

CITY OF LAURENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THE PLAZA
EAST PUBLIC SQUARE
4:00PM
CPW TRAINING CENTER
214 CHURCH STREET
LAURENS, SC 29360
APRIL 18, 2023
5:30PM

PRESENT

Mayor Nathan Senn, Councilor Johnnie Bolt, Councilor Cassandra Campbell, Councilor Sara Latimore, Councilor Martin Lowry, Councilor Marian Miller, Councilor Alicia Sullivan, IT Director Colby Rice, City Administrator Eric Delgado, and City Clerk Leslie Mattison

PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

Judith Brown – Advertiser and Iva Cadmus - WLBG

THE MEDIA WAS NOTIFIED BY AN EMAILED AGENDA.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION – PEDESTRIAN PLAZA ON THE SQUARE

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order with Rev. Dr. Mike McCracken giving the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING-IN

Judge Terri Anderson swore in the Mayor Senn and councilors. Each councilor spoke about the pleasure of serving the city as a member of a unified and effective council. Special thanks were given to the American Legion Post 25, The Sing Together Community Choir, and the Davidson Brass.

1. City Councilor-Elect (District 3) Cassandra Campbell
2. City Councilor-Elect (District 5) Martin Lowry
3. City Councilor-Elect (District 6) Johnnie Bolt
4. Mayor-Elect: Nathan Senn

5. Motion to Recess until 5:30 pm - A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve recessing the meeting until 5:30. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Senn called the meeting back into session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the March 22, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance, Agreement, and Supplement for Local Revenue Service Programs: AN ORDINANCE (03-23-01) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF LAURENS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES; TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAMS; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Mayor Senn reminded council that this is a matter that is being passed by cities all across the state. We are bringing our ordinances in line.

A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Latimore to approve Ordinance 03-23-01. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Audited Financials Presented by Gary Bailey - The FY 2022 audit occurred during the week of September 26, 2022. The City's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. One of the major highlights of the audit is that the net position of the city increased by \$2,527,114 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 to a balance of \$11,168,436. Furthermore, at the close of the fiscal year, the city's governmental funds reported an ending fund balance of \$5,783,678, an increase of \$1,941,727 from the prior year's fund balance. He continued by summarizing the specifics of the audit and by detailing the findings.

2. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month - Presented by the City of Laurens' Victim's Advocate Amanda Greer

3. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month -
Presented by the City of Laurens' Victim's Advocate Amanda Greer

4. Motion to elect a council member as mayor pro tempore - Mayor Senn stated that it is law and custom that after each general election that council elect a new Mayor Pro-Tem who will fill in if the mayor is absent.

He began the process by recognizing the current Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilor Miller. Mayor Senn stated that Councilor Miller is someone that he has grown to truly love. She is sincere, genuine, and truly has a wonderful heart. The more he has gotten to know her and the opportunities he has had to serve along side her for the past four years, she has become a trusted friend. She has served the city well since 1986. He stated that he can't thank her enough for her time on council and her dedicated service. She's an example of what it means to be a good citizen and a superb city councilor.

A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Lowry to approve Councilor Bolt as the next Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

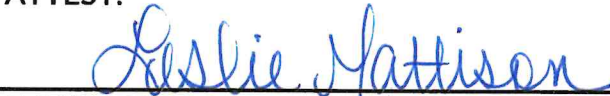
A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Lowry to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED:



NATHAN SENN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LESLIE MATTISON, CITY CLERK