

Walterboro City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall

October 7, 2025

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 6:15 P.M. with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

Present: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmember: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, James Broderick, and Ladson Fishburne, City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, City Attorney Brown McLeod, Fire Chief Paul Seigler, Finance Director Amy Risher, and Public Works Director Michael Crosby.

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.

Approval of Minutes:

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

1. Regular Meeting – September 2, 2025.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

1. Consideration of Rescheduling the November 4, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting (2025 City Election).

Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod stated the meeting will be rescheduled to November 11, 2025.

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Consideration of a request for a temporary road closure on November 6, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 PM for First Thursday.

Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council, FestiVELO will be taking place November 5-9, 2025. There are approximately 250 cyclists registered. FestiVELO would like to support the business during the First Thursday and would like to close the Main Street Roads. I spoke with Chief Marvin and Michael Crosby, and they are equipped to assist with the road closure. Staff ask for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

City Manager's Report:

1. Consideration of Supplement No. 5, Willdan Financial Services – Water & Wastewater Financial & Capital Planning Update.

Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation from City Manager Jeff Molinari, Supplement No. 5 from Willdan Financial Services. The 2023 analysis needs to be updated. The intent of this study will be to:

1. Review the recent financial conditions of the utility system.
2. Update the projected system revenues and expenditures.
3. Incorporate new and future debt issuances to estimate the relative financial impact of the CIP.
4. Provide recommendations for revising rates, if necessary, based on the projected cashflow needs of the utility system.

Staff recommends approval of Willdan Financial Services Supplement No. 5 in the amount of \$34,800.00 to be paid from the 2025 Series Water & Sewer Revenue Bond. Staff ask for City Council's favorable consideration of this request.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

2. Consideration of Engagement Letter, Pope Flynn - \$12,500,000 Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bond, Series 2025.

Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet an engagement letter from the city's bond counsel, Pope Flynn. We anticipate closing on the revenue bond in December 2025. Staff recommends approval of the Pope Flynn engagement letter in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be paid from the 2025 water/sewer revenue bond. Staff ask for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. Consideration of bids for Lower & Middle Ireland Creek Sewer Trunk Line Improvement Project.

Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo for the Lower & Middle Ireland Creek Sewer Trunk Line Improvement Project. The bid opening for that project was held on June 17th and the city received three (3) bids and one (1) no bid. The project will replace and upsize the trunk line to the wastewater treatment plant and will connect to the new sewer trunk line that is currently under construction that will extend from Ireland Creek to Exit 57. City staff recommends awarding Contract 1 to Moorhead Construction Inc. in the amount of \$5,753,227.50. The project will be funded from these sources: EDA - \$3,257,501 and the 2025 Water/Sewer Revenue Bond - \$2,495,726.50. City staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

Councilmember Siegel asked, can you explain the importance of this sewer line?

Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod stated this is the trunk line that will extend from Ireland Creek to our Wastewater Treatment Plant. Without this connection, further development at exit 57 won't happen. Exit 57 is a key corridor for commercial growth. I have been in discussion with restaurants and big box retailers and growth is coming. Without this sewer project growth stalls.

Councilmember Pryor asked what is the time frame on this project?

Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod stated approximately 12 months.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

4. Considerations of bids to purchase a new Pumper Truck for the Fire Department.

Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council, you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation from Fire Chief Paul Seigler to purchase a new fire pumper truck with equipment. The new truck will replace Engine 2. The Fire Department received two (2) bids and one (1) no bid. The FY 2025-26 Fire Department budget included a future 5-year lease purchase of a new fire truck with equipment. City staff recommends purchasing the E-One Top Mount Pumper Truck with equipment from Safe Industries in the amount of \$782,600.00. The expected lead time on new fire apparatus can be as long as 36 months.

Councilmember Broderick asked what will be the oldest pumper truck after we purchase this one?

Fire Chief Seigler stated it will be our reserve truck which is a 1999.

Motion: Councilmember Bridger; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Broderick. Mayor Young explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss matters concerning the provision of services encouraging the location of businesses in the area served by the public body – SC Department of Commerce Rural Development and Strategic Planning Initiative, Receipt of Legal Advice – International Property Maintenance Code, and Personnel Matter – Finance Director Search.

Executive Session:

1. Discussion of matters concerning the provision of services encouraging the location of businesses in the area served by the public body – SC Department of Commerce Rural Development and Strategic Planning Initiative.
2. Receipt of Legal Advice – International Property Maintenance Code.
3. Personnel Matter – Finance Director Search.

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

Open Session:

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Mayor Young, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:33 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