

Walterboro City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall

August 5, 2025

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 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, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, City Attorney Brown McLeod, Finance Director Amy Risher, Utilities Director Wayne Crosby, and Tourism Director Patricia Utsey.

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 Fishburne 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 #2025-11**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2025-06, SO AS TO SET THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (Second and Final Reading).

A citizen asked this is like the 1% Sales Tax.

Mayor Young stated this is just an index that we have to do every year, it is not anything added. It is a sales tax credit factor.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated it is a credit factor that you will see on your tax bill.

Presentations:

1. Main Street South Carolina Inspiration Award Presentation – Outstanding Promotion, Main Street SC, Jenny Boulware, MASC Main Street SC Manager.

Jenny Boulware with Main Street SC stated it is a pleasure to recognize Main Street Walterboro as the recipient of the 2025 Outstanding Promotion award. Walterboro earned this award for “We Are Walterboro” campaign.

Municipal Achievement Award Presentation - 5,001-10,000 Population Category, Desiree Fragoso, MASC Field Service Manager.

Desiree Fragoso stated it is my pleasure to present the 2025 Municipal Achievement Award for the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. We presented this award at the Municipal Association Annual Meeting in July and Mayor Young was able to accept the award. I would also like to present the Honor Plaque to the City for the year 2025. Congratulations on the City’s achievements. Ms. Fragoso also played the 5-minute video produced by the Municipal Association describing the project.

Approval of Minutes:

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

1. Regular Meeting – July 8, 2025

Old Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2025-11**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2025-06, SO AS TO SET THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

New Business:

1. Consideration of a request from First Baptist Church to use the grassy field for FestiVELO, November 4-12, 2025.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a letter from First Baptist Church to use the grassy field area for the FestiVELO events.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Consideration of requests from the Walterboro Rotary Club for the 11th Annual Ireland Creek Bridge Run to be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

City Manager's Report:

1. Consideration of Task Order #25 for water system improvements in the area of Thunderbolt Drive and Industrial Road.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation for task Order 25. The city is the subrecipient of a \$2,150,000 CDBG grant to take an 85-year-old well out of service (Teledyne) and drill a new well on Thunderbolt Drive to pump 400 GPM and to upgrade the Stevens Well on Industrial Road from 660 GPM to 1,300 GPM. This project will greatly enhance the city's water supply capabilities to many critical facilities including Venture Park, Colleton County High School and Middle School, Colleton Prep, Northside Elementary, the Veterans Victory House and the Colleton County Recreation Center. The city's engineer, Hybrid Engineering has provided a task order in the amount of \$189,380 to perform design, engineering, permitting, contract administration, and construction observation services for the project. Staff recommends approval of Task Order 25 in the amount of \$189,380 to be paid from net position in the Enterprise Fund.

Motion: Councilmember Brodrick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bridge. Mayor Young explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss Provision of services encouraging the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body: Main Street South Carolina Grant Opportunity, and Lower and Middle Ireland Creek Sewer Trunk Line Improvement Project. Contractual Matter: Business License Revenue Enhancement, Personnel Matters: City Prosecutor and Municipal Election Commission.

Executive Session:

1. Provision of services encouraging the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body:

a. Main Street South Carolina Grant Opportunity.

b. Lower and Middle Ireland Creek Sewer Trunk Line Improvement Project.

2. Contractual matter: Business License Revenue Enhancement.

3. Personnel Matters:

- a. City Prosecutor.
- b. Municipal Election Commission.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Broderick. All in favor, motion carries.

Open Session:

A motion to appoint Juanita Harvey to fill an unexpired term (January 2028) and David Cobb to fill an unexpired term (January 2026) on the Municipal Election Commission was made by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Brown All in favor, motion carries.

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 7:22 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