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Executive session: Councilman Garrison move to add to the agenda a resolution to accept a proposed consent agreement to fully settle the pending condemnation lawsuit as to the Laura Franklin property in Oak Creek Subdivision and to authorize execution by the Mayor of the agreement. Councilman Moore gave the second, Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Mann then made a motion to bring this to the floor for discussion, with a second from Councilman Wright. Councilman Mann stated this is not the city admitting fault, it is a cheaper option. Councilman Moore stated by doing this we can move forward and do better things. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Mann made the motion to adjourn at 8 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

New Business: Ordinance No. 2016-08: To acquire two (2) parcels or real property along Wilbur Street and Booker T Circle (Pickens County tax map numbers: 5019-11-55-6505 and 501-11-55-5624) for \$250,000. Councilman Wright made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. This is the final phase of this project. The source of funding is from hospitality bond. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2016-09: an ordinance calling for a referendum to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits in the City of Easley to allow for the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption-on-premises sales and to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Garrison. Mr. Steese gave a brief overview of the ordinance. Per state law the council does not have authority to make this decision. This is to put it on ballot for November for the public to vote on. Councilman Moore commented that he thinks six days a week is enough for alcohol sales. What is the benefit to the city? Mayor Bagwell said it will create revenue for the city. We are the last city of our size that has not passed this law. Councilman Moore stated he has a strong relationship with Christ, and will not vote for this ordinance. Councilman Dykes thought long and hard on this, it is good to take it to the citizens and let them decide. Councilman Mann stated this is probably the most democratic thing we can do by giving it to the public. Mayor Bagwell commented that several business owners have written him letters in favor of this. Mr. Steese clarified the procedure, it is simply to put a referendum on ballot in November for the general election. Only people inside the city limits of Easley can vote on this. This only effects places inside the City limits. If it does not pass it cannot be revisited for 4 yrs. Councilman Dykes called for the question and the motion passed 6-1 with Councilman Moore voting no.

New Resolutions: Resolution No. 2016-18: To endorse a work environment free of recognized hazards through the establishment and implementation of loss control policies and procedures, and their subsequent amendments and additions, designed to provide protection to city employees, public and private property, and members of the public. Councilman Garrison made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Councilman Garrison asked Mr. Steese to explain. This is for our insurance audit. It just states that we provide safe work environment for our employees. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2016-19: To authorize the City of Easley to make application to the South Carolina State Insurance Benefits program managed by the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann. Mr. Steese explained, the State Insurance requires us to do a resolution so we can make application to them. They set rates annually and they are good for two years. We will have same rate and then we will have a multiplier for the renewal. Rates are lower for city and

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson - Glad to see Bert Owens at the meeting he was a classmate at Northside Elementary.

Mayor Bagwell called on City Administrator Stephen Steese for his report. We are trying to square away a few things with the Doodle Park. It appears that the Northern long eared bat maybe on site, therefore we can't move any trees until October. We are in the process of getting someone from Clemson to come out and check it out. It will be late summer or early fall before we can begin. The parking lot for museum is moving along, the curb and handicap ramp are in. King asphalt is coming to give estimate on the paving. There are two more concerts for the Music on the Market. Our July 4th Celebrations will be July 2nd -4th. The rides and fireworks will be on the 4th. The Main St Challenge will be available on July 15. We hope to award the money before the holiday season. We hope to have this going soon.

Citizens:

Jon Humphrey: BLWS Tournament Director, this will be our 16th year having the BLWS in Easley. This is Jon's 10th year as director. The event will be July 26-Aug 2. Opening night will be Easley night recognizing City Council and Mayor. The SC District 1 team is the host team with Gregg Powell as the manager. The lineup will be announced on Friday at Hendrick Honda. Honda is a big supporter of Little League all over the United States.

Billy Edwards: Resident for over 30 years, thanked council for the opportunity to speak. He is opposed to alcohol sales on Sunday. He doesn't think it is appropriate to leave church on Sunday and sit by someone in a restaurant that is drinking.

Bob Feddar: Thanked council for the work they are doing on the parking lot at the museum. It will be opening for limited hours by July 3rd and 4th.

Old Business: Ordinance No. 2016-06: To provide for the adoption of a city operating budget, its execution and effect, for the fiscal period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison. Councilman Garrison commented that we have a good budget and we work hard to be good stewards of the tax payers' money. Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2016-07: To deed an alley way on Cleveland St. to Easley Combined Utility. Councilman Robinson will abstain from voting due to Easley Combined Utility being his client. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Dykes. Councilman Garrison asked for a brief explanation since he missed last month's meeting. Mr. Steese gave a brief explanation and Councilman Dykes called for the question. The motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Robinson abstaining.

Council Meeting
June 13, 2016

Easley City Council met on June 13th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the LEC. All members were present. The press was notified. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the public meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Bagwell then turned the meeting over to City Administrator, Stephen Steese.

Mr. Steese gave a presentation for the FY2016/17 City of Easley Operating Budget. The budget has a small decrease in the general fund from last year. Mr. Steese went through the general budgets for each department as well as the expenditures. There is a 2% pay increase for employees, two new positions in Police Department, \$50,000 for demolition, and a two (2) mil tax increase. The rate will go up to 62.75 mil is the revenue from property taxes. We are retiring debt on GO bonds, there is a \$251400 deficiency in revenue less expense. This is the money for Nalley Brown Nature Park, and Community Development fund to give loans again. Stormwater fee will increase by \$4 to \$28.00. Hospitality fund is \$1,750,000.

Mayor Bagwell asked for any public or council comments. Councilman Garrison and Dykes both commented on a good the budget was and congratulated Mr. Steese on his work. Mayor Bagwell then closed the Public Meeting.

Mayor Bagwell called the regular meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Bagwell called on Rev. Brad Atkins with Powdersville 1st Baptist for the invocation.

Mayor recognized the Easley High School Baseball team for their outstanding year. Six years ago we recognized the Easley Little League Coach's Pitch team for winning the State Championship, several of those players are on this team. The team went to the Upper State Final Four. They broke a school record for most wins in a season. The head coach won Region Coach of the Year, five plyers made All Region, and one made All-State. Congrats to veyrone on an outstanding season.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Bagwell called on department heads to introduce new employees.

Chief Tollison recognized Nick Bolt, a certified officer. He came from the Clemson University police department.

Ward 1: Councilman Garrison - No report

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes made a couple of comments about the Orlando tragedy. He also encouraged everyone to go vote tomorrow.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann - Tomorrow afternoon 4:00 there will be a meeting of the Bicycle Committee to talk about bringing the Doodle Trail downtown.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore - No report

Ward 5: Councilman Wright - No report commended Mr. Steese on the budget.