

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 JUNE 12, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor William C. Collins, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Jenkins and Council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Kima Garten-Schmidt, and Bill McIntosh. Bob Jackson was 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, June 12, 2013 in Council Chambers. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Brown, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Collins called for any comments from the citizens. John Mozee of 703 N. Maple Street stated that he was concerned about the proposed Sheep Island Expressway and the impact it would have on his home. He asked when more information would be available. Mayor Collins reported that the project is currently being designed adding that the public will be notified and given an opportunity to comment on the project.

Howard Wright of 193 Telfair Court reported that he was concerned about the trash not being picked up and signs being covered with weeds along the Berlin G. Myers Parkway. He added that the signs notifying truckers of the truck route are not adequate because of their location and/or height. He provided copies of examples of truck route signs for consideration.

Linda Haynes-Whetsell of 108 Atlantic Street spoke about large trucks driving on Atlantic Street due to the business located on the corner. She added that the driveway should be on Central Avenue instead of Atlantic Street. She also reported that smaller vehicles cannot see over the For Sale sign on that property. Additionally, the sink hole that was repaired at Baum's Temple church has come back again and she requested that it be repaired. She also reported on the overgrowth on the lot next door to her house and also reported that she supports a police substation in Robynwyn. She also stated that dogs should not be allowed at the Summerville Farmers Market and that council should consider repairing roads that are inadequate and in terrible shape rather than build new sidewalks.

Mr. Brown requested that the Town Engineer look at the property at the corner of Central Avenue and Atlantic Street to determine if the driveway for that business would be better suited for Central Ave.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2013 Council meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the June 10, 2013 Finance Committee Report, the June 5, 2013 Parks and Recreation Committee Report, the June 5, 2013 Public Safety Committee Report and the June 5, 2013 Public Works Committee Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Mayor Collins announced that no petitions were submitted.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to have second and final reading of an ordinance regulating fireworks in the Town of Summerville. Mr. Brown commented that he was concerned about giving the police department additional work with their manpower already strained. Mayor Collins called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Collins turned the gavel over to Mayor Pro-Tem, Terry Jenkins, and recused himself from voting on the ordinance relating to the Mayor's salary. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to increase the Mayor's salary. Mr. Brown made a motion to amend the motion to require that the Mayor provide a report to Council periodically but at least monthly about the current status of the day-to-day operations of the town. Mrs. Garten-Schmidt seconded the motion. There was some discussion about whether this requirement needed to be part of the motion and Mr. McIntosh suggested that Council, by resolution at the next council meeting, request a monthly report from the Mayor. After further discussion, Mr. Brown withdrew his motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Jenkins called for the vote on the original motion and the motion carried unanimously. (Mayor Collins abstained.) Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins then turned the gavel back over to Mayor Collins.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to adopt a Resolution urging lawmakers to pass House Bills H.3051 and H.3052 to address the increase in violent crimes.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor