

Council Minutes
September 14, 2020
Regular Meeting

Mayor Womack welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members were present except for Councilwoman Breazeale. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing this meeting was closed to the public in order to control the size of the gathering. The meeting could be viewed by live stream at www.Youtube.com. The press was notified by email on September 10, 2020. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk served as the recording secretary.

Councilman Garrison gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the August meetings on August 10th (regular meeting and work session) and the special called meeting on August 18th were approved as written.

Reports from Council:

Ward 1: The Recreation Committee will be meeting Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the gym to discuss policy updates.

Ward 2: The 9/11 Ceremony was very well done. Commended Chase Campbell for putting on a good event. It was an important time for us to remember that event. It has changed our country forever. It gave us an opportunity to recognize our police and fire departments.

Ward 3: The 9/11 Ceremony was lovely. Our first responders have to face dangerous situations daily. Met with a couple of citizens that are having flooding issues on their property.

Ward 4: The 9/11 Ceremony was very touching. That event had everyone turning to God and be good to one another. If we continued to act that way the world would be better.

Ward 5: Absent

Ward 6: No report

Mayor Womack called on Mr. Steese, City Administrator for his report. We are still trying to evaluate if we are going to have a Halloween Celebration. The decision will be made by the end of the month. The facade grant program opened back up for the TIF District. One grant has been awarded and another came in today.

Judge Snow swore in two officers from the fire department, Captain Josh Anderson and Captain Kevin King. Chief Littleton introduced new firefighter Connor Besse.

Citizens wishing to address council: Two comments came in via email. One was concerning golf carts on the Doodle Trail. The details were discussed in the work session. Councilman Dykes suggested we give the citizen a copy of the proposal. Councilman Garrison suggested Mr. Steese gave an over of the proposal in case the citizen was watching via live streaming.

The other comment that came in was regarding trash cans for residents. Mayor Womack said someone would get back to her with a response.

Old Business: There were no ordinances for second readings.

New Business: First reading of ordinances.

Ordinance No. 2020-25 to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding nine hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$975,000) City of Easley, South Carolina, general obligation refunding bond, series 2020; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilwoman Webb. Mr. Steese explained this is a refinance of our GO Bond to lower the interest rate and save money over the life of the bond.

Councilman Moore asked what the original bond amount was. Mr. Steese stated it was \$1,830,000.

Councilman Robinson inquired about it being called a refunding and not a refinance. Mr. Steese commented that bond refinancing is called a refunding.

There was no further discussion. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilwoman Breazeale being absent.

New resolutions: Resolution No. 2020-19 to accept certain roads in the Deer Meadows subdivision. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve with a second from Councilwoman Webb. Tommy Holcombe explained that the developer of Deer Meadows abandoned the project and did not pave the roads. The City paved the roads. As the lots were being built on money was added to the building permits to reimburse us for the cost of paving.

Councilman Robinson asked if the stormwater system was in good condition. Mr. Holcombe said the system was in good condition and the HOA owned the retention pond.

There was no further discussion. Councilwoman Webb called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilwoman Breazeale being absent.

Councilman Moore made a motion to adjourn at 7:25. p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk