

Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting
July 24, 2007

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A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Charles H. Sweat, Jr. presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Charles H. Sweat, Jr., Council Members: Randy Peters, Charles Lucas, Bill Young, Ted Parker, Franklin Smalls and Mary Anne Cannady. City Manager Tuck McConnell, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present.

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Smalls for the invocation and Council Member Cannady to lead the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

The Minutes of the June 26, 2007 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Young, seconded by Council Cannady, with all members voting in favor.

There was no Old Business Before Council

Under New Business, the Mayor opened the floor to receive nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilman Smalls nominated Council Member Bill Young as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Lucas seconded the motion. No more nominations were given and the nominations were closed. The motion was approved that Council Member Young would serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for another 2-year term. Vote on the motion was 6/0, with Council Member Young abstaining.

The Mayor then reminded Council Members, who had not done so, to turn in their request sheet, noting the committees they wished to serve on, to him before the next meeting.

Next, Council reviewed a slate of bids received to purchase a medium duty backhoe loader. Public Works Director Charlie Chewning told Council that all bids received were from SC State Purchasing.

Altman Tractor Co., N. Charleston, SC	-	\$56,237
Interstate Equipment Co., W. Columbia, SC	-	\$57,527
Linder Ind. Machinery, W. Columbia, SC	-	\$55,874
Van Lott, Inc., W. Columbia, SC	-	\$65,368

Mr. Chewning recommended the purchase of the New Holland Model B95 Backhoe/Loader from Altman Tractor Co. This is slightly more than the Komatsu Model from Linder Ind. Machinery. Mr. Chewning said this model has regular HP and the city already has a New Holland which has operated 5 years now and has been an excellent machine.

A motion was then made by Council Member Parker to purchase the New Holland Model B95 as recommended from Altman Tractor Co., N. Charleston, SC. Council Member Young seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, on the agenda was acceptance of the grant award from U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Parallel Taxiway. Council agreed that this item had already been accepted. Council Member Cannady, a member of the Airport Commission, then made the following comments: 1) We are one of 18 airports in the State of SC, and we received \$2.2 million through Senator Lindsey Graham's Office to

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fund construction of a parallel taxiway at the airport, plus the \$1.6 million dollars received for the ILS, which should be underway by August 1.

Next, the Mayor announced that a letter of interest had been received from Ms. Becky Evans who wished to serve on the Friends of the Great Swamp Sanctuary Committee. A motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Peters, to appoint Ms. Becky Evans to the Friends of the Great Swamp Sanctuary committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Before opening the floor for public comments, Mayor Sweat stated that he would like to make the public aware of Council's policy on making presentations to City Council. He stated, if you wish to present something to City Council, please gather all your facts and present your request to the City Clerk, Ms. Betty Hudson, no later than 10:00 A.M. on Thursday morning prior to the next scheduled Council Meeting. This gives the clerk the opportunity to place the matter on the agenda and distribute pertinent background information to Council before the meeting. This enables Council to look at a matter and study it before making a decision. When someone comes up here at the last minute, it puts Council at a disadvantage because we have not had the opportunity to see all sides of the issue before trying to make an intelligent decision for the citizens of this community.

With the approval of the Mayor, Ms. Carol Black then asked and received permission to distribute information on the payday lenders which she had received from Rock Hill.

A motion was then made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Parker to enter an executive Session on a contractual matter regarding the Airport Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session with no action being taken. There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Cannady and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:47 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson
City Clerk

APPROVED August 14, 2007