

City of Fountain Inn
Called Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016 – 6pm – Council Chambers

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:

Matthew King
Mayor, Sam Lee - absent
John Mahony
Andrew Stoddard

Phil Clemmer
Berry Woods, Jr.
Rose Ann Woods

STAFF PRESENT:

Sarah Dukes (Administration)
Eddie Case (City Administrator)
Roger Case (Public Works)
Melissa Woods (Police)
David Holmes (City Attorney)
Judge Tammy Finley (Judicial)

Ronnie Myers (Fire)
Mike Pitman (Gas)
Naomi Buckmire (Administration)
Byron Rucker (Economic Development)
Sandra Woods (Clerk/Treasurer)

VISITORS: 33

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Matthew King called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman, Rose Ann Woods gave prayer.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

Matthew King recognized Sandra Woods on her time and tenure with City Hall. Sandra Woods was also presented with a proclamation from Representative Mark Willis for her 30 years of service to the City of Fountain Inn. Mayor Pro Tem Matthew King also acknowledged former Mayor Ben Davis and former City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Brown. He also acknowledged County Councilman Butch Kirven and Representative Mark Willis.

New staff members and promotions were also acknowledged. Naomi Buckmire (City Clerk), Judy Bishop (Finance Director), Sarah Dukes (Accounts Payable Clerk) and Carolyne Keller (City Secretary).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:*

February 9, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes
March, 2016 Called Council Meeting Minutes
January 2016 Financial Report.

*February Financial Report will be available at a future council meeting

Motion by John Mahony, second by Phil Clemmer to approve minutes and financial report as presented.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

DEPARTMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

POLICE: Melissa Woods introduced a new police officer-Joel Rivera.

PUBLIC WORKS: Roger Case gave the report. Councilman Phil Clemmer asked that Roger Case follow up on SCDOT's decision on Looneybrook complaint.

RECREATION: Christopher Barrineau announced that April 9, 2016 will be Opening Day Celebration Day at Woodside Park sponsored by Capstone Church. Schedule for the day will be emailed to staff and Council.

NATURAL GAS: Mike Pitman reported that the warm weather is affecting the deliveries.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Byron Rucker reported that there will be a press release on March 24, 2016 at 11:00am at the Farmers Market. McDonald's should begin construction mid-May.

JUDICIAL: Judge Tammy Finley will have jury trials on April 18, 2016.

FIRE: Chief Myers reported that the radio system is digital and has enhanced the ability to communicate better throughout the Fire District. The Fire Department received two donations: a vehicle and extrication tools. The department will be hosting an open house on March 26, 2016 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

HISTORY MUSEUM: Jack Marler announced an art exhibit April 1 – April 17 during select times which will be available on the website. He also mentioned the Old Fashion Race Day in May but is struggling to get sponsors.

CFO ON DEMAND (CONSULTANT) Jill Vales summarized the General Fund's position as compared to the proposed amended budget. She gave a summary report on the Natural Gas fund and the Sewer Fund.

Phil Clemmer asked about the Laurens Electric Utility Tax Credit grant for sewer expansion and Roger explained that it was for expansion of McCarter Road.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Eddie Case announced the Chamber Banquet on April 19, 2016 at the Yount's Center. He also announced that the City of Fountain Inn won the MASC Achievement Award.

OLD BUSINESS

- a.) David Holmes explained the CDBG fund and presented anticipated allocations.

Motion by Roseanne Woods and second by John Mahony to adopt the resolution as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. 6/0

- b.) Ordinance 2016-002 Budget Amendment – Second Reading

Motion by John Mahony and second by Rose Ann Woods to amend the fiscal year budget ordinance for the reasons in Exhibit A.

The motion carried unanimously. 6/0

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Eddie explained the need to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Master Plan is the City's Comprehensive Plan as required by the State of South Carolina. Andrew Ratchford and the Greenville County Planning Commission will be working on this plan for the City of Fountain Inn.

Motion by Berry Woods and second by Phil Clemmer to approve staff recommendation to move forward with the City's Comprehension Plan.

The motion carried unanimously. 6/0

- b.) Christmas Festival Update - Byron Rucker gave update on Christmas Festival recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee. Dates for the festival will be December 8-18, 2016 and parade will be December 7, 2016. Reducing to eleven days should positively impact any concerns. There will be scheduled times for the rides throughout the week, and cost will be \$8 ticket (3yrs and under free). Pictures with Santa will be free this year as a marketing tool.

Motion by Phil Clemmer and second by Berry Woods to approve recommendation from the Strategic Planning Committee to make the changes to the Annual Christmas Festival as presented. Councilman Clemmer asked if the route will be Inn Circle and Byron confirmed. He also asked who will be reaching out to civic organizations for volunteer assistance. Byron said that he is working on a plan to approach the civic organizations.

Motion by Phil Clemmer and second by Berry Woods to take a vote on the Christmas Festival 2016 proposal agreeing to keep Council informed with details.

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Motion carried unanimously. 6/0

Note: Public Meeting, March 22, 2016 at 6:00pm – Budget Workshop at City Hall

Motion by John Mahony to adjourn the meeting, second by Phil Clemmer.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Naomi Buckmire
City Clerk