**COUNCIL MEETING**

May 13, 2013

The Easley City Council met on may 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center. All members were present Lisa Garrett served as the recording secretary.

There was a budget workshop from 5:00 p.m until 6:45 p.m. to review the FY 13-14 city budget.

After the workshop council met in Executive Session no action was taken.

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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes and they stand approved.

Mayor Bagwell called for reports from Council Members:

Ward 1: No Report

Ward 2: There will be a work day in the Community Garden on Wednesday afternoon. Everyone is encouraged to help out.

Ward 3: No Report

Ward 4: No Report

Ward 5: Greatly appreciated the demolition of the old houses in the Simpson neighborhood

Ward 6: No Report

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Fox Simons, City Administrator for his report. Music on the Market stated last week. It is from 7:00 -10:00 p.m. on Friday nights in Old Market Square.

Councilman Watson commented that the is an Arts Festival in Old market Square this Saturday, May 18th.

Citizens wishing to address council: Eeva O’Brien: She gave out copies of info on Cottage Gate Subdivision to council. This is her 5th time to appear before council and would like an update. She asked if the City owned the streets yet and Mr. Holcombe commented that we do not. The lot across from her house is like a lake when it rains. Construction material was brought to the lot and she asked if a building permit had been issued. Mr. Holcombe stated the expired permit was renewed. She asked if DHEC should be called about the drainage issue. Mr. Holcombe commented that if it is draining with 24 hours that is all we ask for. Mayor Bagwell commented that if it becomes a health issue we will see that is taken care of.

Mayor Bagwell called on Chief Traber to come forward. May 15th is Police Officers Memorial Day, Chief Traber was presented with a proclamation recognizing officers that have given their

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lives in the line of duty. Mayor Bagwell stated he was proud of Police Department does and to keep up the good work.

There were no presentations.

Unfinished Business: Ordinance Second Reading: None

New Business: Ordinance First Reading: Ordinance No. 2013-04: To provide for the adoption of a city operating budget, its execution and effect, for the fiscal period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Councilman Mann made a motion to approve on 1st reading with a second from Councilman Garrison. There will be another public hearing before the final adoption. Councilwoman Valentin as about bonuses for employees and the $12,000 for the Easley City News. Mayor Bagwell commented that he will continue to look for extra funds for employees. There are no extra readings if budget is amended. Councilman Watson called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2013-07: To award a contract to Brooks Brothers Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of $43,000 for the Sam’s Club Partners in Pride program.Councilman Watson made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann, Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2013-08: To recognize May 15, 2013 as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day. Councilman Mann made a motion to approve with a second from Councilman Watson, Mayor Bagwell called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Watson made the motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m..

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 Mayor Larry Bagwell

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Jonathan F. Simons, Jr. City Administrator