

Easley City Council  
Work Session Minutes  
June 10, 2019

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 5:20. All members were present with the exception of Councilman Garrison. The press was notified.

Mayor Bagwell turned the meeting over to City Administrator, Stephen Steese to discuss agenda items.

Annexation of approximately 34 acres at the intersection of Brushy Creek and Sheffield Road. The Planning Commission voted unanimously for the annexation with the zoning designation of R-10. This annexation allows the City to control the future development and use of this land.

Certification of 601 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street under the SC Textiles Communities Revitalization Act. The owners need this certification in order to get tax credits from the State.

Award of new scoreboard at Field 1 at the J.B. "Red" Owens Sports Complex. The new board will be 8'X24' with LED lights. It adds the pitch count which is required by the Senior League World Series. The price is \$125,867 but there could be some additional cost with installation. Nevco is the company that the recreation committee recommended. Councilman Mann commented that this is the same company that Little League International uses for their boards. Pickens County has approved a \$50,000 contribution to the purchase out of their parks and recreation fund. We should receive the money in July. The remainder will come from our Hospitality Bond. Councilman Mann stated "we have always had issues with the current board and the equipment is out dated." To repair the current board would cost anywhere between \$5000-\$7000. Councilman Dykes asked "will the board be up and running by the World Series?" Mr. Steese answered "yes".

Brownsfields Grant – The City was awarded a \$150,000 Hazardous Substance and \$150,000 Petroleum grant from the EPA. The Hazardous Substance will be used to conduct six phase one and our phase two environmental site assessments and develop two clean up plans. The Petroleum will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. The assessment activities will focus on the downtown.

Fire Station/Maintenance Facility update: The estimated completion date for the fire station is April 2020. The estimated completion date for the Maintenance Facility is June/July 2020. Easley Combined Utility is working on moving some power lines. The drawings are being completed.

Railroad Project – The fencing will be delivered next week. The brick work is currently being worked on. Councilman Moore asked "how tall will the fence be?" Mr. Steese stated "it will be a one-foot wall and three-foot fence with the parking stops added back."

Wayfinding – The project is out to bid and will be adding our new brand to signs.

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Nalley Brown Nature Park – The project is moving along. The shelter structure should be finished this week. We had some supplies stolen that had to be reordered. The trail is being worked on and we are hoping for a ribbon cutting this summer.

Pope Field Tennis Courts – The courts have smooth grading waiting on the asphalt to be poured. Once it is poured there will be a 30-day curing process. All the parks should be paved this summer.

Council Discussion: Mobile Home Ordinance. Mr. Holcombe stated that his department has gone through about eight that are 90 days old with no power. They are working with Easley Combined Utility on this issue. Every thirty days more homes are added to the list. Most of them are in mobile home parks and are rentals.

Rezoning request for property on Pineview Drive. The Planning Commission will meet on this Monday night. The Planning and Development office has received a lot of calls on this rezoning.

Councilman Robinson asked “has there has been any decisions on the food truck parking situation.” Mayor Bagwell commented “it has been turned back over to the committee.” Councilman Mann commented that the committee make a decision once more information is obtained.

Councilman Moore commented on the location of the farmers market. “It keeps moving, no parking, are we going to build a shelter.” Mayor Bagwell commented “this year it is what it is.”

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Mayor

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Easley City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on June 10, 2019 all members were present except Councilman Garrison. The press was notified. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. He turned the meeting over to City Administrator, Stephen Steese for the FY19/20 City of Easley Operating Budget presentation. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

Prior to the meeting City Council met in Executive Session, no action was taken.

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 –Attended the grand opening of the Pickens Doodle Park. It is really nice. They have a museum and a pavilion.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann –Condolences to the Garrison family. Mr. Ralph Garrison was a great citizen of Easley. Congratulations to all of the recent graduates of Easley High School. Saturday at 11:00 a.m. the Senior League World Series team will be announced at Hendrick Honda.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore –No report

Ward 5: Councilman Wright –No report

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson – Party of Pendleton is going well. The Mac Arnold concert was really good with a great crowd.

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese for his report: The City's July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Old Market Square.

Citizens wishing to address council: Nancy Mawhinney – She is concerned about traffic if the property on Brushy Creek and Sheffield is annexed into the city. She had questions about the setback lines on Brushy Creek Road. Suggested that the City have plans in place for growth for the next 5-10 years.

David Koster – Opposed to the annexation of Brushy Creek and Sheffield Road.

Old Business: Second reading of ordinances - Ordinance No. 2019-10 - To annex 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 number 5029-11-66-9597. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation.

Councilman Moore called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

Ordinance No. 2019-11: To provide for the adoption of a City Operating Budget, its execution and effect, for the fiscal period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. There was no further discussion. Councilman Moore called for the question and the motion passed 6-0.

New Business: First Reading of ordinances: Ordinance No. 2019-12 To annex the corner of Brushy Creek Road and Sheffield Road, Easley, SC Tax Map No. 5038-17-00-8706. Councilman Mann made the motion to approved with a second from Councilman Wright. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation. Councilman Robinson asked if this property was zoned R-10. Councilman Dykes asked about the number of acres and if there was a cemetery on this property. Mr. Steese stated "that has nothing to do with the annexation." Mr. Holcombe commented that the State would dictate to a developer the guidelines for the cemetery. Mr. Steese stated "there are no plans for development at this time." Councilman Dykes asked how does this city benefit from this. Mr. Steese commented "it allows us to be in control of what goes on the property." Councilman Moore commented that anything could go on the property from a convenience store to a subdivision. Mr. Holcombe stated that the planning commission unanimously approved the request. There was no further discussion. Councilman Moore called for the question and the motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2019-13 To provide certification of site requested by Kingside Redevelopment, LLC as provided by section 12-65-60 of the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for that certain property located at 601 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Easley, South Carolina. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation. The developer of the mill has to prove to the state that it was used for textiles. This will be there certification. There was no discussion. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 6-0.

New Resolutions: Resolution No. 2019-12 To award the replacement of the scoreboard at Field 1 in the J.B. "Red" Owens Complex. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Councilman Dykes stated that the maximum price would be \$135,000. Councilman Moore asked if there would be any other people involved. Mr. Steese stated that Pickens County, Little League International and the local Senior League World Series Board could help with the funding. There was no further discussion and Councilman Moore called for the question. The motion passed 6-0.

Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

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