

Council Minutes
September 10, 2018

Easley City Council met for its regular month meeting on September 10, 2018 all members were present. 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: Councilman Garrison - No report – There are a lot of good and exciting things happening in Easley. Looking forward to moving forward.

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes: Had a wonderful opportunity to bike the Doodle Trail Saturday with the Boy Scouts. They took surveys of people on the trail. Commended the Parks and Rec department for the repair work they have done on the trail.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann – The things we have going on are exciting. It is fun to watch our little town grow into a city. Thanked all that got the word out about the spray. Thanked Megan Wallace for getting the word out. Remember all in the way of the hurricane headed our way.

Ward 4: No report

Ward 5: No report

Ward 6: No report

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese for his report: A brief explanation of what went on with the West Nile. The County notified our fire chief around 11:00 a.m. We sat down and decided how to handle the situation. We are required to spray within a one-mile radius of where the incident took place and where they live. It took up about two-thirds of the city, so we made the decision to spray the entire city. Some of the county was sprayed also. The county agreed to pay for one half of the spray. Our initial notice to the public was when DHEC called the press conference. We are required to give 24 hours' notice before a spray. It was posted on all of our social media and website. They started spraying about 6:00 p.m. on Saturday with a EPA category E chemical. It is specific for mosquitos.

Citizens wishing to address council: Bob Feddar – The Easley Museum is having a fundraiser on October 11th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. There will be low country boil, a silent auction, entertainment, soft drinks, wine & beer. \$30.00 per person includes a year's membership to the museum.

Second Reading of Ordinances: Ordinance No. 2018-14 to re-zone 59.440 acres located at the end of Briggs Drive and Iris Drive, Easley, South Carolina, tax map number 5028-10-46-8403 from R-10 to R- 7.5. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Councilman Robinson abstained from the discussion and vote due to Robinson Law Firm representing Youngblood Development. There was no discussion.

Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Robinson abstaining.

Ordinance No. 2018-15: to amend the City of Easley FY18/19 Operating Budget. Councilman Wright made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation. This is to add two additional school resource officers which will bring our total up to six school officers. We had already passed our budget before the school district had their final reading on their ordinance. There was no further discussion. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

First 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 Moore made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. 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. Letters have to be sent and they are given time to come in and pay before their taxes are taken. There was no further discussion. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2018-17: Approving the execution and delivery of a development agreement with project print. Councilman Garrison made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Mayor Bagwell asked Mr. Steese to give a brief explanation. There is a potential developer looking to buy a property on Hwy 123. They asked the City and County for incentives. This is a grant back. If they increase taxes from this year to next they would get a grant back for the revenue they generated. This could change if the county does something different. On second reading the company name has to be revealed. Councilman Moore asked if the county did something different would we have to change. Mr. Steese stated we would try to match to be consistent. Councilman Garrison asked if we are considering this because of our recent economic development plan. Mr. Steese stated yes. Councilman Dykes asked about job creation. It will create approximately 15 new jobs and relocate 22 jobs. Where they are looking to go would greatly improve the area. There was no further discussion. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

New Resolutions: Resolution No. 2018-23: To make Runion Street one-way running from North First Street to Pendleton Street and make North First Street One-Way running from NW Main Street to Runion Street and ending North First Street at the intersection with Runion.

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Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison. Mayor Bagwell asked Mr. Steese to explain. The city is looking at taking the parking lot in front of city hall and turning it into a green space. With North 1st Street being one-way we would be able to have angled parking and add more spaces. Councilman Dykes asked Sam Norris, business owner on North 1st Street if he was good with the change. He stated yes if it added more parking. Councilman Moore asked if we have the possibility of more parking if the street is continued to West A Ave. Mr. Steese stated yes. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2018-24: To authorize the Municipal Association of South Carolina to act as claimant agency for the collection of debt on behalf of the City of Easley, South Carolina in accordance with the setoff debt collection act. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. There was no discussion; Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2018-25: To Award the invitation for bids for the downtown landscape refresh project to Landscape Perception. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Wright. Mayor Bagwell called on City Planner, Blake Sanders for a brief explanation. There are 41 trees in the downtown that need to be replaced. They will be replaced with Bosque Elm trees and Red Maples. The shrubs will be removed and river stone will be added. Mr. Steese added that only one bid was received and the bid was below what we had estimated. Mayor Bagwell asked if we get any type of guarantee on the trees. Mr. Sanders said a one-year guarantee. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Mann made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk