

Council Meeting
May 9, 2016

Easley City Council met on May 9th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the LEC. All members were present except Councilman Garrison. The press was notified. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Bagwell called on Pastor Troy Harrison with Siloam Baptist Church to give the invocation.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Bagwell called on council for their reports.

Ward 1: Councilman Garrison: Absent

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes: Commended Lindsay Cunningham on an article she wrote for a relocation magazine and an article in the MASC Uptown Magazine on the Doodle Trail. This is good publicity for the city.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann: Appreciated the opportunity to attend the hospital gala with Councilman Garrison and Robinson. Gave a shout out to the EHS baseball team who is in the Upper state tournament. They have a 24-2 record so far this year.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore: The cleanup day was very well organized with a good turnout. Turned time over to David Lappin. There was 1.7 tons of garbage collected. Two locations did not do very well. Next year may consider moving to a different location.

Ward 5: Councilman Wright: The music on the market is going very well. It was very well attended.

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson: Glad the cleanup day was taken advantage of. It is a great program.

Mayor Bagwell called on City Administrator Stephen Steese for his report. We are moving forward with the Doodle Park. In the process of getting bid specs together and hope to bring something to council in June. Once the project is underway it will have an estimated 120 day completion time. Met with Alta Planning about the Parks and Rec master plan. They ask for us to get a committee together to help with the input from the public and schedule a public meeting. The concert series is going very well. It will continue through the end of June. The July 4th celebration will be three days this year. We are advertising for a Stormwater engineer and hope to fill this position by July 1st after the new budget goes into effect.

Michael Crenshaw with King Asphalt and a representative with the South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association present Mayor Bagwell and the City of Easley with the 2015 SCAPA Innovative Pavement Award for Design and Construction Administration of The Doodle Trail.

Mayor Bagwell made a special presentation to the family of Wes Hendricks for his part in the Town Center Project. Town Center Way is renamed to Wesley Lane. He presented Ms.

Hendricks with a resolution and a street sign. Many members of his family were in attendance along with representatives from Tri C Construction and Cedarwood Development.

There was no old business.

New business first reading of ordinances.

Ordinance No. 2016-06: To provide for the adoption of a city operating budget, its execution and effect, for the fiscal period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Moore. Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese to highlight a couple of points. The budget is balanced with a general fund balance of \$13,243,950.00. It is ½% decrease from last year with a two mil increase from 60 mils to 62 mils. The sales tax has increased so residence should see a slight decrease in property tax. The local government fund from the state is still lower. Special Revenue funds will fund the Community Development, revenue comes from loan payments and we have hired a salaried position for this department. The loan program will be starting back up. The hospitality fund has a deficit balance of \$150,000, this was put in for potential use for the Nalley Brown Nature Park project. The Stormwater Fund of 80,000, the Oak Creek project emptied that account. That project was 1.1 million, by the end of the year that account will be in the negative or a zero. We are trying to get it built back up. Funds are available for the parking lot by the museum. We will be reaching out to the same contractor to discuss redoing the parking lot at Old Market Square. The General Fund is balanced as required by law. There will be a public hearing for the budget before our June meeting.

Councilman Robinson asked if the \$220,000 deficit would come from the fund balance. Mr. Steese said yes if we don't use that money for the Nalley Brown project.

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

Ordinance No. 2016-07 To deed an alley way on Cleveland St to Easley Combined Utility. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Dykes. Mr. Steese explained the City has no interest in keeping this property and we do not maintain it. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 5-0. Councilman Garrison was absent and Councilman Robinson abstained from the vote because his law firm is general counsel for Easley Combined Utility.

New resolutions: Resolution No. 2016-12 to rename Town Center Way to Wesley Lane. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore,

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

Resolution No. 2016-06 to adopt the City of Easley personnel policy manual in its current form and repeal all previous personnel policy manuals and resolutions related to their establishment. Councilman Wright made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese explained. The previous administrator had contracted with ACOG to update the manual based on the example from the Municipal Association. The manual has been reviewed with the department heads and the Mayor. It brings the book up-to-date with current law with reference

to work place computer/internet/social media use, etc. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

Resolution No. 2016-13 to recognize May 15th as Peace Officer's Memorial Day. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Wright, Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

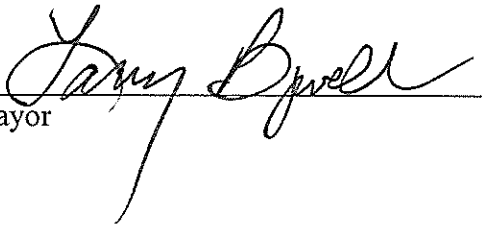
Resolution No. 2016-14 for the City to accept ownership of certain roads in the Hamilton Park Subdivision. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Tommy Holcombe explained the roads meet all the City's standards and this is the last phase of this subdivision. Councilman Robinson commented that he does not have any interest in this although he is counsel to Danny Youngblood. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-0.

Resolution No. 2016-15 relating to the declaration of intent by the City of Easley, S.C. to issue Combined Utility System revenue bonds and to reimburse certain expenditures made by the Easley Commission of Public Works prior to the issuance by the City of such bonds. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Councilman Robinson abstained because his firm is general counsel for Combined Utility. Mr. Steese explained this is for the second and third phase of the West End Sewer grant, which is included in these bonds. We have 18 months to complete. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilman Robinson abstaining and Councilman Garrison being absent.

Resolution No. 2016-16 for the asbestos abatement project of 12 houses not to exceed the amount of \$123,076.00. Councilman Wright made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Tommy Holcombe stated this phase two of the project for the Doodle Trail and housing redevelopment. They have a tremendous amount of asbestos. We are hoping to get the price down but this will be the maximum we will pay. The funding is through the bond we issued earlier for 1.5 million for the expansion of the trail. The work will start immediately and will be about a 30 day process. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

Resolution No. 2016-17 to award a demolition contract to S.H. Carter Development for 12 houses with the amount not to exceed \$54,600.00. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Dykes. Tommy Holcombe commented this the second phase of the project and the price is for 12 houses. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

Councilman Mann made the motion to adjourn at 7:50.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk