

William C. Collins, Mayor

Council Members:

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



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Town of Summerville
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 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, July 9, 2014 in Council Chambers. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Jackson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Collins announced the first order of business was a public hearing on proposed stormwater plan review fees. Mayor Collins called forward Public Works Director, Russ Cornette, to give a brief explanation of the proposal and Mayor Collins called for any comments. Mr. McIntosh asked Mr. Cornette to confirm whether the fees are identical to the fees currently being paid in unincorporated areas of the county. Mr. Cornette did confirm that and added that the fees are also comparable other municipalities in the area. There being no further comments offered, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Collins called for any other comments from the public. Dexter Mack of 904 W. 2nd North Street and President of the District 1 Civic Association spoke about the need for a community center and asked Council to consider using the former National Guard armory building for a local community center. Thomas Dion of 626 W. Carolina Avenue spoke in support of the proposed vision plan stating that it is a good fit and received great input from a cross-section of citizens. He asked Council members to also work with other entities that are experiencing growth outside the town. Violet Saylor of 410 Bryan Street was concerned that the armory may be infested with asbestos which could be detrimental to the health of children. She recommended that the town completely tear down the building. Raymond Saylor concurred stating that children should not be allowed to be in that building. Councilman Jackson reported that the tests have been performed on the armory building and the asbestos in the building can be mitigated. Linda Haynes-Whetsell of 108 Atlantic Street reported that as a result of the recent ice storm, there are leaning poles and low-hanging wires near 110 Atlantic Street. She added

that SCE&G has been contacted but nothing has been done. She also reported that the Germantown area needs help with traffic, trash and debris removal. Jean Ott of the Dorchester County Senior Citizens Center located near the former National Guard armory proposed expanding the Senior Citizens Center as a possible use of the armory building. She reported that they have funding to contribute to the project and the Senior Citizens Center would like to be included in the dialogue about possible uses for the armory building. Rosemary Tucker of the South Point subdivision reported that they do not currently have an active HOA and asked council to consider developing requirements for existing homes during this vision plan process. It is a problem for certain areas where people are not fixing or maintaining their homes. She also requested that preliminary plans for development require that no one be allowed to plant on easements. Linda Saylor of 410 Bryan Street spoke about the violence in their neighborhood and asked if the town could assist in searching for grants that would help with gang activity. She also requested that council consider assisting the Community Resource Center with health care sign-ups in the area. Heyward Hutson was concerned about the possible purchase of property north of the rail road tracks that may involve moving or destroying some historic homes. He asked Council to consider those historic homes and urged them think about other alternatives before allowing them to be destroyed. Diane Frankenberger thanked the town for the best Fourth of July celebration ever.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2014 Council meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to amend the minutes of the July 7, 2014 Finance Committee report to reflect that a vote was taken to remove the funding for the Flowertown Players that failed. He added that the minutes show that a second vote that was taken on that matter but the minutes should also reflect the original vote. Mayor Collins called for a vote to approve the Finance Committee report as amended and the motion carried unanimously on motion of Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Jackson. [Note: The July 7, 2014 Finance Committee Report has been amended accordingly.]

PETITIONS

Ms. Wallace reported that no petitions for annexation were submitted.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey to have second and final reading of an ordinance to rezone TMS #162-05-05-003, located on Parlor Drive and owned by Hung M. Ha from B-2 "Neighborhood Business Center" to B-3 "General Business". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the Town of Summerville comprehensive plan as amended by adopting the Town of Summerville vision plan and appending the vision plan as an update to the comprehensive plan. During discussion, Mr. Bailey made a motion to adopt the vision plan as a discretionary document and not as part of the town's comprehensive plan. This motion was

seconded by Mr. Jenkins. The motion failed with Mr. Bailey and Mr. Jenkins voting for the motion and Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brown, Ms. Garten-Schmidt and Mayor Collins voting against the motion. Mayor Collins then called for the vote on the first motion to adopt the vision plan and append the plan to the town's comprehensive plan. That motion carried with Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brown, Ms. Garten-Schmidt and Mayor Collins voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Bailey and Mr. Jenkins voting against the motion.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the Town of Summerville fee schedule by deleting land disturbance permit fees and adding stormwater plan review fees. During discussion, Mr. Bailey stated that he does not see a need for this fee and is opposed to an increase in taxes. Mayor Collins then called for the vote and the motion carried with Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brown, Ms. Garten-Schmidt, Mr. Jenkins and Mayor Collins voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Bailey voting against the motion.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to adopt a Resolution approving the redevelopment plan as submitted by the Summerville Redevelopment Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to establish the office of ministerial recorder for the Summerville Municipal Court. The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to appoint the Town of Summerville Grievance Committee as follows: Don Brown, George Ploth, and Cassandra Williams with Andy Mahon as an alternate. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to authorize the Mayor to finalize negotiations and execute a Public-Private Partnership Agreement between the Town of Summerville, the Summerville Redevelopment Corporation and Applegate & Company. The Mayor gave an overview of the economic development project stating that it would include a hotel, parking garage, an events facility and condominiums. Mr. Bailey stated that he believes this is a good project and a game-changer for the Town of Summerville; however, he does not believe government should be in private business and expressed some concern over the incentives being provided and the funding for the project. Mr. McIntosh stated that he is excited about the project and believes that it is an appropriate use of hospitality tax revenues; however, the devil is in the details. Mr. Jackson reported that, since he has been on council, it was always the intent to have a hotel on that property and that the town-owned properties are separate buildings that can be independent from the hotel property. There being no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brown, Ms. Garten-Schmidt, Mr. Jenkins and Mayor Collins voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Bailey and Mr. McIntosh voted against the motion. The motion carried.

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Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to appoint Tara Richardson as a reserve Judge for the Summerville Municipal Court for a two-year term. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown reported that there have been several discussions in his community about having a local community center and the possibility of utilizing the National Guard armory building. After some discussion, Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to refer this matter to the Parks and Recreation Committee for further study to determine and make a recommendation to council for the best use of the building.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. on motion of Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor