

William C. Collins, Mayor

Council Members:

Terry Jenkins, Mayor Pro Tem
Walter Bailey
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William McIntosh



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Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2014

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, January 8, 2014 in Council Chambers. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mayor Collins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Collins called for any comments from the citizens. Jane Orenstein spoke on behalf of the Cultural Arts Alliance to announce their new project called "Summerville Rocks". Rocking chairs will be decorated and displayed throughout town and are available for sponsorship. The ribbon cutting will be held February 28th [later changed to March 20] and an auction is scheduled for May 31st. Proceeds will benefit various non-profit organizations.

Peter Gorman, representing the Southeast historic district's homeowners association, spoke in support of the proposed truck restriction ordinance. He asked that council consider expanding the restriction to the entire historic subdivision and to also possibly consider restrictions on corporation yard [public works] trucks.

Linda Haynes-Whetsell of 108 Atlantic Street spoke about a fundraiser for her brother, a cyclist who was injured on November 9th. The events are scheduled from January 10 through the 13th. The fundraiser is to raise awareness of cyclists who have been injured or killed. She also reported that there are still problems with the business located at 818 Central Avenue and with speeders on Atlantic Street. She also reported that the lot next to her house is overgrown and the owner has refused to clean it up.

John Kwist of 123 Tupper Lane spoke about the proposed tree removal along the median on I-26. He requested that Council give the project further consideration and more study before recommending support of the proposal to remove the trees. He reminded them that Summerville is the Flower Town in the Pines.

Diane Frankenberger, a resident and business owner in Summerville, read a letter to the editor that describes why the trees are not to blame for accidents on I-26.

Dora Ann Reaves of Simmons Avenue spoke against the proposal to remove trees on I-26 stating that if Council votes to support the removal of trees on I-26, the town should change its motto to "Flower Town in the Stainless Steel Barriers". There being no further comments offered, the Mayor declared that portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013 Council meeting; the December 18, 2013 Special Council meeting; and the January 2, 2014 Special Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the January 6, 2014 Finance Committee Report; the January 2, 2014 Public Works Committee Report; and the January 2, 2014 Parks and Recreation Committee Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Mayor Collins reported that no petitions for annexation were submitted.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to have second and final reading of ordinance #13-1201 to annex Berkeley County TMS #221-00-00-141 (previously a portion of TMS #221-00-00-038), approximately .61 acres, located along Rose Drive and owned by MWV Parks of Berkeley, LLC to be zoned PUD "Planned Unit Development". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to have second and final reading of ordinance #13-1202, to rezone TMS #130-15-10-009 located at 413 W. 5th N. Street and owned by Marie Muckenfuss from PUD "Planned Unit Development" to B1 "Residential Business". The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, Council introduced and gave first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the Code of Laws of the Town of Summerville to prohibit through trucks along S. Gum Street and S. Magnolia Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wallace reported that the next item on the agenda was a Resolution to support SCDOT's revised proposal to remove trees on I-26 from mile marker 169 to mile marker 199. Mr. Bailey reported that he had requested that this item be placed on the agenda adding that it is a statistically very dangerous section of the road. Mr. Jackson stated that there are different proposals and that he would like more time to research the issue. Mr. Brown suggested that the item be held over until the next meeting. Mr. Bailey made a motion that the Resolution be adopted as presented. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. Mrs. Garten-Schmidt indicated that she would like more time. Mr. Jackson then made a motion to table the item until the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garten-Schmidt. Mayor Collins called for the vote on the motion to table the item. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brown, and Mrs. Garten-Schmidt voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Bailey, Mr. Jenkins, Mayor Collins and Mr. McIntosh voted against the motion to table. The motion failed. Mayor Collins then called for the vote to adopt the Resolution as presented. Mr. Bailey, Mr. Jenkins, Mayor Collins and Mr. McIntosh voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Garten-Schmidt voted against the motion to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Collins requested that Council confirm his appointment of David Morris to the Tree Committee to fill the vacancy created by Mike Dawson's resignation. Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to confirm the Mayor's appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor