

Council Meeting
December 11, 2017

Easley City Council met on December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the LEC. All members were present. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Zack Shaw with Jones Ave. Baptist Church gave the invocation followed by the pledge.

Easley City Council met in executive session prior to the meeting and no action was taken.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Bagwell called on council for their reports.

Ward 1: No report, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ward 2: No report, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, enjoyed riding in the Christmas parade. Was very pleased with the turn out.

Ward 3: Thanks to all the city employees and the Chamber for making the Christmas parade a success. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Orange New Year.

Ward 4: No report, wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The parade was a lot of fun, threw out a lot of candy. It was good to see so many children at the parade.

Ward 5: No report. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ward 6: There have been some land planning issues in the Powdersville Community with regard to traffic. It would be good if we started asking those type of questions when we get rezoning applications.

Mayor Bagwell called on Finance Director, Joni Smith for an update. Ms. Smith gave out financials as of the end of November. All of the bank statements are balanced through November. All departments are doing a good job keeping their expenses under control.

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese for his report. There is a meeting schedule along with the holiday schedule and budget schedule in your packets. The City will be closed on December 25th and 26th for the Christmas holiday and on January 1st for New Year's. Thanked Tommy Holcombe for his part in planning the parade and the tree lightening ceremony. We will begin interviewing for the marketing and planning positions and hope to have both filled by the middle of January. The annual employee Christmas luncheon will be Wednesday at 12:00 at Tri County Tech.

Citizens wishing to address council: None

Presentations: Main Street Challenge award winners, Mopps and The Pint Station both received \$12,000.

Old Business: Ordinance no. 2017-12 to rezone 118 Dayton School Rd., Easley, South Carolina 29642 Tax Map No. 5039-18-31-2034 from R-10 to GR 2. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mayor Bagwell called on Tommy Holcombe,

Building Official for an explanation. Mr. Holcombe stated this property joins property that has townhomes on it and the owner is looking to put more townhomes on this lot. It is a good improvement to the area and there was no opposition from the neighbors. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

New Business: Ordinance No. 2017-14: to appropriate \$80,000 dollars in FY 2017-18 state accommodations tax monies and amend the FY 2017-18 City of Easley state accommodations tax operating budget accordingly. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Robinson. Mayor Bagwell called on City Administrator Stephen Steese to explain. This reallocates the Accommodations Tax money percentages. This money is for events to bring in tourism. The money will go to the Easley Farmers Market, Easley Downtown Business Association, Foothills Playhouse, Senior League World Series, American Legion, and the Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

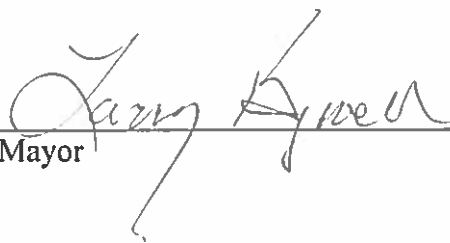
Ordinance No. 2017-15: A fourteenth supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of City of Easley, South Carolina, Combined Utility System refunding revenue bonds, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$35,750,000; delegating the authority to the Mayor and City Administrator to determine certain matters with respect to the bonds; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; amending general bond ordinance 1999-13; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Robinson abstained from voting because Easley Combined Utility is one of his clients. Councilman Garrison made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Mann. Mr. Steese explained that city council has to approve any money that Combined Utility borrows. Councilman Mann called for the questions and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Robinson abstaining.

New Resolutions: Resolution no. 2017-13 To accept and establish regulations for wrecker service agreements for companies wishing to tow for the City of Easley Police Department. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Moore. Mayor Bagwell called on Chief Tollison to explain. There are no major changes. Now the document defines who does the cleanup and the rates have increased. The fees are the maximum they can charge and is almost the same as the highway patrol. This agreement has to be renewed every four years. So far there have been no complaints with the new contract. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2017-14 to reappoint Donita Crowe to a two year term as Municipal Judge. Councilman Wright made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

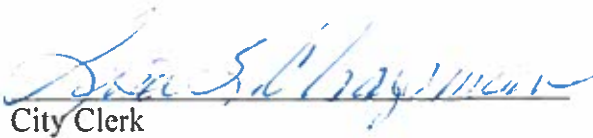
Resolutions No. 2018-15 to reappoint Deborah Walsh to a two year term as Associate Judge.
Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore,
Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Bagwell called for adjournment at 7:30 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk