

**City of Fountain Inn
Called Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2016 – 6pm – Council Chambers**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor, Sam Lee
Matthew King
John Mahony
Andrew Stoddard

Phil Clemmer
Berry Woods, Jr.
Rose Ann Woods

STAFF PRESENT:

Eddie Case (City Administrator)
Roger Case (Public Works)
Chief Morton (Police)
David Holmes (City Attorney)
Judge Tammy Finley (Judicial)

Ronnie Myers (Fire)
Ross Fletcher (Gas)
Judy Bishop (Finance)
Byron Rucker (Economic Development)
Naomi Buckmire-Reed (Clerk)
Russell Haltiwanger (Recreation)

VISITORS: 12

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sam Lee called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing – concluded at 6pm

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman, Rose Ann Woods gave prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Davis addressed council regarding the noise level on 418 Gulliver and Telfair. Mr. Davis was providing an additional statement of the noise issue noted by Mart Harod on 700 Gulliver Street.

CONSENT AGENDA:

April 11, 2016 Budget Workshop Minutes
April 14, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Berry Woods, second by Phil Clemmer to approve minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously 7/0

DEPARTMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

POLICE: Chief Morton highlighted the annual fundraiser on May 25, 2016 and mentioned this event funds the majority of their projects. Chief Morton also urged everyone to start locking their vehicles; there have been a few car break-ins. The Police Department hired 5 new team members: Josh Taylor, Ashley Wilbur, Ethan Adair, Samantha Bartlee, and Ceara Austin. Chief Morton also mentioned House Bill 3952 – Emergency Admission of a Person Likely to cause Serious Harm to Himself or Others.

PUBLIC WORKS: Roger Case stated there were 39 permits for the month of April. 172 Business Licenses for April. Hospitality Tax continues to grow.

RECREATION: Russell Haltiwanger noted that Chad Chandler had accepted the Assistant Parks and Recreation Director. Russell mentioned they were wrapping up a successful Spring Ball season. On May 17, 2016 Greenville Drive game, 511 participants have purchased tickets. Monday, May 16th starts registration for the Box Car Derby. They are currently working on fixing the broken AC unit in the gym.

NATURAL GAS: Ross Fletcher gave report that deliveries are up 5% above average for the month of April.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Byron mentioned in the last 30 days they have 2 buildings under contract and 2 lease agreements for vacant property. On Friday, May 20, 2016 Mac Arnold will be on site. Chief Morton announced that next week (May 15th-21st) is "National Police Week" and he asked everyone to wear blue on Friday. The Final Sheriff's forum will be May 30, 2016 at the Younts Center.

JUDICIAL: Tammy Finley gave report that alarms and cameras have been installed. Also awarded Guy Roofing the job to replace the roof at the Municipal Court.

FIRE: Chief Myers has filled the two openings. He also mentioned the FIFD had received an award from MDA for participating in the annual Boot Drive. Engine 2 has been sold to Canebroke Fire Dept. The Fire Department also purchased a trailer and will store Hazmat Equipment in it. Councilman Clemmer asked if there was any interest in Engine 3 and Engine 1. Chief Myers would like to repair the engines before putting them up for sale. Recently received a \$5,000 donation from AVX.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Eddie Case asked that everyone inform Carolyne if they will be attending the Annual MASC meeting in Charleston on July 14-17, 2016. The City of Fountain Inn will be receiving the Achievement Award this year. There is a small glitch with the audio in the DVR with the equipment at City Hall; a replacement has been ordered. GCRA is moving forward with the Senior Activity Center. The 2nd Public Hearing will be May 24, 2016 at the Activity Center at 6:30pm. The only job opening is with Public Works. May Cleanup is going great.

Healthcare RFP 2016-003 Health Care Broker, the broker must submit letter by May 13, 2016 stating their interest.

Berry Woods inquired about meeting with Ben Davis on Hwy 418. There is a need for red lights in the area. Eddie stated "we have a proposal on the table for a traffic study on that particular road." Eddie spoke with Mark Willis and he said they completed a traffic study on the west side of 418 and he feels it is skewed. There is a highway commissioner meeting next week. The senior adults have requested a turning lane and an arrow and were told it was not justified. The work on Jones Mill Bridge should be close to completion.

Matthew King mentioned moving the July council meeting due to the annual meeting with MASC.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2016-003: FY 2016-2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Motion by Phil Clemmer, second by Andrew Stoddard to approve second reading of Ordinance 2016-003. The motion carried unanimously 7/0

Mayor, Sam Lee stated that we have done an excellent job and he is very happy.

ORDINANCE 2016-004: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 – LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS BY ADDING ARTICLE VIII "OUTDOOR DISPLAYS AND CAFÉ'S" AND VARIOUS PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

Motion by Berry Woods, second by Andrew Stoddard to approve second reading of Ordinance 2016-004. The motion carried unanimously 7/0

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Zoning and Appeals approved Anthony Cunningham to replace Scott Nelson. Motion by Matthew King and second by Phil Clemmer approved unanimously. 7/0

Laurens Electric Utility Tax Credit Transfer – Eddie Case gave update on funds received and the qualifying events to apply the funds. Currently working on N. Main water line. Mayor, Sam Lee asked if they were going to look into the water line for the Younts Center for Performing Arts with the remaining funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. City Master Plan Public Meeting – May 24, 2016 at 6:30pm – Fountain Inn Activity Center
- b. MASC Annual Meeting – July 14-17, 2016 – Charleston Place Hotel

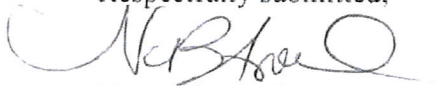
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Councilwoman Roseanne Woods motioned to move into executive session.

No votes were taken after executive session.

John Mahony motioned to adjourn second by Andrew Stoddard.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Naomi Buckmire', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Naomi Buckmire
City Clerk