

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

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Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor William C. Collins and council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Bob Jackson and Bill McIntosh. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Jenkins 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, October 9, 2013 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. Wiley Johnson of 111 Manigault Drive reported that Dorchester County Council voted to use all proceeds from the one percent local option sales tax to provide property tax relief [if it passes] and requested that Summerville Town Council make the same commitment.

Louis Smith, a Summerville resident, spoke about the need to reopen cold cases and revisit unresolved crimes. He also invited everyone to attend the Stop the Violence rally on October 20th.

A number of residents spoke in opposition of the proposed Fripp Lane road connection between the Weatherstone subdivision and Palmetto Street. Many residents were concerned that this would increase crime in their area and encourage through traffic. There were also concerns that the connection would endanger pedestrians and children playing in the neighborhood. Several residents also stated that there are other alternatives to provide a connection between those sections of town.

Peter Gorman, a resident of the historic district, presented a petition signed by 86 residents asking for improved pedestrian and pet safety, including additional stop signs and cross walks, within the southeast section of the town's historic district.

Jim Reaves, Executive Director of Sculpture in the South, extended an invitation to attend their annual membership drive on October 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorchester Boat Club.

There being no further comments offered, the Mayor declared that portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 Council meeting, the October 7, 2013 Finance Committee meeting, and the October 2, 2013 Planning and Development Committee meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Mayor Collins announced that no petitions were submitted.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brown requested that Council table the second and final reading of the ordinance to amend the Town of Summerville business license ordinance. He stated that he would like to have more clarification of the changes, particularly the penalty period and the payment of 3 prior years. Mrs. Garten-Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Jackson recusing.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to amend Section 28-121 relating to wrecker services in the Town of Summerville. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance authorizing the sale of property located at 127 W. 5th S. Street, known as TMS # 137-10-01-005. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to rezone TMS #137-10-01-005, 127 W. 5th S. Street from "Public Lands" to R1 "Single Family Residential". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to rezone TMS # 145-11-05-059, 175 Community Road, owned by Summerville Commissioners of Public Works from B-3 "General Business to PL "Public Lands".

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Virginia Boone to the Summerville Municipal Election Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor