

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL
JULY 20, 2021 530 PM

Present- Mayor Danny Edwards, Councilman David Underwood, Mayor Pro-Tempore Danny Woodward, Councilman Josh Roberts, Councilman Keith Pace, and Mr. Timothy Burton, City Administrator.

Absent: Councilwoman Sarai Melendez

Guests: Media and members of the public.

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Edwards led the moment of silence.

Mr. Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Edwards called for public comment. Shirley Seiter, owner and operator of Earths Elements commented that she was concerned the food truck ordinance would unduly hurt her small business and that she would not be able to operate in front of her store.

Mayor Edwards made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the moratorium. Councilman Underwood provided a second. All present voted in favor to amend the agenda.

Mayor Edwards called for the approval of the last council meeting minutes. Councilman Pace made the motion and Councilwoman Owens seconded. There were no changes or discussion. All present voted in favor.

Administrator Burton informed council that now all meetings are on Youtube. Sound quality is still being worked on. It will be linked on the city website.

Councilman Pace gave second reading of Ordinance 2021-14 to enter into an agreement with the 10th Judicial Circuit Public Defenders Office. Councilman Pace made motion to bring off the table, Councilwoman Owens seconded. All voted to bring off table. Mr. Pace made motion to enter into contract, Mrs. Owens seconded. There was no discussion, all present voted in favor. Press asked how much it was, Mr. Pace read the ordinance. Mr. Burton stated it was \$3600. There was no public comment.

Councilman Roberts gave first reading of Ordinance 2021-16 regarding food trucks. Mr. Burton gave commentary on the edits council wished to see. Mr. Roberts made motion Mr. Pace seconded. Councilman Underwood made statement that city should only allow food trucks to stay a certain amount of time. Mr. Hayes clarified that there is a limit on hours, they cannot stay overnight. Mr. Pace wasn't interested because we sell an annual pass, and they have to leave every day. Mr. Underwood was concerned that they could stay too long. Mr. Pace stated that if it's passed they will be restricted to only one spot. Mr. Pace made an amendment motion that in the downtown overlay you had to be more than 200 ft from establish restaurant. Discussion ensued between several regarding this. Mayor Edwards did state that this can be amended in the future. Discussion ensued that private caterers can park on private. They can only operate form 8am to 10pm. Mr. Pace made motion to amend allows

food truck to park on private property if they are more than 200 ft from established restaurant, Mrs. Owens seconded. Mayor called for vote on amendment. All present voted in favor. Mayor asked for further amendments. Mr. Pace reiterated this is first reading. Mr. Pace answered Mr. Underwood's question to make sure the 200 ft was in the overlay. Outside the overlay its 250 ft. The corner lot (across from bounty land) is the only permitted space. Mayor called for vote on 5 voted in favor with Mr. Roberts voting nay. Motion as amended passed first reading.

Councilman Roberts gave first reading of Ordinance 2021-17 to amend Ordinance 1994-8/2004-11/2017-11/2018-15/2021-5 to establish definitions and requirements in all districts. Mr. Roberts made in form of a motion and Mrs. Owens seconded. Mayor called for discussion. Mr. Burton explained that comments from the Planning Commission that defines major retailers (anything over 8000 sf). And the conditions for certain districts. The overlay was shown. Cliff Powell spoke that his concern that it would create larger parking lots and big retailers would just buy more land. Recommends that zoning creates walkable and sustainable downtown. Mr. Pace discussed that we needed to quit discussing how to keep them out and how we can bring them in on our terms. Mayor stated that parking could be put in the rear and make them brought up to the sidewalk. Mayor made motion for this. Mr. Underwood seconded that. Mr. Pace wasn't comfortable with the language. He wanted it tabled. Mr. Underwood, withdrew the second to amend. Mr. Pace made motion to table, Mr. Roberts seconded. All present voted to table Ordinance 2021-17.

Mr. Burton presented Ordinance 2021-18 an ordinance to amend 2021-1. It would remove the moratorium from city wide to an area from Maple to John and N Broad to S Broad. It would extend the time frame for the area of Maple to John and N Broad to S Broad until Dec 31, 2021. Mr. Burton recommended it go to Johnson. Mr. Roberts made motion on 2021- 18 and Mr. Woodward made second. Mayor called for discussion. Mr. Pace made motion to amend to go to Johnson and Mr Roberts seconded. All present vote in favor of amendment. Mayor called for vote, all present voted in favor of amended motion.

Mayor called for committee reports.

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2021, 5:30 PM**

Present: Mayor Danny Edwards, Councilwoman Sarai Melendez, Councilman David Underwood, Mayor Pro-Tempore Danny Woodward, Councilman Josh Roberts, Councilman Keith Pace, and Mr. Timothy Burton, Interim City Administrator.

Absent: None

Mayor Edwards Opened the committee meeting at 5:30PM

A moment of silence was observed

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pace

Public Comment was held.

Citizen Randy Campbell spoke about his displeasure with the PD regarding barking dogs. Discussion ensued from council. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Underwood stated they would look into further.

Lorlei Swanson and Melissa Mueller spoke on behalf of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee to recap their pool block party, the community service day at Chicopee, and the upcoming Chicopee Block Party.

Committee Reports were given by respective department heads.

Parks and Recreation- Mr. Woodward, Chair

Director Galbreath reported:

Walhalla 8 & under Allstars will play in the State tournament on Saturday in Clemson.

Currently have 370 participants for fall sports

Need a chlorinator for the pool, committee approved the purchase from hospitality funds in the amount of \$3820.00.

Discussion took place regarding the improvements taking place at Chicopee field.

Public Works- Mr. Roberts, Chair

Director Price reported:

From May:

247 tons residential

91 tons commercial

64 tons recyclables

3 tons C&D

Delivered 27 roll carts

Picked up 9 roll carts

During the month of March our department continued picking up leaves, brush, cleaning storm drains, trimming trees and other routine maintenance tasks. Oil recycling station is installed and old one removed. Front load Mack truck is being worked on.

Mr. Underwood asked about cardboard, businesses are needing a place to deposit. Mr. Roberts also commented that he has heard the same thing. Mr. Price said that we would look at putting up more dumpsters. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Price, and Mr. Burton will revisit the program.

Police- Mr. Underwood, Chair

Chief Brinson reported:

1013 Calls for service

333 traffic stops

13 collisions

57 incident reports

504 citations issued

44 arrests

283 extra patrols

30 hours of training

Participated in the D&I block party at the pool

Had a pizza party at Walhalla Middle for caught being good

Participated in the June Child Safe gun lock program

Had CPR/AED training at St Luke's

Chief Brinson discussed that PD has been doing extra patrols in relation to Mr. Campbell's complaint. Mr. Underwood asked about changing some ordinances.

Utilities- Ms. Owens, Chair

Director Parris gave report:

- LINE BREAK & REPAIR UPDATE
 - 20' OF 10" PVC ON S HWY 11, 7/3-7/4/21
 - REPAIR ON NIX RD. 7/4/21
 - 190' OF 6" PVC IN AVONDALE DR 7/5/-7/6/21 (CLEANUP ON THIS TOOK SEVERAL DAYS)
 - SERVICE BLOW-OUT ON ASBESTOS 10" MAIN, OLD WALHALLA HWY 7/6/21
 - COUPLING BLOW-OUT ON ASBESTOS 10" MAIN, SC HWY 28 MEDIAN 7/8/21
 - BOIL WATER ADVISORY ISSUED DUE TO LOSS OF SERVICE TO DICKARD RD AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY 18 HOURS

- SCDOT PERMIT GRANTED FOR WESTMINSTER HWY CROSSING, NEXT IS DHEC PERMIT

- CANE CREEK REHAB PROJECT IS COMPLETE, WILL APPLY FOR NEXT PHASE IN SEPTMEBER. FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE CURRENT CONTRACT WILL BE USED FOR VIDEO INSPECTION OF FLAT ROCK LINE, AND SIMMS CIRCLE LINE. Committee agreed to commit the using the remaining funds continue the video inspections.

- Mr. Parris gave a list of the current OJRSA BOARD APPOINTMENTS. Mayor confirmed that action didn't need to be taken now.

- MATERIAL PRICES CONTINUE TO INCREASE, AND AVAILABILITY IS DECREASING

Mr. Pace commented that the sewer money was now appropriately allocated in the FY 22 budget.

Main Street (General Gov't)- Mr. Pace-Chair

Director Imbody gave report.

Volunteers are working on compiling data for hours and work being done

Applied for AARP grant for shades

Artists are working on bench projects. Once benches are sold, \$20,000 will be available to use for grants to businesses.

The official location for the Farmers Market is 101 Maple Street.

July 3 event and carnival was a big hit. Carnival was open for 4 days. There were no incidents.

Fire and Codes- Ms. Melendez-Chair

Chief Burton gave June report:

111 calls for service

38 Fire, 73 medical/rescue

15 mutual aid

53 inside city, 58 outside

185 hours spent on incidents

216 hours of training completed

13 inspections completed

5 code enforcement issues addressed

8 verifications/permits issued

21 business licenses were processed.

Brush 5 that was wrecked is being sent to the body shop.

Engine 52 that was out of service has been repaired.

Working with new businesses for fire code compliance.

Mr. Roberts read a note from Ms. Melendez. Stated she wanted to explore the option of expanding the planning commission from 5 to 7 members.

General Government- Mr. Pace, Chair

Chief Burton gave the administrators report

Provided support to the D&I committee and to zoning

New Water treatment plant ribbon cutting date is needed.

Oconee County donated equipment to the city

Main Street provided an employee appreciation luncheon

Votga LLC has been paid for the roof project

Budget for FY 22 has been implemented

SC 7 expedition kicked off in Walhalla

Working on iron rangers at Stumphouse due to theft

This concluded committee reports.

Darlene Green spoke about the possibility of honoring state and county park passes at Stumphouse Mountain Park.

Mr. Burton discussed the need to upgrade the waterline to the restroom facility at the 911 Memorial Site. Currently there is not enough flow to operate the restrooms. Committee voted to use hospitality funds to install the new line and tap.

Ms. Melendez discussed the need to study public transportation. Mr. Burton will reach out to Catbus for more information and a presentation.

Mr. Hayes presented the recommendations from the planning commission on zoning for large retailers. Committee agreed to move this to full council.

Mr. Hayes presented proposed changes to the food truck ordinance. After discussion committee agreed to move this to full council.

Mayor Edwards discussed items for executive session. Mr. Roberts made motion to go into executive session. Mr. Woodward seconded. All in favor.

Council returned from executive session. Voted to extend contract offer to Mr. Burton as fulltime administrator.

Mayor Edwards adjourned the meeting.

This concluded committee reports.

Mayor Edwards read a statement that he is organizing an effort to help restore the Chicopee Field. Aug 5 at 6pm at the depot will be the first planning meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Underwood and seconded by Mr. Woodward. Adjourned at 643pm.

Timothy B. Burton, City Administrator