

Woodruff City Council Special Meeting  
Monday, March 16, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

A Special called City Council Meeting was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 in the council chambers at Woodruff City Hall. The agenda was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and faxed to the local media the week prior to the meeting.

Members of Council present were: Mayor Brad Burnett; Mayor Pro-tem Mattie Norman; Council members James Smith, Kenneth Gist, William Arnold. Council members absent due to personal reasons were Toni Sloan And Toney Kennedy. Also present were: City Manager Stephen Steese; Clerk Treasurer Beverley Maddox; City Attorney Terry Clark and Fire Chief Steve Quinn.

Mayor Burnett called the meeting to order.

First on the agenda was the first reading of the Laurens Electric Franchise. The current franchise ends in June 2009. This franchise will be for seven (7) years. Council member Gist made the motion to accept this as first reading of the Laurens Electric Franchise agreement for seven years. Council member Smith made a second to the motion. City Manger Steese told council that the fee was raised to 5% which is the max. The vote was unanimous.

Second reading of the Duke Power Franchise Fee was then discussed. Council member Arnold made a motion to approve this on second and final reading. Council member Gist made a second to the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Second reading of the Fraudulent Check Ordinance was then discussed. Currently the fine is paid to the county and this would allow the funds to be collected by the judge but stay in the city. Mayor Pro-tem Norman made a motion to accept this on second reading with Council member Smith making a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Teressa Cawley, President of the Southern Municipal Advisors, Inc. Was then recognized to discuss a county Fire Bond. Total Cost of The Bond will be \$1.5 million dollars and will be for the Fire District.

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This Bond will include a new substation at cost of \$300,000; 2 new Engines - \$900,000; current station renovation – \$200,000 and new equipment for new trucks - \$100,000. Annual payment will be \$109,076.46 for 20 years. Annual increase in taxes will be \$84 per \$100,000 home at 4% interest. At 4.5% interest it will be \$91.00 per \$100,000 home. The county will have to have approval from the city in order to do the Fire District Bond. Bonds would be issued by Spartanburg County. This would mean that the city will have to help regarding renovation, equipment, personnel and an additional truck. Mayor Burnett had met with Ms. Jane Hall with Spartanburg County Council to discuss the need of this Bond and that the city has a need for this sub station. Ms. Cawley suggested that the city go ahead and present the plan in April, May and June to County Council and that would allow the bond to be issued in August and September. Fees for Bond Attorney and City Attorney could be reimbursed to the city. (\$20,000 to \$25,000) Fire Chief Quinn presented a contract from SMA for council to review. City Manager Steese said that he would get with Chief Quinn and have exact figures for council at their next meeting plus cost of personnel to man the new substation. Council was told the city would own the facility including land purchased; there is no limit to the amount spent on the SMA contract. Mayor Burnett thanked Ms. Cawley for coming and presenting this information to council.

Council member Arnold stated that a Planning Commission member wanted to give information for council and Commission members meet and let the commissioners know what council expects of them and wants them to do. This is to be placed on the next agenda.

Council member Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss long term remedies for the police department. Council member Arnold made a second to the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Executive Session.

Council member Arnold made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Council member Gist made a second to the motion and

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the vote was unanimous.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

With no further business, Council member Smith made a motion to adjourn.. Council member Arnold made a second to the motion and vote was unanimous.