

William C. Collins, Mayor

Council Members:

Terry Jenkins, Mayor Pro Tem
Walter Bailey
Aaron Brown
Kima Garten-Schmidt
Bob Jackson
William McIntosh



Clerk-Treasurer

Lisa L. Wallace

Town Attorney
G. Waring Parker

Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 10, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor William C. Collins, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Jenkins and Council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Bob Jackson and Bill McIntosh. Also present were Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services & Clerk-Treasurer and G.W. Parker, Town Attorney. Members of the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting and were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 in Council Chambers. The meeting was opened with prayer by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Denham of 116 Brownfield Drive complimented the town's personnel and stated that the police department responded to an FOIA request he recently submitted. Mr. Denham stated that he was concerned that anyone could call 911 and inaccurately describe a situation that would result in a police officer showing up at his residence. He also stated that he is concerned that there is now a record stating that an irate citizen was on his property which is not true. He would like an apology and would also like the Chief of Police to investigate the matter and report back to Council.

Peter Gorman of S. Magnolia and 3rd Street complimented the town on the recent Flowertown Festival; however, he had a few concerns. He reported that there was a huge problem with traffic and felt that the town should consider only closing some selective cross streets rather than all of them. He also reported that there are many parking problems and situations where people are parking on private property. Mr. Gorman also reported that there was a tremendous amount of litter and requested that more trash cans be provided along other parts of town. And finally, he recommended that the town seek reimbursement from the YMCA for the extra man hours provided by town employees. Mayor Collins reported that the town does get reimbursed for those hours.

Samuel Green representing Wesley United Methodist Church also reported on some issues with the Flowertown Festival. He stated that the police would not let him or others get to their church located at Pressley Street and S. 5th Street. He added that whites were allowed to go down S. 5th Street to get to a block party and felt that it was discriminatory. He stated that the church members should have

the right to get to their church and their education building and asked that the police officers be more informed.

Melvin McClellan of 203 Gardenia Street reported that he is having problems with the neighbor across the street and trash collection. He stated that the trash has been out for over two week. He called Waste Pro and they said they would be out in two days but they still have not shown up. He also stated that the leaf vacuum truck does not come through their area.

Major Bernard, a member of the District One Civic Association of Summerville, read and presented council members with a letter of support for a gymnasium for the Town of Summerville submitted by the District One Civic Association. The letter is attached for information.

Jim Rowe, a commercial realtor representing Summerville Heating & Air, spoke in support of the request to rezone property located at the corner of Central Avenue and Atlantic Street. He stated that he cannot sell the property as residential and that the highest and best use would be as commercial property. He added that the majority of the complaints were about the dust being generated from an existing business and not about this property.

Lewis Smith thanked the Mayor for doing a fantastic job and announced that the Robynwyn/Palmetto Civic Association is holding a Stop the Violence Rally and March on April 14, 2013 in support of proposed gun control legislation. There being no further comments, the Mayor declared that portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 Council meeting and the March 27, 2013 special Council meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the April 8, 2013 Finance Committee Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the April 3, 2013 Planning and Development Committee Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Jenkins, to accept the petition and have first reading of an ordinance to annex TMS # 232-00-02-019 [TMS # correction: 232-00-02-047] located at 1101 North Main Street owned by GH Summerville, LLC to be zoned B3 "General Business". The motion carried unanimously.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Collins announced that there were no pending bills or resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to introduce and give first of an ordinance to rezone TMS # 137-05-02-020 located at the NW corner of Central Avenue and Atlantic Street from R-2 "Single Family Residential" to B-2 "Neighborhood Business Centers". Mr. Brown thanked Planning Commission and the Planning Committee for their thoughtful consideration of this request noting that it was a difficult decision because the people in that area have suffered with all the commercial development. There being no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to introduce and give first reading of an ordinance to repeal section 2-91 if the Code of Laws entitled "Inauguration meeting". Ms. Wallace explained that this section needed to be repealed because it conflicted with the change in election date that was recently approved by council. There being no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to authorize the Mayor and Chief of Police to execute a mutual aid agreement with the Town of Mount Pleasant. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Down Hawley to the State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Mr. Brown requested that Council members get advance notification of any committee member replacements prior to the council meeting. There being no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor