

Walterboro City Council

Special Called Meeting

City Hall

August 18, 2025

Minutes

A Special Called Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 11:30 A.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, and Bert Duffie Airport Manager.

Call to Order:

With the above-mentioned Councilmembers present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order.

Public Input on Agenda Items:

There was no public input on agenda items.

New Business:

1. **Resolution # 2025-R-04**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WALTERBORO TO ACT AS THE SPONSOR FOR THREE (3) GRANTS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL AIRPORT AND ADOPT THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT AS ITS OWN, ACCEPT THE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mayor Young stated this resolution is to authorize me to sign and accept this grant from the FAA on behalf of the city, since the city is the sponsor for the upcoming airport project.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated the Airport Commission has been successful in securing three (3) grants from the FAA for the runway project. As the Mayor stated, the resolution before you is to authorize the Mayor to be a signatory for the City of Walterboro. It also resolves that our City Attorney Brown McLeod is authorized to certify the Mayor's signature. Since the Airport Commission in the eyes of the FAA is not considered a governmental entity and is jointly owned by the city and county, either the city or county has to act as the project sponsor. We need City Council to adopt this resolution, and we can move forward with the FAA.

Councilmember Brown asked how much the grant is.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated there are three separate grants. One for \$6.8 million, one for \$442,000, and one for \$500,000. They also have an existing grant for \$858,000 for a total of \$8,617,023.

Councilmember Brown asked if this money is going to be used for the runway?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated yes, and for the taxi way.

Councilmember Bridge asked what is the matching portion?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Bert can provide the breakdown on that.

Bert Duffie stated the FAA normally does a 90/10 grant. Where they do 90% and 10% is the local share. State Aeronautics does 5% and we locally do 5%. This year, the FAA is doing their grants at 95%. The local match is 5%, 2.5% comes from Aeronautics and 2.5% comes from local funds. On this \$9 million dollar project, our total share is \$200,000.

Councilmember Bridge asked does the city share that money with them?

Mayor Young stated it is Airport Commission money.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Siegel, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 11:35 A.M. Notice of the meeting was distributed with the agenda packets, to all local media, posted on the City Hall bulletin board and posted on the City's website at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk

