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Mayor Bagwell thanked everyone for coming out. Councilman Mann made the motion to adjourn at 7:35.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

keeps them chained up and never feeds them. Mayor Bagwell told her that he and David would be out to check on it this week.

Pastor Tracy Gantt and Sunshine Gantt: He is the Pastor at New Deliverance Baptist Church. Their ministry is asking for a building to house the homeless. There are a lot of homeless people around their church. Their church has been broken into by children looking for food. He grew up in the Simpson community when it was a nice area and people cared about their neighbors. What can we do as people to help the City of Easley? Mayor Bagwell commented that this type of project should be something that the County got involved with because it was too big for one city to handle.

Old business: Ordinance No. 2016-01: To appropriate \$75,000 dollars in FY2015-16 State Accommodations tax monies and amend the FY2015-16 City of Easley State Accommodations tax operating budget accordingly. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese explained this is a certain portion of money that is given for tourism. \$32,500 is to be distributed. The Accommodations Tax Committee made the recommendations. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2016-02: A fourth supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$1,700,000 City of Easley, South Carolina hospitality tax revenue bond, series 2016; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison. Mr. Steese explained that the ordinance in the packet was updated with more specific details as to interest rate, terms, etc. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

There was no new business.

Resolutions: Resolution No. 2016-02: To established the Easley Fire District Protection Contract with Pickens County. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mayor Bagwell called on Chief Womack to explain. This new contract will begin on July 1, 2016. Mr. Steese commented that this is giving the Mayor authority to go into a contract with the county. It will be a perpetual agreement. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2016-03: To award a contract to Greene, Finney, & Horton for Professional Auditing Services. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese explained the bid process. This company's main business is municipal audits and they came highly recommended. Councilman Robinson asked where this company was located. Mr. Steese commented that they are out of Mauldin, SC and were chosen for their qualifications. There cost is \$21,500. No audit companies from Easley applied. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

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Easley City Council met on February 8th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the LEC. All members were present. The press was notified.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Council met in executive session prior to the meeting but no action was taken.

Mayor Bagwell called on Councilman Mann to give the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as written.

Ward 1: Councilman Garrison: The recreation committee met this past Friday to recap the last year. We discussed how to move forward with tournaments, the participation in our sports programs, and the master plan. An RFP will be going out soon.

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes: Recently attended the MASC Legislative Action Day with the Mayor, Councilman Moore, and Councilman Garrison. Some of the topics discussed were; repairing our roads, local government funding, proper funding for the police department body cameras, court system, and dilapidated homes.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann: No report PSA: Marco Rubio will have a town hall meeting Sunday at EHS.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore: Added to Councilman Dykes comments on the MASC meeting, it was very educational, attended classes for a couple of days, now a graduate for elected officials. Mayor Bagwell congratulated him on his accomplishment.

Ward 5: Councilman Wright: No report

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson: No report

Mayor Bagwell called on City Administrator Stephen Steese for his report. Next Thursday is the State of the City address at Dunburks. This is a Chamber event. Next Friday is the budget retreat at 9:00 a.m. at ACOG. It is time to file statements of economic interest with the state, it is due by April 1st.

Presentations: None

Citizens wishing to address council: Sabrina Hall: A resident on 406 West C Ave. She has been to city hall regarding neighbor's trashy yard at 302 N. 4th Street. It is so nasty she can't go into her yard without the smell of human waste. The lady that lives there is disabled and the owner never checks on the house. There is trash all over the street. Also a neighbor is raising pit bulls,