



Minutes

**Fountain Inn, South Carolina
Regular City Council Meeting
300 Wall Street, Fountain Inn, SC
Thursday, January 13, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order- Mayor McLeer

Mayor McLeer called the meeting to order. He thanked Public Works Director, Russ Slatton and his team for the great job building the new dais for the Court and Mayor and Council.

2. Invocation - Mayor Pro Tempore Clemmer

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Forum - Persons wishing to speak may signup 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Signups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes.

Charlie Greer - Hinson Property - Mr. Greer asked if the council had questions concerning the Hinson property annexation since the last meeting.

Diane Hinson - Ms. Hinson introduced herself to the Council and explained how the property would be annexed to dispel any rumors.

5. Recognitions

a. Anderson University

Shawn Bell thanked Dr. Kate Whitehead, Anderson University and her Supply Chain Management Class for their work with the city.

The class created a Process Flow Chart, Time Study and Customer Service Analysis report for the Planning and Development Department.

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

a. Approve December 1, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes and December 9, 2021 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember Blackstone to Approve December 1, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes and December 9, 2021 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes.
The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

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

a. December Reports

Mr. Bell reviewed December events with Mayor and Council.

8. Unfinished Business -

a. First Reading, AX 2021-5 Lafayette Avenue

Mr. Bell stated that AX2021-5 would annex approximately 93 acres at 110 Lafayette Avenue into the City limits of the Fountain Inn; zone TMS# 0556010100400 to R-12, Residential District and assign the parcel to Council Ward 4. This tract of land is currently accessible from a dirt road extension of Hellams Street and a residential driveway located on TMS#0557000101500 (Shellstone Park subdivision).

The applicants, DJ Acquisitions LLC and Doran Companies, are requesting annexation in order to explore developing a residential subdivision. The current property owner is Hinson Dianne T Revocable Trust.

The current zoning is R-S, Residential Suburban in Greenville County. Upon annexation, the request is to rezone R-12, Residential, to a Medium-low Density zone per the 2017 Fountain Inn Master Plan. R-12 zoning allows for lots greater than 12,000 sq. ft. or 3.6 units per acre of development (15%-30% open space).

The Planning Commission voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the

annexation and zoning at the November 15, 2021 public hearing. No persons spoke in opposition at the hearing; however, staff has received fourteen phone calls, four emails, and two office visits regarding the notice signs posted near the property between November 15th and December 1st . All parties lived in the Shellstone (County) and Garrett Springs (City) communities.

Discussion

Councilmember Don requested the letter Mr. Bell shared with council stating that access be "emergency access only" be added to the minutes.

Motion by Councilmember Thomason, second by Councilmember Sanders to Approve on first reading, AX 2021-5 Lafayette Avenue. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

9. New Business -

a. R 2022-1 - American Rescue Plan Act Revenue - Fiscal Year 2022

Mr. Bell explained that The City of Fountain Inn has been awarded a total of \$5,197,989.

The United States Department of Treasury has published an updated Interim Final Rule on the use of the SLFRF funds, and comments to this ruling were closed on July 16, 2021. The Interim Final Rule defines eligible categories for the use of ARPA funds to include:

- ☐ Support public health expenditures
- ☐ Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- ☐ Replace lost public sector revenue
- ☐ Provide premium pay for essential workers
- ☐ Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

City staff has gathered a list of recommendations regarding the use of ARPA funds from all departments. A workshop was held on October 28, 2021, summarizing U.S. Department of Treasury Guidance and to discuss time sensitive eligible projects to be funded with ARPA proceeds.

On December 9, 2021, City Council approved the funding of various eligible projects not to exceed \$1,710,000 for ARPA Funding Request Package #1.

The appropriation is recommended to be reflected in an ordinance to amend FY 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance 2021-5. Future appropriations

will require approval by City Council and will be reflected in the appropriate budget amendment.

Staff recommends Council approve Resolution Number 2022-01; to authorize the City Administrator to execute agreements to fund various eligible projects as deemed necessary by the City Administrator not to exceed \$427,583.12.

Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Don to Approve R 2022-1 - American Rescue Plan Act Revenue - Fiscal Year 2022.

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

b. First Reading, Ordinance 2022-001 Truck Sign Ordinance

Mr. Bell stated that this ordinance prohibits the operation of trucks with over six wheels on Gulliver Street between S. Weston Street and Gulliver Street, and on Cannon Avenue between S. Weston Street and Gulliver Street; and various matters related thereto. Mr. Bell stated that residents that live on those streets have complained about excessive traffic by 18 wheelers.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember Garrett to Approve on first reading, Ordinance 2022-001 Truck Sign Ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

10. Appointments

a. Appoint AJ Dearybury to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Bell stated that there are a couple of vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals due to BZA Board members moving over to the Planning Commission.

Ms. AJ Dearybury applied to serve on the BZA.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember Garrett to appoint AJ Dearybury to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

11. Executive Session -

Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Sanders to meet in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Motion by Councilmember Sanders, second by Councilmember Thomason to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Mayor McLeer stated no votes were taken while in Executive Session.

- a. **Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements concerning property located at Greenville County Tax Map #0345000100600.**

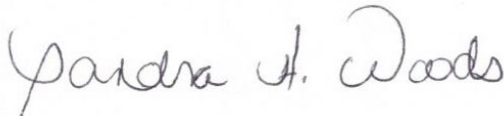
Note: Council did not discuss executive session agenda item a. during executive session.

- b. **Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses related to Greenville County Tax Map # 0348000202000**

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

12. Adjourn

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember Sanders to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carried unanimously 7/0.



Sandra H. Woods
City Clerk