

Council Minutes  
October 8, 2018

Easley City Council met for its regular month meeting on October 8, 2018 all members were present with the exception of Councilman Robinson. The press was notified.

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

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

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved as submitted.

Mayor Bagwell called on Council for their reports:

Ward 1: Gave condolences to CJ Fuller's family on his recent passing and to the fallen police officers in Florence. Thanked our police and fire departments for their work. We don't know what they go through on a daily basis.

Ward 2: Attended the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Pickens County on Friday in Pickens and at the Complex on Saturday. There was a lot of good activities. The Parks and Rec department received a lot of good compliments from the county.

Ward 3: Recently attended a Ten at the Top event. City Planner, Blake Sanders participated on the board for vibrant communities. There was interest in what we are doing in Easley. The Food Truck Committee met and will have another meeting before the November Council meeting. We hope to have a recommendation for Council at the November meeting.

Ward 4: No report

Ward 5: No report

Ward 6: Absent

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese for his report: The Fall for the Arts was on September 29<sup>th</sup> which ended this season of the Easley Farmers Market. We are in the middle of the Movies on the Market. Trunk or Treat will be coming up on October 27<sup>th</sup> in Old Market Square.

Mayor Bagwell called on Chief Womack to tell about the Fire Departments upcoming open house. They have about eighty vendors coming to share their information with the public. They have a lot of activities planned.

Citizens wishing to address council: Bobby Brakefield – Has an issue with Bowers Emergency Services speeding on this street, parking on the street, and changing their oil on the street. He has called the police several times. Mayor Bagwell called on Tommy Holcombe for information. Mr. Holcombe stated he had talked with Mr. Bowers several times about this situation and he would call him again. Mayor Bagwell said he and Mr. Holcombe would ride out there and assess the situation.

Bob Feddar: The museum fundraiser that was scheduled for this Thursday has been postponed due to the weather. It will be rescheduled within the next couple of weeks.

Presentations: Audit Report from David Phillips with Greene & Finney, LLP. The City received an unmodified opinion. (See attached handout for the full audit) Councilman Dykes commented that the revenue increased, the fund balance increased, and expenses were under budget. Compliments to Joni Smith, Finance Director and the department heads for doing a good job. Councilman Garrison thanked Mr. Phillips for a good presentation. Councilman Dykes was pleased with the improvements. Mayor Bagwell stated it was good to hear that there were no problems.

Second Reading of Ordinances: Ordinance No. 2018-16: Relating to the recovery of collection costs as a part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act. Councilman Garrison made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Wright. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation. This ordinance is to be uniform with all other municipalities across the state as required by the Municipal Association of South Carolina. The MASC serves as our agent in collecting set off debt. Councilman Moore asked is there was a minimum amount they would collect? Mr. Steese stated it has to be at least \$50.00. There was no further discussion. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0. Councilman Robinson was absent.

First Reading of Ordinances: Ordinance No. 2018-20: An ordinance to annex certain pieces, parcels or lots of land lying and being in the State of South Carolina, County of Pickens, being shown and designated as tax map number 5038-10-47-1424; .128 acres on the Westside of Rock Springs Road and provide a zoning designation of GR2. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Holcombe, Building Official to explain. At the City's recommendation we approached the owners of Mutts to annex this small piece of property into the City limits. It is part of their property, they agreed with no problems. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0, with Councilman Robinson being absent.

Ordinance No. 2018-21: An ordinance consenting to the inclusion of certain property in the joint county industrial park to be created by agreement by and between Pickens County, South Carolina and Oconee County, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese for a brief explanation. The county approached us about an economic development project at 5424 Calhoun Memorial Hwy, Easley. They are looking to do an industrial facility. This goes along with Project Print and is for property tax only. Councilman

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Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Robinson being absent.

New Resolutions: Resolution No. 2018-27: To award the request for qualifications for indefinite delivery contracts for general construction services for the City of Easley. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison. Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese for a brief explanation. We have a list of General Contractors that applied to be the IDC. When the City has a project come up they would get bids from each of the contractors, with no guarantee of work. Councilman Garrison stated he thought this was a good idea. He then called for the question and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilman Mann abstaining due to one of the contractors being his client and Councilman Robinson was absent.

Resolution No. 2018-28: To award the replacement of the Pope Field tennis courts to McGrath Industries, DBA Talbot Tennis for \$224,996.00. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Wright. Councilman Garrison stated that after the discussions in the work session he would like to make a motion that this be tabled until the recreation committee can meet and discuss which way to move forward and bring a recommendation back to Council. Councilman Dykes second the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

Resolution No. 2018-29: To award the request for proposals to provide all multifunction copiers, printers, and related support services for the City of Easley. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Dykes. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation. We currently have twelve copiers and five printers in eight locations around the city that are provided by two different vendors, Morris Business and G5. We need to have all machines with one vendor so when repairs are needed we know who to contact. An RFP went out on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9 bids were received. A committee reviewed all of the bids and recommended the award go to G5. They are currently one of our providers and we have been pleased with their service. We will negotiate with them on machines and their recommendations prior to signing agreements. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0.

Councilman Dykes made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk