



**MINUTES
FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**Thursday, May 12, 2022 - 6:00 PM
Meeting Location: Judicial Building, 300 Wall Street**

Citizens may access the meeting at the following YouTube address:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6JiYlrM1NUcM8Ea8BLXCfA>

1. Call to Order- Mayor McLeer

Mayor McLeer called the meeting to order.

All councilmembers were present.

Staff present: Shawn Bell, Gloretta Beverly, Elizabeth Carpenter, Greg Gordos, David Holmes, Russell Haltiwanger, Michael Hamilton, Kate Kizito, Jarrid Lowe, Tracey Lowe, Ronnie Myers, Eduardo Noriega, Tyler Owens, Hunter Roof, Russell Slatton, Rebecca Mejia-Ward, Austin Watters, Melissa Woods, Sandra Woods

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance -Councilmember Garrett

3. Introduce New Employees

The following new employees were introduced to the council.

Tracey Lowe -Gas Customer Service Representative
Hunter Roof - Gas Underground Installation
Tyler Owens - Gas Underground Installation

4. Presentation

a. David Holmes, City Attorney

David Holmes is stepping down as our City Attorney as of May 31st. Mayor McLeer thanked him for his dedicated 15 years of service and presented him with a plaque and gift.

b. Lu Grant, Little White House - Superhero 5K

Captain Melissa Woods stated on Saturday, April 30, 2022, the Fountain Inn Police Department hosted its second annual Superhero 5K. In 2021, they were able to donate \$4,700 to the Little White House. The funds were used to purchase outdoor equipment for the students who attend school at the Little White House. The primary goal of the Little White House, is to provide behavior coaching, with small group therapy to provide life skill training, and social skill development.

In 2021, there were 151 runners registered to race but due to weather conditions only 41 people showed up to run. In 2022, 213 runners registered and 204 runners participated in the run.

Lu Grant assisted in finding sponsors, runners, prizes, photographers, the group "Your Friendly Neighborhood Superhero's" and had her students make puzzle pieces for the runners.

The Little White House has 7 kids enrolled for the summer program. The money raised from this year's event will be used to focus on inclusion activities such as Barefoot Acres Camp, Idlehurst horseback riding, archery, and rock climbing.

This year the police department was able to donate \$5,400 to the Little White House, who will in turn share some of the proceeds with the non-profit Thyme and Play.

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

No one signed up to speak.

6. **Main Street Update - Kate Kizito**

Kate Kizito, Public Relations Director, presented an update on the Main Street program.

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

- a. **April Reports**

Mr. Bell reviewed April reports for each department.

8. **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.**

**a. Approve April 12, 2022, Special Called Meeting
Approve April 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve the April 12, 2022, Special Called Meeting and the April 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

9. Unfinished Business -

a. Second Reading, 2022-2 Woodside Village

Mr. Bell stated that Ordinance 2022-2 authorizes the execution and delivery of a project agreement with Blackstock Development, LLC; Authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement for purchase and sale with Blackstock Development, LLC; Authorizing the conveyance of up to approximately 16 acres of real property, with current Greenville County tax map number 0345000100600; Authorizing the execution and delivery of additional documents; and providing for related matters.

The city will sell approximately 6.95 acres located on Diamond Tip Boulevard to Blackstock Development, LLC. in the amount of \$450,000 for the purpose of constructing the Village at Woodside Mill that will sit along Fairview Street and Diamond Tip Boulevard utilizing the 6.95 acres along with Surendra Jains approximately 12 acres. The plan with Blackstock Development, LLC. is to develop 38 single-family residential lots, a 125 multifamily unit apartment complex and approximately 8,000 square feet of commercial space.

The city will reimburse Blackstock for any city sewer tap fees related to the project. Blackstock will have a 90-day due diligence inspection period accompanied by \$10,000 in earnest money. Blackstock has the right to two 60-day extensions but places an additional \$15,000 dollar per extension with the escrow agent.

A major change is needed to the plan development for this project and Blackstock will need to begin the process with our planning commission and subsequently two readings of an ordinance by the city council for the rezoning.

Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Garrett to approve on Second Reading, 2022-2 Woodside Village. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

10. New Business -

a. First Reading, 2022-3 Public Works Fee Increase

Mr. Bell stated Ordinance 2022-3 authorizes the city to increase the public works fee for the City of Fountain Inn to offset a portion of the cost of solid waste collection and other items related thereto.

In 2018 Council increased the Public Works Fee from \$26 annually to \$156 annually (\$13p/mo).

In FY 2021 \$209,082 was transferred from the General Fund to the Solid Waste Fund to cover the deficit.

The projected FY 2023 transfer from General Fund to the Solid Waste fund is \$181,970.

The FY 2023 Solid Waste Fee proposed increase is \$168 annually (\$12 annual increase). The projected revenue is \$625,800.

Motion by Councilmember Thomason, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve First Reading, 2022-3 Public Works Fee Increase. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

b. First Reading, 2022-4 FY 2023 Budget

Mr. Bell stated Ordinance 2022-4 is to adopt a budget for the City of Fountain Inn for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 (FY 2022-2023).

Mr. Bell reviewed the budget details with the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Sanders to approve on First Reading, 2022-4 FY 2023 Budget. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

c. First Reading, 2022-5 FY 2022 Budget Amendment

Mr. Bell stated that Ordinance 2022-5 is an ordinance to amend the annual budget of the City of Fountain Inn for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

This amendment accounts for the 2.5 million ARPA money the city received and spent. This revenue and expense was not included in the FY 2022 budget. This amendment clears up the budget for auditing purposes.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clemmer, second by Councilmember - Ward 5 Don to approve First Reading, 2022-5 FY 2022 Budget Amendment. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

d. R 2022-6 Municipal Clerks Week

Mayor McLeer stated that Resolution 2022-5 declares May 1 - 7, 2022 as "Professional Municipal Clerks Week in South Carolina" and to recognize and honor the valuable contributions that Municipal Clerks make to cities and towns in South Carolina.

Mayor McLeer declared May 1-7, 2022 as "Professional Municipal Clerks Week" in Fountain Inn and recognized and honored the valuable contributions Sandra Woods makes to our city.

Motion by Mayor McLeer, second by Councilmember Garrett to approve R 2022-6 Municipal Clerks Week. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

11. Executive Session -

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

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

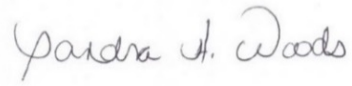
After coming out of executive session, Council may vote on items discussed during executive session.

Back in regular session.

Mayor McLeer stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Thomason, second by Councilmember Sanders to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sandra H. Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "W".

Sandra H. Woods, CMC
Municipal Clerk.