**COUNCIL MEETING**

August 12, 2013

The Easley City Council met on August 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center. All members were present with the exception of Councilman Dave Watson, his mother passed away and was out of town for the funeral. Lisa Garrett served as the recording secretary.

The news media is notified in case of a called meeting. All regular meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and all of the media has been so notified.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed Mayor Owens and members of the Pickens City Council to our meeting.

Councilman Mann gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes and they stand approved.

Mayor Bagwell called for reports from Council Members:

Ward 1: No report. Councilman Garrison did thank all of the Department Heads and City Employees for contributing to the success of the BLWS.

Ward 2: Work was done by two groups in the Community Garden. One group from NGU, and one from Easley Presbyterian Church.

Ward 3: Echo Councilman Garrison’s comments on BLWS. His family was a host family for the team from Germany, they loved Easley and everyone commented on the banners around town.

Ward 4: The Way Finding Committee met and approved the new banners for the season between BLWS and Christmas they are Green with a Pineapple stating Welcome Dine/Play/Shop. You should be seeing those around downtown and 123 by pass and the Complex. The Farmers Market will end the Tuesday night market the end of the month. It has been somewhat successful the Saturday market will continue until October 5 and a Holiday market in Nov. The market has been well attended by vendors and customers.

Ward 5: No Report

Ward 6: No Report (Absent)

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Fox Simons, City Administrator for his report. This Saturday is back to school water blast from 206 in Old Market Square. Next Tuesday is the first day of school and there are new traffic patterns with the new middle school on Pendleton.

Citizens wishing to address council: Steve Crowe: Represents PC Seniors Unlimited. The organization is in a financial mess to be blunt. They had to close the Easley office due to roof leaks, and unsafe conditions. There is mold growing, no funds to fix the roof, it has collapsed. Also the A/C units have been stolen. They serve meals to seniors and are busing them to Liberty to a building that is in foreclosure. They would like for Council to do something to help save the center in Easley. They deliver meals in Easley, offer activities like line dancing, exercise, bingo,

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pool, quilting, etc. They serve approximately 117 clients. Some are homebound and without the center coming to get them they would not be able to visit with other people. Any bad that could happen has happened. The Easley facility is the biggest and has the most people coming to it. Asked if the city could help with repairs to the building or suggest any buildings that could be used rent free? Suggestions on how to increase revenue? Time is tight, and help is needed now.

Mayor Bagwell stated that Britteny Griffith our grant writer was looking into possible grants or funds that might be available to help. We will look to see how the city can help.

Larry Pritchard: Lives on 2nd Ave., near the old Pecan Terrace Hotel. It needs to be condemned. He is putting out lots of rat poison, it is full of nasty stuff, mattresses, etc. The owner doesn’t care, eye sore, would like for the City to look at it. Mayor Bagwell said he would get someone over there to look.

Presentations. Steve Baker with the Greenville Spinners Club. He is the present of the club and wanted to congratulate the City on the purchase of the rail line. His presentation was about the economic impact of cycling. Things people look for in a cycling area, moderate climate, varying terrain, and an active community. Cycling helps create jobs, i.e. new businesses around the Swamp Rabbit Trail. Greenville has over 100 cycling events a year and next year will have an international event. For more information contact Steve at Stevebaker@gmail.com or 325-8303. Councilman Mann commented that the Ride for Mac is coming up 8/24 with a metric century 63 mile, a 32 mile and shorter fun rides.

There was no new or old business to address.

Resolutions: Resolution 2013-11: To further the awareness of local farmers markets and to encourage all citizens to support local growers and shop a local farmers market during the week of August 17th -24th, 2013. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison, the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Watson being absent.

Mayor Bagwell made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. Afterwards the joint councils signed a mock agreement for the Doodle line and then had refreshments in the lobby.

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 Mayor Larry Bagwell

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Jonathan F. Simons, Jr. City Administrator