

Council Meeting
February 13, 2017

Easley City Council met on February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the LEC. All members were present. The press was notified. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Rev. Zack Shaw Pastor of Jones Ave. Baptist Church gave the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance, led by the Boy Scouts from Troop 37.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Bagwell called on council for their reports.

Ward 1: No Report

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes: Please with the good turnout for the meeting.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann: No report. Reported that he had the privilege of representing the City at two elementary schools for a reading event.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore: Recently attending the Legislative Action day in Columbia with the MASC. It was a good event, every educational, got some good information from the SCDOT about our roads. Thanked the City for allowing him to attend.

Ward 5: Councilman Wright: No report

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson: No report, glad to see all the visitors at the meeting.

Mayor Bagwell called on City Administrator Stephen Steese for his report. Thursday at Dunburks the Mayor will be giving his State of the City address. Friday council will have their annual budget retreat at Tri-County Tec. Monday the 27th is the PCMA meeting in Six Mile. Attended a meeting with the Chamber on Public Policy. Discussed the new business license talk that is going on in Columbia and encouraged all to stay on top of it and contact their Legislative Representatives. The Doodle Trail is progressing and we are looking for dates for the ribbon cutting. Hopefully within the next four weeks. Councilman Robinson asked for a status on the park. It is having to go for rebid. Hopefully it will go out within the next two weeks to comply with State requirements. ACOG tried to get the State to approve the bid but they would not. They needed about eighteen items, which they had, we resent, and they didn't like the information. We felt we were in compliance but they kept dragging on and the contractor would no longer honor the bid. This has opened up some sponsorship opportunities and possible help with funding. The budget is looking good, taxes are coming in from the county, and business license renewal will be going out in March. The departments are doing well to stay below budget. Councilman Mann thanked the department heads and Mr. Steese for their attention to the budget.

Citizens wishing to address council: None

Introduction of New Employees: Chief Tollison introduced Courtney Wise. She is from Columbia her father is with the Columbia Police Dept. Chase Thomas is a local Pickens County resident and his father is with the Sheriff's dept.

Rex, 17month old German Sheppard from the Chek Republic is one of our new K9 officers and his partner is Jose Medina. The second is Lou, a 14 month old German Sheppard from Holland, his partner is Tay Brinston.

Presentations: Mayor Bagwell recognized Boy Scout Troop 37. They are working on their citizenship badges. This troop is over 100 yrs. old.

Next Mayor Bagwell recognized Rick Langdale, EHS Band Director. Congratulated the band on winning 3rd in the Upstate 4A competition and 8th in State Competition. He also congratulated Mr. Langdale on winning the Golden Apple Award and EHS Teacher of the Year. Easley is the only school in Pickens County that has a full time director in Middle and High Schools. They have three concert bands, two jazz bands, winter guard and percussion competition bands.

Bob Feddar gave a presentation on Trains on Main. There will be ten different freight cars around downtown. The engine and coal car at City Hall, the caboose at the Easley Museum and the others at various places. There is a story book that goes along with this that was illustrated by Dale Stone. They are trying to tie in the ribbon cutting in conjunction with the Doodle Trail Ext. Ribbon Cutting. Many people were involved with this project, Easley Chamber, City, Easley DBA, Promote Easley Committee. The trains were sponsored by the Easley DBA, and the Western Upstate Organization of Realtors. Councilman Mann thanked Mr. Feddar for all his hard work on this project. Mayor Bagwell stated that this is going to be good for the downtown.

Old Business: Second Reading Ordinance No. 2017-01 to amend 112.01 (Closing Hours) and repeal 112.02 (Sunday Sales Prohibited) from the City of Easley's Code of Ordinances. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Dykes. Mr. Steese explained in November City residents voted for Sunday Alcohol Sales and our code outlawed Sunday Sales. This repeals that section and amends closing hours for off premise sales for gas stations, grocery stores, etc. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-1 with Councilman Moore voting no.

Ordinance No. 2017-02 Eleventh Supplemental Ordinance authorizing a borrowing by the City of Easley, South Carolina, in a principal amount not exceeding \$11,000,000, which may be in the form of Combined Utility System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2018a. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Garrison. Mr. Steese explained that we have to approve financing for Easley Combined Utility. This is for 2018 to finish a couple of projects. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Robinson abstaining because he represents Easley Combined Utility.

New Business: First Reading of Ordinance: Ordinance No. 2017-03 to rezone 612 West 4th Ave Easley SC 29640 Tax Map No. 5019-19-51-2387 from R10 to GR2. Councilman Wright made the motion to bring to floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Moore. Mayor Bagwell called on Tommy Holcombe to explain. The owner brought before the Planning Commission. It is a very large house that they want to convert to a multifamily duplex. The Planning Commission was in favor with no opposition from the neighborhood. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolutions: Resolution No. 2017-01 Authorizing a lease/purchase agreement, series 2017 in the principal amount of not exceeding \$142,395 relating to the financing of a brush truck and related equipment to be used for municipal purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents including the lease agreement; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Dykes made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Mann. Mr. Steese explained this purchase was approved in the FY16/17 budget. We are retiring \$500,000 in debt, this will be about \$30,000 debt payment for five years. It replaces a truck that will be sold in surplus. The bids are due this Thursday and this authorizes the Mayor and Administrator to choose the best option. Brad Love will do the closing. Twelve banks were notified and we are waiting to hear back. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0/

Councilman Mann made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk