

City of Easley



AGENDA

City of Easley City Council Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2018
7:00 p.m. Law Enforcement Center
220 Northwest Main St. Easley, SC 29640

Prior to the regular meeting City Council will meet in executive session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss

- Purchase, sale, lease of property
- Personnel – City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Larry Bagwell
2. INVOCATION:
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS WRITTEN
5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES: None
6. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS
7. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR
8. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL
9. PRESENTATIONS: New City Branding – Arnett & Muldrow
SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO: Tim Mobley & Crew
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ordinance Second Reading: NONE

11. FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

- A. Ordinance No. 2018-14: to re-zone 59.440 acres located at the end of Briggs Drive and Iris Drive, Easley, South Carolina, tax map number 5028-10-46-8403 from R-10 to R- 7.5.
- B. Ordinance No. 2018-15: to amend the City of Easley FY18/19 Operating Budget.

12. NEW RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Resolution No. 2018-19: A resolution adopting the Pickens County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- B. Resolution No. 2018-20: to award CMAR for the construction on joint operations and maintenance facility and renovation of Fire Station one.
- C. Resolution No. 2018-21: To proclaim the City of Easley as a Purple Heart City.
- D. Resolution No. 2018-22: authorizing the negotiation, execution, and delivery of lease no. 004-0668201-103 between the City of Easley, South Carolina and VGM Financial Services, a division of TCF National Bank.

13. Any discussion or votes that arise out of Executive Session.

- Purchase of property
- Personnel

Easley City Council

Work Session, July 9, 2018

Easley City Council met for a work session at 5:00 p.m. on July 9th, 2018, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. All members were present and the press was notified.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order and turned it over to Mr. Steese, City Administrator. The first item for discussion was the new city seal. This will be the seal that will go on all official City documents. Everyone agreed the new seal looked good.

Item two for discussion was ordinance no. 2018-13 to allow chickens inside the City limits. Mr. Steese explained he had researched surrounding cities and looked at their ordinances. Greenville, Spartanburg, Clemson, Anderson and Greer all allow chickens. He used Greer's as an example for the number, permitting, location, etc. Anyone wanting to have chickens would need to meet all the requirements. They could not be in apartment complexes. Councilman Garrison said he thought it was a good idea. Mayor Bagwell said our current ordinance is working and we should not change it. Councilman Dykes stated he respects the Mayor's opinion but several people have asked about it. He thinks it is a good idea and good for kids to have fresh eggs, see eggs hatch, a good learning experience. Councilman Moore is against it. He is concerned about how we are going to inspect it. Councilman Mann said he was in favor of the ordinance. Just like one person came before council about the dogs and we changed it. It is something people want to do for their own well-being. Councilman Garrison asked if other cities in our area have them why can't we. Chief Tollison said that the ordinance needs some tweaking before second reading if it passes first reading.

Item three for discussion was the Ravo 5 series Street Sweeper. This has a third brush arm that will sweep curbs and will move around curbs. It also has a vacuum tube to work in storm drains and ditch lines. It will be a lease purchase for 5 years for approximately \$50,000. Once approved it will be in service within 45 days. Councilman Moore asked if it would have a warranty. Mr. Steese state it would during the lease period. Councilman Robinson asked where it would be used. David Lappin stated anywhere in the City. It will be used mostly on Wednesdays.

Item four for discussion was project updates. The GO bond will have second reading tonight. We will have a bond rating on July 17th. The closing will be in the middle of August. A Construction Manager at Risk is out for bid and will be on the August agenda. Plans are being discussed with the Mayor, fire, public works and recreation staff. A Construction Manager at Risk will guarantee a maximum price and work with all parties involved to build within that price. Construction could start in December and take up to eighteen months to complete.

Hospitality Tax bond for the Nalley Brown project. Benchmark won the bid. They have built several trails in the area. They plan to flag, walk, and design the trail by September. Councilman Mann asked if this will fall under Parks and Recreation and what about parking. Mr. Steese stated yes but it will be very low maintenance. Mr. Steese stated we have \$50,000 set aside for parking and a picnic shelter. Councilman Dykes asked if there would be signage. Mr. Steese said yes.

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Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation of the TIF Bond for parking lot resurfacing. King Asphalt won the bid with a price of \$259,703. They will begin work in August and hope to be finished in December.

There was no more discussion and Mayor Bagwell adjourned the session at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Easley City Council Meeting
Minutes July 9, 2018

Easley City Council met on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. All members were present, the press was notified.

Mayor Bagwell called the regular meeting to order. Councilman Mann gave the invocation followed by the pledge.

There were no additions or deletions to the minutes from the June regular meeting they stand approved.

Ward 1: Councilman Garrison: No report.

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes: He attended the July 4th events for the City and it was one of the best he has seen in years. Congratulations to Megan Wallace and all the departments that helped. It was well attended and great BBQ from the Blue Light BBQ.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann: Commended Megan Wallace and the departments on a job well done at the July 4th festival. The Senior League World Series is in 19 days.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore: No report, agreed with what the other council members said.

Ward 5: Councilman Wright Commended Megan Wallace and all involved for the ground breaking on the affordable housing.

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson No report

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese, City Administrator, he had no report.

Mayor Bagwell called on Councilman Wright for a special presentation. For his years of dedication and service to the City of Easley the Doodle Trail extension will be named the Thomas H. Wright Extension. He was presented with a sign.

Blake Sanders gave a presentation on the new City Seal. The purpose of this is to make our seal more true to the city and a seal that reflects the city. The skyline and mountains on the current seal do not represent the City. The new seal has the clock tower. The clock was originally at city hall, the bricks are from Senator Smith's house, so there is history there. The design is by the same architects that did Tillman Hall in Clemson. The clock tower has been a part of Easley for decades. The green is pantone 348 which is Easley Green Wave green, the wavy edge also represents the waves, the notches represent the train tracks, and the mountains in the background. The official seal council has to approve and it will go on all official documents. There will also be a new brand for the city at the August meeting. Councilman Garrison made the motion to accept the new seal with a second from Councilman Dykes and the motion passed 7-0.

Citizens wishing to address council: Kimber Nelson, the new tournament director for the Senior League World Series. This is the 18th year for the World Series and the 2nd year for the Senior League. Thanked the City for all of their support with the tournament. July 26th the teams will

start arriving. Four international teams, and the host team is all EHS boys. Fan fest will be on July 27th in Old Market Square. The championship game will be on August 4th live on ESPN.

Second reading of ordinances: Ordinance No. 2018-10 to amend Title XI Business Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Easley, South Carolina, by authorizing, establishing and adding a new chapter 122. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation, there was no discussion and Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2018-11: To provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) City of Easley, South Carolina, General obligation bonds, series 2018; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto. Motion to bring to the floor from Councilman Dykes with a second from Councilman Mann. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation and there was no other discussion. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

First reading of ordinances: Ordinance No. 2018-13 an ordinance to amend the City of Easley Code of Ordinances Chapter 90 (animals) by amending section 90.35 (farm animals) and adding section 90.40 (raising or keeping of domestic female chickens). Councilman Moore made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Garrison. Councilman Garrison stated that he was in favor of this ordinance and thinks we should give it a try but some of the wording needs to be tweaked before second reading. Councilman Mann and Dykes agreed with Councilman Garrison. Councilman Moore doesn't think we should change our current ordinance. Councilman Robinson stated most subdivision covenants and restrictions will not allow therefore he will vote against this. Councilman Moore called for the question and the motion was defeated 3-4.

New resolutions: Resolution No. 2018-16: to award the RFP for Paving Parking Lots in the Tax Increment Finance District. Councilman Garrison made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese explained this is for parking lot repairs for Old Market Square, West End Hall, and behind the Bleu Voodoo. King Asphalt came in with the lowest bid at \$259,703. Councilman Mann stated we have had excellent success with King on past projects. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2018-17: to award the RFQ for the Construction of Natural Trails for the Nalley-Brown Nature Park. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Wright. Councilman Garrison asked Mr. Steese to explain the difference in an RFP and an RFQ. The RFP gives a money quote for a project and an RFQ tells us what they can do with the amount of money we have to spend. Mr. Steese also stated that this project has been going on for about ten years and it is time to get it finished. This will be about 8-10 miles of trails, picnic shelter, ADA accessible. We received three bids and Benchmark is the most qualified. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2018-18: to approve lease financing for a new Ravo 5 Series STH Sweeper through Southern Vac. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation and Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Garrison made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. He then made a motion to go into executive session with a second from Councilman Dykes. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk