

Walterboro City Council

City Hall

January 3, 2023

Minutes

A regular meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday January 3, 2023, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Pro Tem Paul Siegel presiding.

Present: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Pro Tem Paul Siegel, Councilmembers: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, James Broderick, Greg Pryor, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Parks Director Jonathan Burroughs, Public Works Director Michael Crosby, and City Attorney Brown McLeod. Mayor Bill Young was not in attendance.

Call To Order:

With the above- mentioned Councilmembers present, Mayor Pro Tem Siegel 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.

Presentations:

1. STOP Pedophiles Housing on Barracada Road.

Ms. Lisa Langdale a resident of Colleton County presented information to City Council about the proposed Halfway Housing Shelter for Convicted Sexual offenders being housed in Colleton County. Ms. Langdale and several others gave a summary of their concerns and what this could potentially do to the surrounding homeowners and businesses in Colleton County.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilmember Broderick, Seconded by Councilmember Pryor, the following minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Regular Meeting - November 1, 2022.
2. Regular Meeting - December 6, 2022.

New Business:

1. Consideration of a request from the Interdenominational Community Alliance to use the city parking lot (across from the water department) for a Pop-Up Shopping event on Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a request from the Interdenominational Community Alliance a local nonprofit organization to use the city parking lot across from the water department on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. for a fundraiser. They ask for council's favorable consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by: Councilmember Brown.

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Notice of 2023 Annual Retreat, Location and Time.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of City Council on Friday, January 13, 2023, City Council will conduct its 2023 annual retreat. This will take place at the Walterboro Wildlife Center, 100 South Jefferies Blvd. Walterboro, SC 29488. It will begin at 9:00 A.M. and no formal action will be taken on any items. Any action items will be brought back to a regular City Council meeting.

3. Consideration of rescheduling the February 7, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of City Council, February 7, 2023 is Hometown Legislative Action Day for the Municipal Association. Staff asks for consideration to reschedule the Regular February meeting to the following Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by: Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

City Manager's Report:

1. Pine Needle Road Emergency Sewer Repair.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of City Council in September 2022, an 8" sewer line on Pine Needle Road collapsed. The Sewer Support Department was unable to complete the repair due to the depth of the line and the lack of the proper equipment for dewatering. The Sewer Support Department contacted five (5) different companies, and all declined to undertake the repair. Gulf Coast Underground (Theodore, AL) was mobilized in the area as the contractor for the Black Street Sewer Subsystem CDBG project and agreed to perform the emergency repair. The upcoming rehab project Subsystem 1-E and 3 included plans to repair this section. Due to the severity of the collapse, the repair had to be completed immediately to continue to supply service to the area. The Sewer Support Department reached out to LCOG for assistance as this project is part of the Sub-Basin 1-E and 3 CDBG project. Staff was hopeful that the repair could be counted as part of the city's matching requirement for the grant. LCOG staff explained the situation to the Department of Commerce, but unfortunately the repair could not be covered by the grant or used as match on the project because the invoice does not specify what was fixed compared to the original plans and not procured through normal CDBG guidelines. LCOG staff also reached out to the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA), and they were unable to provide any financial assistance. However, some of the repair will constitute a change order for the work that was scheduled in Contract 1 for items that match up with the Contract 1 line items.

City staff asks for council's favorable consideration to disburse payment to Gulf Coast underground, LLC in the amount of \$135,634.51. Gulf Coast Underground (Theodore, AL) is the contractor that was selected for the Sub- Basin 1-E and 3 CDBG project. The expenditure will come from 2021 water/sewer bond issue.

Councilmember Broderick asked you said we are going to take the money out of the Bond issue? Did we have that in the Bond Issue already as part of what we are going to spend the money on?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated when we did the 2021 bond issue did it for \$7 million and we looked at that for the 20% matching requirement that we have on expanding the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant and we looked at using the balance for the city's matching requirements on CDBG grants and other water and sewer projects.

Councilmember Broderick asked this will not be taking any money from anything we had planned?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated that we may have to reassess the bond when we bid out the Wastewater Treatment Plant project depending on how those figures come in. We were awarded almost \$16 million dollars from EDA.

Councilmember Pryor asked how much of the line was repaired?

Public Works Director Michael Crosby stated that 30-40 feet of that line was repaired. It was not a large section, but it was approximately 14 feet deep.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by: Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Request to purchase a new vehicle - Parks Department

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation from Parks Director, Jonathan Burroughs to purchase a new pickup truck for the Parks Department. The Parks Department solicited three (3) bids. The FY 2022-2023 Parks Department budget has \$30,000 allocated for a new pickup truck. Staff recommends accepting the low bid from Walterboro Ford (Walterboro, SC) in the amount of \$27,000. The city also secured a USDA grant for the purchase of the truck that will cover \$ 14,850 of the purchase. The city's share will be \$12,150.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by: Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

Councilmember Bridge asked does this replace a vehicle?

Parks Director Jonathan answered, no we are going to be adding to the current fleet. The vehicles we have right now are all F-250 or larger trucks. This is going to be for us to go around and pick up supplies and get in and out of parks.

Councilmember Broderick asked do you think you will add more smaller trucks to the fleet?

Parks Director Jonathan answered Yes, I believe we will.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Fishburne, seconded by Councilmember Broderick. Mayor Pro Tem Siegel explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss a Personal Matter - Main Street South Carolina Steering Committee.

Executive Session:

1. Personnel Matter - Main Street South Carolina Steering Committee.

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

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Broderick, and passed unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Siegel adjourned the meeting at 7:06 P.M. Notice of the meeting was distributed with the agenda packets, to all local media, posted on City Hall bulletin board and posted on the City's Website at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk