Council Meeting

August 10, 2015

Easley City Council met on August 10th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the LEC.  All members. The press was notified.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Councilman Mann gave the invocation.

Minutes were approved as written.

Ward 1: Councilman Garrison: Offered congratulations to Jon Humphrey and the BLWS staff for a job well done. It was a great week of baseball.

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes: Commended the Police Dept. for their Coffee with a Cop program. It is very successful and continues to insure good relationships with the community. The Police Dept. has started volunteering with Meals on Wheels and ran their first route today.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann: Thanked Jon Humphrey and the volunteers for a great BLWS. Thanked Gregg Powell and his staff for a great job. Bicycle committee met about the Doodle Trail, progress has been made and hopefully they will have something to bring before council in September. Councilman Mann has received many comments from citizens about the new programs the Police Department have put in place and thanked Chief Tollison for the good work.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore: Thanked Jon Humphrey and Gregg Powell for a great BLWS. Commended Chief Tollison for doing a good job. Thanked Tommy Holcombe, Building Official, for the demolition of several old houses, it is making the area look good.

Ward 5: Councilman Wright: Thanked Jon Humphrey and his staff and Gregg Powell and his staff for a job well done at the BLWS.

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson: Visited downtown on Saturday morning, the Farmers Market had a big crowd, there were a lot of bicycles downtown, a car show at Robinson’s. Downtown was booming and it looked good.

Mayor Bagwell called on City Administrator Stephen Steese for his report. Movies on the Market are getting ready to start on August 29 through Oct. 3rd. The first movie is Home.

Application deadline was today for the two open positions the City has. The interview progress will begin soon. We should have everything finalized with the auditor so the year-end report can be completed and to council. It should be a good budget report.

Larry Pritchard: Inquiring on the status of the Pecan Terrace.  Has the owner contacted Tommy about? Tommy Holcombe said no. Mr. Pritchard send pictures to the Mayor of the gas cans and trash, etc in the home.  The owner was also in the house before the meeting last month. He doesn't understand why he want comply. Tommy Holcombe said it was his understanding that he has been back at the house since the meeting.

Jon Humphrey: The BLWS finished up last week, thanked the City for everything you did for the tournament.  There is not a department that doesn't help.  They make sure everything is clean and safe. All the volunteers did a great job. It show cased the series really well as well as Easley. The President of Little League once again stated how much he loves coming to Easley.  Little League thinks this is a great place to host a tournament.  There are about 200 volunteers that help with each year make the tournament a success.

Old business: Ordinance Number 2015-10 to re-zone approximately 20.656 acres of real property located at Prince Perry and S.C. 189 Rolling Hills Circle, Easley, S.C. from General Commercial to GR02 Multi-family, tax map no. 5039-14-44-8140. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for 2nd reading with a second from Councilman Garrison. The representative from Cedarwood Development was in attendance and stated said he has met with DOT and they have approved all the plans. There will be one entrance in and out. There is also an entrance for emergency vehicles. The entrance will be on Prince Perry Road. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

New Business: Ordinance Number. 2015-11 to re-zone approximately .53 acres of real property located on the corner of Fleetwood Drive and Hillcrest Road from General Residential-2 to General Commercial Tax Map No. 5019-11-66-8727. Councilman Wright made the motion to bring to the floor with a second from Councilman Mann. Mayor Bagwell called on Tommy Holcombe to explain. This is a corner lot the owners wanted to change to commercial for a retail store. Commercial property is already in the area. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the first reading passed 7-0.

New Resolutions: Resolution 2015-13to designate the week of August 15-22, 2015 as Farmers Market Week in the City of Easley. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Dykes, Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution Number 2015-14: To appoint a new part-time Municipal Judge, Jasmine Twitty. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore

Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Mann made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a potential sale/purchase of land with a second from Councilman Garrison the motion passed 7-0. Mayor Bagwell asked Tommy Holcombe, Building Official to go into the executive session.

Council returned at 7:55, no action was taken during the executive session. Councilman Mann made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. with a second from Councilman Robinson.

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City Clerk