

Council Meeting
August 14, 2017

Easley City Council met on August 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the LEC. All members were present with the exception of Councilman Terry Moore and City Administrator Stephen Steese. The press was notified. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m

The minutes from the July meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Bagwell introduced Joni Smith the new finance director.

Mayor Bagwell called on council for their reports.

Ward 1: No Report, Acknowledged the passing of Joe Lesley and offered condolences to his family.

Ward 2: Offered condolences to the family of Joe Lesley. Turned his time over to Lindsay Cunningham for an Eclipse event update. The event is Monday from 1-3 at the J.B. Red Owens Complex. There will be activities for the kids with give a ways. Councilman Robinson asked if the street lights would be on. The representative from ECU said he doubted they would come on for that short time frame.

Ward 3: No report. Attended Joe Lesley's funeral and it was a great display of community. Everyone liked Joe. Thanked God that we live in Easley when there is so much hate in the world.

Ward 4: Absent

Ward 5: No report. Wished the councilmen up for re-election great success.

Ward 6: No report, asked if Ms. Smith could discuss the financial report she gave out and suggested this be a regular agenda item.

Mayor Bagwell stated the renaming of People's Drive has been postponed until September at the request of Joe Lesley's family.

Citizens wishing to address council: None

Presentations: None

Old Business: Ordinance No. 2017-07: Approving the financing of the improvements, extension and enlargement of the Combined Utility System of the City of Easley, South Carolina, through the borrowing by the City of not exceeding \$3,500,000, including capitalized interest, if any, from the State Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, by agreement with the South Carolina Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Authority. Councilman Robinson abstained from the vote because he represents ECU. Motion to approve from Councilman Dykes with a second from Councilman Mann. Representative from ECU said this is for a sewer project in the Arial Mill Community. The water/sewer was substandard. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilman Moore being absent.

Ordinance No. 2017-09: To amend the FY 2017-18 City of Easley Operating Budget. Councilman Mann made a motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison. This is for a new school resource officer. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0. Councilman Moore was absent.

New Business: Ordinance No. 2017-10: An ordinance to amend §118.07 (violations and penalties) of the local hospitality and accommodations tax section in the City of Easley's Code of Ordinances. Councilman Garrison made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Wright. Councilman Mann asked if the penalty phase was addressed. Failure to pay was not clear in the previous ordinance. Attorney David Allison commented that it had been addressed and it now gives a criminal aspect to the ordinance. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Moore being absent.

Ordinance No. 2017-11: An ordinance to annex 6.58 acres of real property located on Sherriff Mill Rd, Easley, SC, Tax Map No. 5027-07-67-6877. Councilman Wright made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Tommy Holcombe commented that there was no opposition from the neighboring area, no one showed up at the zoning meeting. Signs for the annexation are out from application to 2nd reading of the ordinance. It is also advertise in the paper and on line through Lindsay Cunningham. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Moore being absent.

New Resolutions: Resolution No. 2017-09: To reappoint Jasmine Twitty as Municipal Court Judge. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Robinson. Mayor Bagwell asked Ms. Twitty to address council and she thanked the city for the opportunity to serve. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Moore being absent.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Bagwell

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk