**COUNCIL MEETING**

September 8, 2014

The Easley City Council met on September 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center. All members were present. Lisa Chapman 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 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the meeting the Easley City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Mann made a motion to go into executive session with a second from Councilman Dykes, the motion passed 7-0. The item discussed will be brought up later in the agenda.

Rev. Scott Willis with Enon Baptist Church gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

There were no correction to the minutes. They were approved as written.

Mayor Bagwell called for reports from Council Members:

Ward 1: No Report

Ward 2: Attended a chamber meeting about the State of Health Care with Palmetto Baptist Easley Hospital, Pickens County School District and Greenville Hospital System.

Ward 3: The Zoning Ordinance Committee met and will have a workshop on Sept. 23 at 5:30.

Ward 4: Thanked the City for getting his ward cleaned up. Volunteers in the community are planning another clean-up day.

Ward 5: No Report

Ward 6: EHS class of 1974 will have their 40th class reunion, invited the Mayor to attend.

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Fox Simons, City Administrator for his report. Movies on the Market have started, Frozen is this week. They start around 8 (at dark). Some of the characters from the movie will be on hand for the kids. The Fire Dept. will have their annual open house on October 9th, 5-8 at Station 2. The fire dept is doing a community outreach event on Sept. 22 from 10-2 at Jones Ave. Baptist Church. Mr. Simons introduced the new reporter for the Greenville News, Ron Barnet.

Mayor Bagwell commented that suggestions had been made about changing the Christmas Parade to Friday night. Councilman Garrison stated he had suggested it and thought it would be a nice change. Councilman Mann stated he loved the idea of a night parade. Mayor Bagwell suggested that the Downtown Business Association be surveyed an report back to him by Friday. Councilman Robinson suggested the Mayor make the final decision.

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Citizens wishing to address council:

James Carpenter: It is still not right, so by definition it is still wrong. The police have been over many times because of excessive barking. There have been six incidents since the 22nd. No action has been taken, the problem is still going on. On August 14th we asked for a meeting with the proper authorities, no meeting has been scheduled. We are still at ground zero. Mayor Bagwell stated he had talked with Chief Danny Trabor and with Councilman Moore. He assured him he is not being ignored and the city was working on it.

Jackie Carpenter: She was working in her yard with six dogs came into the yard. She called the police and they said nothing could be done. They have given city council all the facts, still nothing done. Mayor Bagwell stated it had been turned over to the Animal Control Committee and they met today.

Sam Norris: Two weeks ago there was a fire between his store and the Starving Artist Café. He wanted to commend the fire dept. for a job well done. They reacted quickly and professionally. He would like to know if there is any ordinance about unoccupied buildings being inspected. Since the fire no one has been back, rubbish is still in the building causing mold and mildew. Building Official Tommy Holcombe stated the owner contacted him and he is going to start cleaning up the building. The owner is in Tennessee and asked for two weeks to get started.

Vicky Ciplickas: it was very scary about the fire. All of her employees were outside waiting for her to lock up when she had to go back inside to her office. At that point she smelt smoke. They called 911 and couldn’t give the dispatcher an address because there is not one posted on the building. According to the investigator the entire block could have been burned. She believes the first responders were put in danger going into an empty building unware of what was inside.

Vicky also spoke about the upcoming Fall for the Arts on 10/4.

Second reading of ordinances: None

Item 10: New Business

As chairman of the Class and Compensation Committee, Councilman Mann recommended that the Class and Comp study be adapted. Councilman Garrison second and then called for the question. The motion passed 7-0.

Resolutions: Resolution No. 2014-09 To appoint Gene Cope to a two year term as Associate Judge for the City of Easley Municipal Court. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison who then called for the question the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2014-10 To set a millage rate of 58.4 mils for the 2014 tax year. Councilman Garrison made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Dykes. The resolution needs to be amended to reflect 60 mils as approved in the adapted budget. Councilman Mann made a motion to approve the amendment with a second from Councilman Robinson, the question was called for the amendment passed 7-0. Councilman Mann called for

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the question to vote on the Resolution as amended, with a second from Councilman Garrison and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Mann made a motion to adjourn at 7.50 p.m.

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 Mayor Larry Bagwell

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Jonathan F. Simons, Jr. City Administrator