

Council Meeting
October 10, 2016

Easley City Council met on October 10th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the court room of the LEC. All members with the exception of Councilman Dykes were present. The press was notified. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Rev. Chris Walker with George's Creek Baptist Church gave the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Bagwell called on Chief Womack to introduce his new employee, Matthew Littleton is the new Captain at Station 1. He previously worked with the City from 2000-2006 as the Fire Marshall.

Mayor Bagwell called on council for their reports.

Ward 1: Councilman Garrison - No report. Thoughts and prayers to all that live along the coast. Sorry to see Councilman Robinson's parent's beach house was destroyed by fire.

Ward 2: Councilman Dykes was absent.

Ward 3: Councilman Mann – Thoughts and prayers to Councilman Robinson on the loss of their beach home, and all those along the coast. Good to see the Mayor back and looking well.

Received a letter from Gov. Haley congratulating our Fire Department on receiving the Life Safety Achievement Award for their fire prevention efforts. Last month we discussed the Pecan Terrace asked Mr. Holcombe for an update. Mr. Holcombe said the property had been sold to a new owner and has plans for the property. The plans do not include demolition. He has hired a structural engineer and will be meeting with Jerry O'Shields and the Fire Marshall, Brad Owen to find out what will be needed to bring up to code. Councilman Robinson asked if the property was bought on the courthouse steps due to foreclosures. Mr. Holcombe said it was. Councilman Robinson stated he hopes this will move things forward.

Ward 4: Councilman Moore –Glad to see the Mayor back and doing well. Sorry to hear about Councilman Robinson's family home being lost to fire. Thankful that someone bought the Pecan Terrace. Thanked all the first responders that came to Rock Springs for their special recognition day.

Ward 5: Councilman Wright – Thoughts and prayers to Councilman Robinson on the fire loss.

Ward 6: Councilman Robinson –Thanked everyone for their concern over the loss of their beach home.

Mayor Bagwell called on City Administrator Stephen Steese for his report. The Fire Department send two employees down to help with the hurricane evacuations and four down to Mullins, SC for swift water rescue. So far 213 were saved. The Police department had a good turnout for Coffee with a Cop at Panera Bread Co. Our auditors will be in next week and hopefully have a report for Council at the November meeting. Accommodations tax request are due by Oct. 24th. The committee will meet and the recommendations will come before council in January for a budget amendment. The design build for Doodle Trail extension is going out to bid and public meetings will be coordinated. The Fire Department open house is Thursday from 5-8 at station 2.

The smoke detector campaign and boot drive are also coming up. The City will have Truck or Treat in Old Market Square on Halloween from 5-8 with trick or treating downtown, followed by a movie. The Chamber has agreed to take over the Christmas Parade. It will be on Saturday December 10, at 6:00 p.m. followed by the tree lighting. Interviews for a Stormwater Director will begin this week and hopefully hire someone within the next week.

Citizens wishing to address council: Derrick Popham with Upstate Warrior Solutions and a member of Leadership Pickens County. Interested in having a memorial for Vietnam Veterans. At least 20 Pickens County residences died in that war. There are a lot of Medal of Honor Veterans in Pickens County. This is a way to honor them. The National Guard and his nonprofit organization will maintain the memorial once it is constructed.

Old Business: Ordinance No. 2016-11: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Stormwater System Revenue Bonds of the City of Easley, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison, Councilman Mann called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Dykes being absent.

Ordinance 2016-12: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000) City of Easley, South Carolina taxable Stormwater System Revenue Bond, series 2016; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese explained. In order to get the Stormwater Fund out negative and cover all of the Oak Creek Cost this is a 10 year bond for \$432,000 with \$32,000 added in for attorney/closing cost which is an estimate. The bond will go out to bid next week and hopefully close by the end of the month. Councilman Robinson stated at the called meeting we had a long and detailed discussion and explored every possible option and we arrived at the best possible option available. The Mayor complimented Mr. Steese on the breakdown of options. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Dykes being absent.

New Business: Ordinance No. 2016-13 an ordinance to amend the purchasing procedures of the City of Easley by amending section 24.15 within in the procurement policy of the City of Easley. Councilman Wright made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Mann. Mr. Steese explained that this addresses independent cost analysis and women in minority in business. This is part of the West End Sewer project for grant requirements. We have been doing these things but it was not in our policy. This is required to close a current grant and apply for a new one. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Dykes being absent.

Resolutions: Resolution No. 2016-25 to amend the City of Easley personnel policy manual related to retirement offerings. Councilman Mann made the motion to bring to the floor for discussion with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese explained this was in our previous manual but

was left out of the revision and needed to be added back. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Dykes being absent.

Resolution No. 2016-26 to accept ownership of Cottage Gate Lane. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Wright. Mayor Bagwell called on Tommy Holcombe for explanation. This subdivision is finally finished after many years. Public Works has inspected and it meets all of our standards. Councilman Robinson asked if this included their stormwater drainage and Mr. Holcombe stated it did. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Dykes being absent.

Mayor Bagwell read and signed a proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness and asked all citizens to wear pink and paint the town pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

Councilman Mann made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk