Council Meeting

July 13, 2015

Easley City Council met on July 13th, 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 7:00 p.m. Rev. T. David Sustar Pastor with Easley Church of God gave the invocation.

Minutes were approved as written.

Ward 1: Councilman Garrison: Thanks to Dunburks for a great July 4th Celebration.  Recreation department is wide open with the BLWS preparations and getting ready for football season.

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes: Welcome to Stephen, looking forward to his guidance and leadership. This pasted Saturday I attended the Coffee with a Cop that Tim is organizing. A good many citizens were there. It was held at Starbucks. This is building a good rapport with the citizens, city and the police department.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann: Welcome to Stephen, looking forward to a long relationship.  Since our last meeting one of our firefighters, Lonnie Lesley passed away. I would like to publically express my appreciation for what Lonnie did for many years and send my sympathy to his family. July 30th there will be a meeting concerning the Doodle Trail the time has not been determined.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore: Welcome to Stephen. A recent incident at Wal Mart with people hanging out was handled very well by our police department. They did a great job and were very professionally. I found a cemetery, at Alice Mfg. They gave permission to work in the cemetery to try and get it cleaned up. It dates back to the 1800's, with the latest tombstone dating in the 1920's. There are thirty six people buried there. I am hoping to get the Pickens County historical society involved. Alice Mfg is going to put up a fence and a sign. The cemetery was there before the mill. Most of the graves are young children and entire families.

Ward 5: Councilman Wright: Welcome Stephen and thank you to Dunburks for a great July 4th.

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson: Welcome Stephen. He ask David Lappin to check on a situation concerning a drainage problem and is looking forward to hearing an answer.

Mayor Bagwell thanked Dunburks for a great July 4th celebration. There was a big crowd downtown.

Mayor Bagwell recognized Boy Scout Troop 37. They are working on merit badge for citizenship in community. Mayor Bagwell stated he likes seeing the young people come to the meetings.

Citizens wishing to address council:

Jon Humphrey Director of the BLWS. This year will be the 15th year. It has been a great experience. The tournament will start on July 28th - Aug. 4th. Requested that Council, Mayor and City Administrator be recognized on the field at 6:30 on opening night. Asked the Mayor to throw out the first pitch. The host team will be the first to play. They have 17 players with Gregg Powell as the manager.

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On the 27th there will not be a concert, instead an agreement has been worked out with Major League Baseball to hold a try out for some of the participants. This will last between 1-3 hours.  This will allow them to have Major League profiles and scouting reports. After that will be the home run derby. City of Easley will be on the 28th. Employees and their families get in free. The host team is changing its colors to green and white.

Councilman Mann commented that the team from the Netherlands won their division and sent him a message on Facebook. They told him they can't wait to come back to Easley. They really love coming here.

Mayor Bagwell commented that Jon does a great job getting volunteers and that is the backbone that makes this event successful.

ESPN will be back on Aug. 4th to broadcast the championship game at 7:30 p.m.

Larry Pritchard: Has talked to a guy about having an air pump station at the Doodle Trail in case you get to the trail and have flat tires. He would like to know if this would be feasible. He also suggested that a golf cart be available to take seniors to ride on the trail. This would be a great opportunity for the elder that can’t walk the trail.

Rowland Metcalf: Owner of 207 W 2nd Ave, Pecan Terrace. He understands the house needs repair and trying to get it fixed. Has been in debt due to his child having to have open heart surgery. Then he went through a divorce, moved to NC. He has lost his home in NC, he has nothing, but a dream of getting the old hotel restored. He is in ministry so he doesn’t make a lot of money. He hopes to get the mortgage paid off in February of 2017. He is paying approximately $2,000 on the mortgage, insurance, and taxes. He still has a great interest in the house and wants to turn it into something nice for the community.

Tommy Holcombe said he would like for him and the fire chief, Butch Womack to go through the house and check it out for safety. Mr. Metcalf said he would do what he could. He would be in contact to set up a time convenient for all parties.

Ordinance No. 2015-07: To rezone approximately 18.8 acres of real property located at N/W Corner of Cherish Drive and Anderson Hwy from Residential -10 to Residential 7.5, Tax Map Number 5018-11-65-8502. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison. Councilman Robinson abstained due to Robinson Law firming representing the seller. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2015-08: To Annex the property 1.461 acres located at 4867 Calhoun Memorial Hwy, Tax Map No. 5039-19-61-2410 owned by Freeman 123

Limited Partnership of Dorothy Freeman. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Dykes. Councilman Garrison called for the question, the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2015-09: To amend ordinance no. 2015-03 to authorize

the sale of a parcel of land located at 136 Glenwood Road, Easley, South Carolina.

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Tax map Nos. 5029-10-37-2250 and 5029-10-37-2203.

Councilman Moore excused himself because of his wife is buying the property. Councilman Garrison made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance No. 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 GR-2 Multi-family (Tax Map Number (5039-14-44-8140) Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. A representative from Cedarwood Development spoke about the project. This was in the original plan behind Wal-Mart to build 240 apartments, at market rate with a club house, pool, all the amenities, walking trails through out, access off Prince Perry. He has met with the planning commission, and is meeting tomorrow with DOT. The buildings will be 3 story, vinyl and brick, still in planning stage. Councilman Garrison asked Tommy Holcombe if the planning commission had any objections. Tommy stated there was no opposition, that this is only a rezoning, not voting on the project, it is two different things. This is the first rezoning for this property. When it was annexed in it came in as GC. Councilman Garrison called for the questions and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2015:11 A resolution to lease a portion of vacant land located at the Northwest corner of Rice Road and Arial Street in Pickens County, South Carolina, being a portion of Tax Map #5009-07-59-8721. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Wright. This is the parking lot off Arial Mill for Doodle Trail parking. The City has put up signage on the property. The City of Pickens passed their resolution last week. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2015:12 To enter into an insurance and maintenance coverage agreement between the City of Easley and the City of Pickens for the Doodle Trail. Mayor Bagwell called on City Administrator Stephen Steese to explain. Our insurance carrier SCMIRF wanted an agreement between cities for insurance purposes to show a dividing line and who would be responsible. Councilman Garrison asked about the cost to cover our part of the trail, Mr. Steese stated it was under $300.00. The maintenance will be handled by the parks and recreation department. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Bagwell announced that filing for election will be July 20th at 12:00 noon until August 3, 2015 at 12:00 noon. He announced he will be running for re-election.

Mayor Bagwell called on Tommy Holcombe to give an update on Oak Creek Project. The contractor and engineer met with the residents. Everything went really well. Two weeks from today construction should start. Boxes that will go in the ground have been ordered. Some of the

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drawings are having to be redrawn because of a different type of pipe being used. SCDOT approves this type of pipe, it is a better quality. Everything should be moving forward.

Councilman Garrison made the motion to adjourn at 8:00.

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 Mayor

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City Clerk