

Council Meeting
September 18, 2017

Easley City Council met on September 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the court room of the LEC. All members were present. Lisa Chapman, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Bagwell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Jeff Smoak with Bishop Branch Baptist Church gave the invocation followed by the pledge.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Bagwell called on council for their reports.

Ward 1: Thanked all city departments for a job well done during the hurricane last week.

Ward 2: All departments did an excellent job during the hurricane. Tones of debris was collected from the roads.

Ward 3: Thanked all the city employees for all their hard work. Recently read a copy of Greenville Business Magazine and Jasmine Twitty was recognized as one of the best and brightest of under 35 professionals. Commended her on this high honor.

Ward 4: The Doodle Park is coming together. Took some photos of the train cars being set. Suggested a special day once a month for the elderly and disabled to go down the Doodle Trail on golf carts so they can enjoy getting out. Mayor Bagwell commented that it is being worked on. After a meeting with the City of Pickens we would like to alternate years planning that sort of activity.

Ward 5: No report.

Ward 6: Excited to see the train cars being installed and the park coming along. Looking forward to it opening.

Mayor Bagwell called on Mr. Steese for his report. The Doodle Park is moving along as scheduled. Hope to have it ready by Halloween. There is potential for extending the TIF District. We are in discussions with the Pickens County and the Pickens County School District. We are working with a bond attorney to get intergovernmental agreements together. Everything seems to be moving in a positive direction and hop to being to council in October. The auditors will be in Monday and should have a presentation together for the November meeting. Gave a shout out to Joni Smith, Finance Director, for working so hard to get ready for this. Next Monday is the PCMA meeting in Clemson. Starting next month we will add a financial report to the agenda.

Presentation: Presentation to the family of Joe Lesley renaming Peoples Dr. to Joe Lesley Way.

Citizens wishing to address council: Jon Humphrey – The Little League Association was thrilled with what we did for the St. League World Series. We brought it here and gave it our flavor. Twelve teams from all over with Australia traveling the furthest. Everyone had a great time. Thanked the City and the entire community for supporting this event. It takes everyone to make it successful. This year the pre-tournament activities were different, we joined the Easley Downtown Business Association and had the events in Old Market Square. It was a great kick off. Councilman Mann commented that the announcers said everything about the series blew Bangor Maine out of the water. Congratulations to Jon and his people.

Old Business: Ordinance No. 2017-10: An ordinance to amend §118.07 (violations and penalties) of the local hospitality and accommodations tax section in the City of Easley's Code of Ordinances. Councilman Mann made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Moore. Mr. Steese stated this ordinance bring it up to date and amends the violations and penalties section to address criminal penalties instead of civil penalties. Councilman Dkykes called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2017-11: An ordinance to annex 6.58 acres of real property located on Sherriff Mill Rd, Easley, SC, Tax Map No. 5027-07-67-6877. Councilman Mann the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Garrison. Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passed 7-0.

There was no new business.

New Resolutions: Resolution No. 2017-10: To rename Peoples Drive to Joe Lesley Way. Councilman Dykes made the motion to approve with a second from Councilman Mann, Councilman Garrison called for the question and the motion passes 7-0.

At this time (6:00 p.m.) Mayor Bagwell called for an intermission.

The meeting reconvened at 6:20 for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Presentation by Alta Planning.

After the presentation Councilman Garrison made a motion to go into executive session with a second from Councilman Dykes, the motion passed 7-0.

No action was taken during the executive session.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk