



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, November 23, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
December 14, 2015 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor pro tem Erica Brown, Councilmembers Robert Reeder, Jerome Rice, Sterling Anderson, and Laura Stille. Mayor White and Councilmember Scalisi were out of town. City Manager Ed Memmott and City Attorney Cathy McCabe were also in attendance. Notice of the meeting was posted with the Media 24 hours in advance according to the Freedom of Information Act. All City Council meetings are recorded for a complete transcript.

- I. Moment of Silence - observed**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - recited**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the November 23, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.
- V. Public Comment - none**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
- VI. Way to Wellville Update**
Presenters: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager
Molly Talbot-Metz, Vice President of the Mary Black Foundation
Ms. Talbot-Metz updated Council on the progress and activities of Way to Wellville.
- VII. Ordinances**
 - A. Authorizing the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Execute and Deliver a Lease Purchase Agreement in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$879,932 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the Cost of Acquiring Certain Law Enforcement Software; and Other Matters Related Thereto (First Reading)**

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Mr. Locke presented the item to Council as follows:

“At the November 9, 2015 City Council meeting, the City Manager was given authorization to execute the necessary agreement to obtain new software for the Police Department.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff has determined to use the lease purchase option to acquire the software. Therefore an ordinance is required to finance the project. Staff is requesting approval to enter into the lease agreement, not to exceed \$879,932, with Government Capital.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: Our initial down payment of \$60,000 will be paid from grant funds. There will be six annual payments of approximately \$155,000 thereafter.”

After discussion, Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

B. To Provide Certification of Beaumont Mill as a Textile Mill Site Under the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for the Purpose of Allowing the Developer To Qualify for State Income Tax Credits (First Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Story presented the item to Council as follows:

“This is a housekeeping matter simply involving a restatement of an action originally approved by City Council in June 2014.

The South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act provides financial incentives to support the redevelopment of the many former textile mill sites throughout the state. The program entitles the developers of qualifying projects on certified sites to receive either a credit against a portion of state taxes. The owners of the Beaumont Mill site are pursuing the state tax credits. The City must certify a site for it to be eligible.

The site qualifies with the definitions in the code and its inclusion is consistent with the intent of the program. Because this action relates specifically to taxes paid to the State, this incentive will have no effect on any local revenues derived from the site now or in the future. City Council originally approved this certification last year. Ownership of the property and the phasing of the project have since changed thereby necessitating a restatement of the certification.

We recommend your approval.”

After discussion, Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the ordinance as requested on first reading. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

VIII. City Council Updates

Councilmember Stille wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Rice shared pictures of the City Little League Football 8 and under, 10 and under, and 12 and under Championship and Runner Up teams.

Councilmember Reeder congratulated Councilmember Rice on the Spartanburg High School playoff victory. He shared that he presented the key to the city to Mr. William Scott at the “100 Men in Black” event the previous Sunday at Majority Baptist Church. Mayor pro tem Brown reminded everyone of the “Dickens of a Christmas” event on December 1.

IX. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-40-70 (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice Relating to the Oakview Apartments

Councilmember Stille made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the reason stated. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

Council reconvened to regular session at 6:16 p.m. Mayor pro tem Brown stated that Council received legal advice with no decisions made.

X. Adjournment

Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk