have here with me Clay Blackwood who is our Assistant Director of Band. Our Winter Percussion had an outstanding year. They started out the contest in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and went on to win 3 more in a row, ended up winning the Carolina Winter Ensemble. The Carolina Winter Ensemble handles winter guard, winter percussion, and indoors woodwinds and brass. This is a regional championship that they won. This is the second time that our group has won this award. We won it back in 2019. We are so proud of our students and the hard work they have put in along with the many hours of practice, and it has certainly shown.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by: Councilmember Bridge.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

## **City Manager's Report:**

### 1. Judicial and City Prosecutor Reappointments.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo for the reappointments of Judicial and City prosecutor. The term for Associate Municipal Judge Deborah Kane O'Quinn expires June 30, 2022. Judge O'Quinn would like to continue to serve as Associate Municipal Judge. If reappointed, her term will run for two years and will expire June 30, 2024.

The Term for City Prosecutor, Maryann Blake expires on June 30, 2022. Ms. Blake would like to continue to serve as City Prosecutor. If reappointed, her term will run for one year and will expire June 30, 2023. City staff ask for Council's favorable consideration of these reappointments.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by: Councilmember Brown.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

## **Executive Session:**

### 1. Contractual Matter - Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary Boardwalks.

### 2. Personal Matters:

- a. Parks Director Search
- b. Tourism Director Search.
- c. Appointments to Tree Protection Committee.

A motion was made to go into executive session by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bridge. Mayor Young explained that City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter: Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary Boardwalks and Personnel Matters: Parks Director Search, Tourism Director Search, and Appointment to Tree Protection Committee.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Broderick, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Scope of Services from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for boardwalk replacement engineering services in the amount of \$135,550 to be paid from the Local Hospitality Tax Fund.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; seconded by: Councilmember Broderick.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

A motion to appoint Joshua Bowers to the Tree Protection Committee.

Motion: Councilmember Fishburne; seconded by: Mayor Young.

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:37

P.M. Notice of the 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,

Adrienne Nettles  
City Clerk