



Council

Joe DeVito
Mayor

Jerry Ashmore
Mayor Pro Tempore

Mary Beth Heyward
Darryl Owens
Kevin Phillips

Van Willis
Town Manager

T. Alan Beach
Chief of Police

Jeffrey S. Coppinger
Operations

Linda Bridges
Planning

**Minutes
Council Meeting
Yvonne C. Butler Council Chambers, 700 Paris Avenue**

January 8, 2020

Members Present: Mayor Joe DeVito, Council Members Jerry Ashmore, Mary Beth Heyward, Darryl Owens and Kevin Phillips

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Town Planner Linda Bridges, Fire Chief Reece Bertholf, Police Major Ron Wekenmann and Municipal Clerk Brooke Plank-Buccola

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor DeVito called the Council Meeting to order at 6:31 PM, and Council Member Heyward led the pledge of allegiance.

II. INVOCATION

Council Member Ashmore offered the invocation

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of December 11, 2019

Council Member Heyward made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of December 11, 2019. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Council Member Ashmore was voted in as the next Mayor Pro Tempore.

V. PRESENTATION

A. Audit Results – Lisa Weschler

Ms. Weschler reviewed the audit with Council. Overall the Town is doing well. The Town's total net position increased by \$1,588,179 for a one-year period ending June 30, 2019. The assessed value has gone up by 14%. The Town was able to complete multiple projects while keeping debt low.

VI. COUNCIL BRIEFING

The Waddell sidewalk construction is scheduled to begin January 13th with completion by February 14th.

The building on 13th Street has been sold and will be moved in early March.

Planned improvements to the Emancipation Oak include replacing the marker with a tabby structure, landscaping, and refurbishing the park bench.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, the Mayor will recognize members of the audience who have submitted speaker forms to address the Council on agenda items. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes

There were no public comments.

VIII. SECOND READING:

A. Ordinance 2019-19. An ordinance to reduce the speed and/or volume of traffic through the modification of driver behavior in our neighborhoods.

Council Member Heyward made a motion to approve ordinance 2019-19. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. COUNCIL'S ACTION:

A. Appointments

i. Historic Preservation Commission – 1

Council Member Owens made a motion to reappoint Ms. Louanne Howard to the Historic Preservation Commission. Council Member Howard seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ii. Zoning Board of Appeals – 1

Council Member Owens made a motion to reappoint Mr. Phil LaFountain to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Council Member Ashmore seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Contract for the sale of the Shed

The Town initially received three responses to the Request of Proposal. Lost Local Brewery has withdrawn their offer. Perrin woodworking offered \$300,000 for the Shed building. Grey Ghost offered a property swap. Ms. Katie Perrin and her husband Dan explained her offer and business plan to Council. Mr. John O'Toole, executive economics director, supports Perrin Woodworking and believes they would be a good addition to the community. Council Member Ashmore made a motion to approve the contract to sell the Shed to Perrin Woodworking. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. Review of Capital Projects

Council Member Ashmore made a motion to submit the construction of both the Port Property's Spine Road/Spanish Moss Trail and the shrimp docks to the state legislator for consideration. Council will prioritize and identify funding for the additional projects at the Town Council Retreat. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES:

A. Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 5:30pm Parks and Recreation Commission

B. Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 4:30pm Redevelopment Commission

Porch party will be January 16th at the Port Royal Historic Museum.

XI. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS:

Council Member Ashmore confirmed the council meetings for February. He will not be in attendance for the Council Meeting on the 12th. Council Member Ashmore would like to do something during our March meeting to celebrate the 146 years of incorporation for the Town.

Council Member Phillips announced that the Business After Hours will be held at Sprenger tomorrow night. Also, Restaurant Week begins tomorrow.

Council Member Heyward asked if County Council Member Howard had any update on the Sands boat landing. She had no new information.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

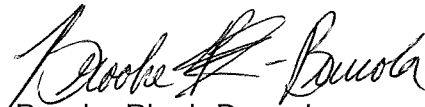
At this time, the Mayor will recognize members of the audience who have submitted speaker forms to address the Council on non-agenda items. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes.

No public comments were made at this time.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Owens made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Plank-Buccola
Municipal Clerk

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting was posted on the Town bulletin board two weeks prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

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