

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

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Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 13, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Present: Council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Bob Jackson and Bill McIntosh. Mayor Bill Collins and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Jenkins were absent. 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, August 13, 2014. The meeting was opened with prayer by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

SELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to select Councilman Aaron Brown as the Presiding Officer of the meeting due to the absence of Mayor Collins and Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brown called for any comments from the public. Doris Martin of 813 Wassamassaw Rd. asked about the status of the sidewalk project along her street because the work has stopped and has not been completed. She was also concerned about the ditches not being piped. Mr. Martin, also of 813 Wassamassaw, added that they have been replacing telephone poles in the area and one of the old poles has still not been removed. Levenia McCants, also of Wassamassaw Road, reported that the work has caused a drain pipe in her yard to no longer drain. She added that the ditches are extremely deep and hazardous. Linda Haynes-Whetsell of 108 Atlantic Street reported that she was at the meeting last month to report a problem with a leaning pole but it took Chanel 4 to correct the problem. She also stated that the town should use \$30 million dollars for an auditorium rather than a boutique hotel. She also reported that there was an adult massage parlor near a school bus stop and that the trash is not being picked up on Atlantic Street. She also reported that the dead end street sign is not being maintained and that you cannot see to turn onto Central Avenue. Heyward Hutson, President of the Summerville Preservation Society, reported that each of the council members should have received a copy of a letter stating his concerns about the proposed boutique hotel. He requested that council have a public hearing so that all of their concerns can be vetted and discussed. He also requested, under the freedom of

information act, copies of all correspondence that led up to the public-private corporation so that the information could be analyzed. Wiley Johnson stated that he is excited about the hotel but has some concerns and is requesting a public information meeting so members of the public have an opportunity to ask questions. He provided Council members with a list of questions about the project. Willie Ellington of 803 Wassmassaw Road stated that he is concerned about the sidewalk project, including the depth of the ditches and is concerned about the safety of children in the area. Mark Rouche, a resident of Summerville and an active duty marine, loves the town and the natural beauty and history of Summerville but was upset about the potential censorship of the arts because of a personal opinion about a recent production at the Flowertown Players. There being no further business, Mr. Brown declared that portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2014 Council meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the August 11, 2014 Finance Committee report, the August 6, 2014 Parks and Recreation Committee report, and the August 6, 2014 Planning and Development Committee report. Mr. Jackson pointed out that there was some discussion of conceptual plans for the National Guard Armory building at the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and that there would be a public hearing to gather input from the public at the next Council meeting. There being no further comments, Mr. Brown called for the vote and the motion to approve these minutes passed unanimously.

PETITIONS

Ms. Wallace reported that no petitions for annexations have been submitted.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to establish the office of ministerial recorder for the Summerville Municipal Court. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to amend the Planned Unit Development ordinance for The Villages owned by Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to amend the Town of Summerville Building Code Ordinance to include an appendix relating to signs and patio covers and the adoption of the International Code on swimming pools and spas.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to appoint Susan Broyles-Krohn as Ministerial Recorder for the Summerville Municipal Court. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. on motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor