

Council Minutes  
January 14, 2019

Easley City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on January 14, 2019 all members were present except Councilman Garrison. The press was notified. Jennifer Jennings served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councilman Mann gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved as submitted.

Mayor Bagwell called on Council for their reports:

Ward 1: Councilman Garrison - Absent

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes – This is special time for the upstate, congratulations to the Clemson Tigers on winning the National Championship.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann – Hope everyone had a good Christmas and very orange New Year.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore – No report

Ward 5: Councilman Wright – No report

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson: Enjoyed reading an article about the Mayor of West Pelzer.

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese for his report: Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and City offices will be closed. All city residences should have received a magnet in the mail with the trash schedule. The 31<sup>st</sup> is the State of the Economy with the Chamber of Commerce.

Special Recognition: Mayor Bagwell recognized the 8U All Star Football Team for winning the State Championship. Congratulations to all.

Mayor Bagwell then recognized the Easley High School Marching Band for winning the State Marching Band Championship. Congratulations to all.

Mayor Bagwell called on the Police Officer of the Year, Daniel Fuller, Firefighter of the Year, Justin Thompson, and City of Easley Employee of the Year, Donald Sloan for a special recognition.

Citizens wishing to address council: Chuck Pressley – President of Middle Creek HOA. They are upset with the annexation of the property on Shefwood Dr. It is causing problems with coyotes and mud draining in their ponds and yards. They would like to have a meeting with council, developers, and others to see if a solution can be worked out. Mayor Bagwell made a few brief comments. Councilman Mann asked Eric Greenwood, Stormwater Manager, if he had met with the HOA; he has not.

Councilman Dykes ask Mr. Greenwood to give a brief explanation. Mr. Greenwood stated that he had issued two citations. He has spoken with DHEC and everything we have done has been correct. The developer has done all he can to stop this but we have had the wettest December since 1883. Councilman Mann asked Eric to get in touch with Mr. Pressley and the developer for a meeting.

Deborah Randall – She is a resident of Middle Creek and wanted to comment on the science of the ponds. The ponds are more than a pleasing asset to the community but they support an ecosystem. The clay run off is causing a damage to that system. The construction company’s effort to contain the run off has failed. The clay sediment causes a lot of damage. She would like the responsible parties to give a solution to this problem.

Unfinished business second reading of ordinances: Ordinance No. 2018-18 – To acquire tax map number 5019-15-63-8426 located at 122 Folger Ave for \$80,000. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

Ordinance No. 2018-24- to appropriate \$80,000 dollars in FY 2018-19 State Accommodations Tax monies and amend the FY 2018-19 City of Easley State Accommodations Tax Operating Budget accordingly. Councilman Wright made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation of the allocations and how they were awarded. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

Ordinance No. 2018-25 - a Fifth Supplemental Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$9,200,000 City of Easley, South Carolina Hospitality Tax Revenue Improvement and Refunding Bond, Series 2019; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation. A portion of the money will go for a new maintenance facility, the Nalley Brown Nature Park, Brushy Creek Greenway, and several other projects. BB&T will handle the financing. Councilman Moore called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

New business first reading of ordinances: Ordinance No. 2019-01 to annex approximately 54.93 acres of real property on Rolling Hills Road, Easley, South Carolina, County of Pickens, being shown and designated as tax map number 5039-11-55-5783 with the zoning designation of General Commercial (GC). Councilman Moore made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. There was no discussion. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 5-0. Councilman Garrison was absent and Councilman Robinson recused himself because Easley Combined Utility is a client of his law firm.

Ordinance No. 2019-02 To rezone certain pieces, parcels or lots of land lying and being in the State of South Carolina, County of Pickens, being shown and designated as tax map numbers 5029-15-52-5672, 5029-15-52-5620, 5029-15-52-4670, 5029-15-52-4527, 5029-15-52-3575, 5029-15-52-3531 being located on Burns Ave, Easley, South Carolina, 29640 and Tax Map Number 5029-15-52-4960 on Breakers Lane, Easley, SC 29640 from R-10 to General Residential (GR-2). Councilman Dykes made the motion to approved with a second from Councilman Moore. Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Holcombe to give a brief explanation. GR2 is for multi-family apartments or townhomes. Councilman Moore called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

Ordinance No. 2019-03 Providing for the termination of the City of Easley redevelopment project area (Easley Town Center Redevelopment Project) and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Dykes. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

New resolutions: Resolution No. 2019-01 to appoint a Municipal Attorney. Mayor Bagwell called on Bryan James to come forward and introduced him to the public. Mayor Bagwell call for the vote and the resolution passed 6-0.

Councilman Mann made the motion to adjourn.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

