

Wiley Johnson, Mayor

*Council Members:*

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



*Town Administrator*  
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*Town Clerk and Treasurer*  
Lisa L. Wallace

*Town Attorney*  
G.W. Parker

Town of Summerville

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Mayor Wiley Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jackson and Council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Christine Czarnik, and Bill McIntosh. Kima Garten-Schmidt was absent. Town Administrator Colin Martin, Director of Administrative Services and Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Wallace, and Town Attorney G.W. Parker were also present. 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 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2016. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Brown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Johnson announced that the first order of business was a presentation to retiring Chief of Police and Public Safety Director, Bruce Owens. He and members of council presented Chief Owens with a plaque commemorating his years of service with the town. Mayor Johnson thanked Chief Owens adding that the plaque does not truly recognize the sentiments of the town council and the people of Summerville for his service to the community. Chief Owens thanked the council and the men and women of the Summerville Police Department and Summerville Fire & Rescue for their support and especially thanked the citizens of the community for their relationship and support.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Johnson called forward Carolyn Tomlinson, Dorchester County Director of Recycling and Education. Ms. Tomlinson reported that she and Lisa Hamilton of Keep Dorchester County Beautiful were presenting the Summerville Saltwater Anglers with an award for their work on the Ashley River at Jessen Board Landing. Members of the group were called forward to receive the award and thanked for their clean-up efforts.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Johnson called for any comments from the public. Jane Orenstein stated that she took exception to Mr. Brown's invocation. She stated that not everyone is a Christian adding that there are Christians, Jews, Muslims, and other others in the community and would like those members of the community to be recognized also. Diane Frankenberger gave some history of the Red, White and Blue event in the Town of Summerville. She reported that this year's event

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was used by one group's political cause directly related to the Mayor including the solicitation of signatures calling for a referendum to change the town's form of government. Additionally, she reported that police officers asked the group to move and were later questioned by the Mayor about who had instructed them to tell the group to move. She also stated that the Mayor is on her prayer list and that she wants the best for him.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016 council meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the July 6, 2016 Planning and Development Committee Report, the July 6, 2016 Public Works Committee Report and the July 6, 2016 Finance Committee Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PETITIONS**

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the petition and have first reading of an ordinance to annex Berkeley County TMS # 232-00-01-018 (approximately 0.568 acres) owned by Azalea 888 Zhou Tang, LLC, currently zoned GC "General Commercial" in Berkeley County, to be zoned B3, "General Business" upon annexation into the Town of Summerville. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to annex Dorchester Co. TMS # 130-00-00-002, (3.25 acres) located at 100 Four Paws Lane, owned by Dorchester Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals currently zoned R-4, Multi-Family Residential to be zoned B-3, General Business. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-92 of the Code of Laws of the Town of Summerville relating to the date and hour of regular council meetings. Ms. Wallace report that this would change the regular council meetings from the second Wednesday of the month to the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 32, Section 32-176 (a) of the Code of Laws of the Town of Summerville relating to date of regular meetings of the Board of Architectural Review. Ms. Wallace reported that the BAR meetings would change from the first Monday of the month to the first Tuesday of the month. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Johnson reported that there were no new bills or resolutions.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Johnson asked Councilman Bailey to provide an update on negotiations with Old Fort Fire Department (relating to annexations). Mr. Bailey reported that negotiations have reached an impasse noting that Old Fort rejected an attempt to have another meeting unless the town's position had changed. Mr. Bailey added that since an agreement could not be reached, statute requires that the town and Old Fort each select someone to represent them on a committee and that the two committee members then agree to a third committee member to bring this matter to resolution. Mr. Bailey suggested that the town go ahead and appoint its member to the committee. Mayor Johnson asked if the council would make that appointment. Mr. Bailey responded that he felt that the Town Administrator could make that appointment. There were no objections to that suggestion.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the site plan for the Dorchester County EMS (Medic 2) station located on Travelers Boulevard (TMS # 161-08-02-009), zoned PL "Public Lands" as presented. The motion carried unanimously

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to enter into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss contractual matters and receive legal advice related to the Dorchester Hotel project, the Applegate public-private partnership agreement and Croft vs. Town of Summerville and to receive legal advice on pending litigation related to the Sawmill Branch Trail.

Council returned to public session at 7:33 p.m. and announced that no action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. on motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Czarnik.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative  
Services and Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

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William W. Johnson, Mayor