



Minutes

**Fountain Inn, South Carolina
Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

**The meeting will be live-streamed on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6JiylrM1NUcM8Ea8BLXCfA>**

1. Call to Order- Mayor McLeer

Mayor McLeer recognized City of Fountain Inn Police Officers as well as Police Officers across the nation in observance of Law Enforcement Week. He also expressed condolences to the family of Sam Peden.

Mayor McLeer also mentioned that all Councilmembers were in attendance except Councilmember, Anthony Cunningham who joined the meeting by phone as he is recovering from his recent surgery.

2. Invocation

Councilmember Blackstone gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Presentation - Marnie Schwartz-Hanley, Chamber President/CEO

Marnie Schwartz-Hanley, Fountain Inn Chamber President/CEO updated Council on upcoming events and handed out the brand new Chamber Directory.

5. Public Forum- Persons wishing to speak may sign up 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting. Sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes.

1. Waverly Wilkes, Gray Engineering, 132 Pilgrim Road Greenville - Ms. Wilkes stated that she would be available to answer questions concerning the annexation request on the agenda for first reading (Parsons Road).

2. Scott McDermit - 201 Parsons Road, Fountain Inn - Mr. McDermit spoke against the proposed subdivision/annexation on Parsons Road.

6. Consent Agenda- There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember Thomason to Approve the April 8, 2021, Regular Council Meeting minutes and the preliminary February and March 2021 Financials

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

a. Approve April 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

b. Approve Preliminary February and March 2021 Financials

7. City Administrator's Report- Shawn M. Bell

8. New Business -

a. R 2021-5 Safety Committee Statement

Human Resource Director, Rebecca Mejia-Ward explained that it has been customary to approve by resolution the annual Safety Statement to keep us in compliance with our insurance company. The statement will also be communicated with employees.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve R 2021-5 Safety Committee Statement.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: None

b. R 2021-6 - Valley View Sewer Easements

Shawn Bell stated on December 3, 2018, City Council passed Ordinance 2018-010 that granted sewer easements to Valley View Ventures, Inc. The consideration for the grant of the easements is that Valley View Ventures, Inc would perform certain grading and clearing work. At that time the city had preliminary plans to construct a dog park on the property on which the easements granted to Valley View Ventures, Inc. would exist. Due to further study of the site, it was found that there were wetlands and other issues on the land. It is not feasible to construct a dog park at this time.

Valley View Ventures, Inc. sold its interests in the sewer easements to Forestar USA Real Estate Group and therefore sold its obligation to provide the grading and clearing to Forestar USA Real Estate Group. Forestar USA Real Estate Group has indicated that it would pay the City the sum of \$10,000 which represents \$5,000 for each of the two easements that were granted rather than perform the clearing and grading work. Approval of Resolution R-2021-6 allows the City Administrator to accept the sum of \$10,000 in exchange for the satisfaction of Valley View Ventures, Inc's obligation to perform clearing and grading work at the formerly proposed dog park site.

Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Dearybury to Approve R 2021-6 - Valley View Sewer Easements.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

c. Approve DataMax Corporation Agreement

Naomi Reed explained that DataMax Corporation is a revenue recovery agency. If approved by Council, DataMax will help recover revenue from undiscovered businesses in the city.

Motion by Councilmember Thomason, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve the DataMax Corporation Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

d. First Reading, AX 2021-2 - Annex 139.6 acres of Parsons Road, TMS#0562020100201 and part of parcel 0562010102910 to R-12, Residential District and assign parcel to Council Ward 5

Shawn Bell explained that AX 2021-2 would annex 139.6 acres on Parsons Road into the city limits of Fountain Inn; Zone TMS#0562020100201 and part of parcel 0562010102910 to R-12, Residential District and assign parcel to Council Ward 5.

The Planning Commission voted 3-0 in favor of the annexation and zoning at the May 3, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. No persons at the public hearing spoke in opposition to the request, although several Greenville County residents have inquired about public notice signs including concerns over existing road width.

There was much discussion concerning the traffic study and a pending development agreement. Before approving on second reading, Council requested additional information concerning the development agreement, manpower, and equipment that the city would need to provide services to the new subdivisions being annexed.

Motion by Councilmember Thomason, second by Mayor McLeer AX 2021-2 on First Reading.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer

The motion carried unanimously 6/1.

e. First Reading, TX 2021-1 - to amend Article 5, District Regulations of the City of Fountain Inn Zoning Ordinance; To amend Section 5:6 - C-2 Commercial District; To amend Article 8. - Special Provisions

For uses Permitted; To amend Section 8:1. - Home Occupation uses and Various provisions relating thereto

Shawn Bell explained that this ordinance will amend Article 5, District Regulations of the City of Fountain Inn Zoning Ordinance; To amend Section 5:6. - C-2, Commerical Use District; To amend Article 8. - Special Provisions for Uses Permitted; To amend Section 8:1. - Home Occupation uses and various provisions relating thereto.

Discussion

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Dearybury to Approve TX 2021-1 on First Reading.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

9. Appointments -

a. Appoint Bobby McKelvey and Erik Stoddard to the Planning Commission

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember Thomason to appoint Bobby McKelvey and Erik Stoddard to the Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

10. Executive Session -

a. For the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee in the

Administration Department.

After coming out of executive session council may vote on items discussed during executive session.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Blackstone for council to meet in executive session for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee in the Administration Department.

After coming out of executive session council may vote on items discussed during executive session..

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: None

Back in Regular Session.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember Blackstone to Approve Addendum #3 to the City Administrators contract.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

11. Adjourn

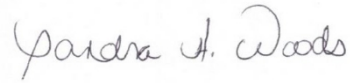
Motion by Councilmember Dearybury, second by Councilmember Thomason to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor McLeer, Councilmember Mahony, Councilmember Thomason, Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, Councilmember Dearybury, Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember Blackstone

Nay: None

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sandra J. Woods". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandra Woods, CMC
City Clerk/Finance Specialist