

Council Meeting  
January 9, 2017

Easley City Council met on January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the LEC. All members were present with the exception of Councilman Garrison who was absent. The press was notified. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Dr. John Adams pastor of Easley First Baptist Church gave the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Bagwell called on council for their reports.

Ward 1: No Report Councilman Garrison was absent.

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes – Commended the Public Works Department on a job well done taking care of the streets during the recent snow.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann –Thanked all the departments for keeping the City safe during the snow. The Bike Committee met with some of the citizens of Wilbur St about the concerns they had with the Doodle Trail Extension. Blake Sanders provided three options based on their suggestions. They were more in favor of 6’ risers instead of vertical dividers. The dividers will be about every 30 ft and will not be in front of any driveways and will go through the cemetery. King Asphalt is ready to start as soon as the weather clears. Councilman Mann also wished the Mayor a Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore –Voiced his appreciation for the Public Works Department and the good work they do.

Ward 5: Councilman Wright – Invited everyone to the Family Unity Parade on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. The lineup will begin between 12:00-12:30.

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson: Wished Mayor Bagwell a Happy Birthday and everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Bagwell called on City Administrator Stephen Steese for his report. There are three calendars for upcoming closures and meeting dates. The Council retreat will be February 17<sup>th</sup> and location will be forthcoming. The City will be closed on January 16<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. day. The Pickens County Municipal Association will be meeting at Dunburks at 6:30 on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jan 31-Feb 1 is Hometown Legislation Action Day in Columbia. Councilman Robinson asked for a budget update. The Revenue is looking better than last year. Property taxes are starting to come in. Business license are up from last year, partly due to a lot of delinquents paying up. The department are doing well on expenses and staying on budget.

Citizens wishing to address council: None

Presentations: None

Old Business: Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2016-14 to annex certain pieces, parcels or lots of land lying and being in the State of South Carolina, Count of Pickens, being shown and designated as tax map numbers

5038-06-47-6666 and 5038-06-47-4519 and bordering the intersection of Rock Springs Road and Powdersville Road to the West, and to provide a zoning designation of general commercial (GCD). Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. There was no discussion. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

Ordinance No. 2016-15: to appropriate \$75,000 dollars in FY 2016-17 State Accommodations Tax Monies and amend the FY 2016-17 City of Easley State Accommodations Tax Operating Budget accordingly. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

Ordinance 2016-16: to amended the FY2016-17 City of Easley Stormwater Operating Budget. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Wright Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent.

New Business: First Reading of Ordinance: Ordinance No. 2017-01 to amend 112.01 (Closing Hours) and repeal 112.02 (Sunday Sales Prohibited) from the City of Easley's Code of Ordinances. Councilman Wright made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese explained. In November City residents voted for Sunday Alcohol Sales and our code outlawed Sunday Sales. This repeals that section and amends closing hours for off premise sales for gas stations, grocery stores, etc. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 5-1 with Councilman Moore voting no and Councilman Garrison being absent.

Ordinance No. 2017-02 Eleventh Supplemental Ordinance authorizing a borrowing by the City of Easley, South Carolina, in a principal amount not exceeding \$11,000,000, which may be in the form of Combined Utility System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2018a. Councilman Dykes made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Moore. Joel Ledbetter with Easley Combined Utility was present and Mr. Steese asked him to explain. This is a refund bond to lower interest rate and allow them to start taking proposals. Transactions will not take place until 2018. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilman Garrison being absent and Councilman Robinson abstaining because he represents Easley Combined Utility.

Councilman Mann made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk