



Council

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Mary Beth Heyward
Mayor Pro Tempore

Jerry Ashmore
Robert Landrum
Darryl Owens

Van Willis
Town Manager

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Chief of Police

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Operations

Linda Bridges
Planning

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

August 8, 2018

Members Present: Mayor Samuel Murray and Councilmembers Jerry Ashmore, Mary Beth Heyward, Robert Landrum and Darryl Owens

Staff Present: Town Manager Van Willis, Planning Administrator Linda Bridges, Police Chief Alan Beach, Police Chief Alan Beach, Fire Chief Reece Bertholf and Municipal Clerk Brooke Plank-Buccola

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Murray called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Ashmore offered the invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes from the Public Hearing of July 11, 2018

B. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of July 11, 2018

Councilmember Heyward made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Public Hearing on July 11, 2018 and the Council Meeting on July 11, 2018. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Agape Senior – Ed Duryea

They are a faith based senior help care and just received a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield to help them reach out further in the area. Agape Senior is located next to the Paris Avenue Fire Department.

Please see attached document for presentation information.

V. COUNCIL BRIEFING

Mr. Chris Butler updated Council on the port property. The road construction has had a few slow periods, but is still moving along. The restaurant should be opening in a few weeks. They have already begun hiring and moving kitchen equipment in the building. The road doesn't look like it will be completed in time for the opening, but it should not hamper the parking. Plans have been submitted for the additions to the dry stack of the office building and the building for boat sales. Mr. Butler feels that these additional buildings will help with the beautification of the dry stack.

Mr. Willis and Mr. Maglione have a meeting planned for August 29th regarding the traffic calming over on Westvine, Lenora, Riverside, Drayton and Battery Park. They hope to find other remedies besides just speed bumps. SC DOT has completed a traffic count study for that area. They will need to see a 600% increase to justify any traffic calming. Town Staff feels that the count is not accurate, since it was done when school was out for the summer and tree trimming was occurring at that time deterring people from driving in that area. Chief Beach has drawn up a diagram showing how many accidents have transpired at Lenora and Ribaut Road.

There is still some remaining paint that needs to go on the islands along Ribaut Road. Councilmember Ashmore has noticed that the lights are not straight for oncoming traffic. Mr. Willis will make sure that it is taken care of. New signs have gone up on the signal arms directing visitors to the village portion of Port Royal. The corner monument is still being worked out. The redevelopment commission has approved flags and a semi-circle monument, so it can be seen by traffic in both directions.

Ms. Virginia Eads who is chairperson of the redevelopment commission informed Council that the commission has been going around to any new businesses in the area and welcoming them to Port Royal. She also said that the shrimp docks are still on the commission's radar.

Mr. Greg Shelton who is chairperson for the parks and recreation commission, explained to Council that at the next meeting they will be identifying their priorities for the year. The splash pad is back on their agenda. Mr. Willis has emailed the school

district to inform them that the memorandum between the Town and them, indicates that the playground by Live Oaks Park is not to be locked. The Town has received numerous reports of the grounds being locked.

VI. 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.

No public comments were made at this time.

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 6-2018. Reconstruction National Park

This resolution is in support of the building of a Center for Reconstruction History and renaming the monument to a National Historical Park. Councilmember Owens made a motion to pass Resolution 6-2018. Councilmember Heyward seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Mayor met with the CO of the Naval Hospital and a few other officials to see what they could do about possibly moving the fence a bit to give access to Camp Saxon. He feels confident with the CO's support that they will see this move a bit faster.

VIII. COUNCIL'S ACTION:

A. Appointments

i. Greater Beaufort Port Royal Convention and Visitors Bureau Board – 1 appointment

Town Staff has contacted the four individuals interested in being appointed this board and asked them to attend the next Greater Beaufort Port Royal Convention and Visitors Bureau board. If after attending they are still interested in being appointed, then they are asked to attend September's Council Workshop meeting.

IX. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES:

- A. Saturday, August 11, 2018, 6:00pm Fall Concert Series – JJ Appleton & Jason Ricci**
- B. Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 3pm Historic Preservation Commission**
- C. Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 4pm Redevelopment Commission**
- D. Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 5:30pm Parks and Recreation Commission**

E. Saturday, August 25, 2018, 6:00pm Fall Concert Series – Joe Louis Walker

XII. COUNCIL'S COMMENTS:

Councilmember Ashmore had a really great time at the event that the Biker's Against Bullies put on for their Kick Off to Stergis. He asked Mr. Willis where the Town was at with the Union Church and Porter's Chapel. Union Church will have a closing in the next few weeks. The congregation is more than happy to have Historic Port Royal Foundation stay within the church even after the sale until then need to remodel. Porter's Chapel is waiting on the final designs to be completed and then that will get submitted for approval by the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilmember Ashmore informed Council and attendees that Mrs. Pickney (wife of the late Senator Clementa Pickney) was a keynote speaker at the Annual Municipal Meeting and he had a chance to speak to her about Porter's Chapel. The Town plans on dedicate Porter's Chapel in memory of Senator Pickney and would like to have Mrs. Pickney in attendance for the opening ceremony.

Councilmember Owens thoroughly enjoyed the spectacular event that the Biker's Against Bullies put on. He was very impressed with the crowds and to see people from all over in attendance.

Councilmember Heyward also had a very nice time at the event and enjoyed seeing the families in attendance. She inquired with the two Chief's in attendance on a special project she would like to see them working on. Chief Beach is working on finding volunteers.

Councilmember Landrum was not able to make the Biker's Against Bullies event.

County Councilmember Howard also attended the Stergis Kick-Off Party and said it was a really great time. She informed Mr. Willis that she would like to attend the meeting on August 29th. She has read the study that was conducted over in the Lenora Drive area and she also concluded that the road was blocked during that time. The taskforce for the County affordable housing is still meeting weekly. On August 20th they will be presenting some ideas to the Joint Natural Resource and Community Service Committee. In the next month, the County will be hiring an affordable housing coordinator.

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Ms. Jenny Sanborn shared with Council an event she is working with called Shark Week Beaufort. This is a welcome week for new students coming into Town. Buses will be provided to show the new students around and get familiar with the area.

Councilmember Landrum questioned Mr. Willis on the SCDOT traffic count that was conducted. Since the count did not reach the minimum count needed to conduct the traffic calming, does that mean that the nothing further can be done? Mr. Willis explained that is not the case. The Town is engaging with a group of professionals to take a look at all information and have them offer any possible solutions that may not have been thought of yet. Councilmember Heyward asked if the area was still being patrolled. Chief Beach indicated that it is still routinely patrolled.

Mr. Joe DeVito thanked Mr. Willis for sharing the DOT traffic report. He said that they are working on an 85% model. Since 85% of vehicles are traveling at the posted speed limit then the speed limit shall remain the same.

Mayor Murray asked Mr. Willis about the status on the Waddell sidewalk. Mr. Willis explained that the utility survey work has been completed.

Mr. Stephen Loderick from Edinburgh Avenue would like to see nice new street signs on his road. He feels it will reflect nicely to visitors coming into the area.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Plank-Buccola
Municipal Clerk

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