

Wiley Johnson, Mayor

Council Members:

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



Town Administrator
Colin L. Martin

Town Clerk and Treasurer
Lisa L. Wallace

Town Attorney
G.W. Parker

Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Wiley Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jackson and Council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Christine Czarnik, Kima Garten-Schmidt and Bill McIntosh. 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 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Jackson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson called for any comments from the public. John Mott reported that the Sawmill Branch Trail at Bacon's Bridge Road only connects to one side of the road which causes people to cross several lanes of traffic. Lucyane Cathcart spoke in support of a proposed \$43 million bond issue for parks and libraries for Dorchester County and asked that the town and the county work together on these projects. Patricia Parker introduced herself as a candidate for the school board and gave a brief description of her history and platform. Melvin McClellan reported that children are playing Pokemon in the parking lot of his church and asked what could be done. Mayor Johnson suggested he contact the police department since it is private property and the police can ask them to leave. Mr. Hart spoke about the petition to change Summerville's form of government suggesting that council set an implementation date for after the next mayoral election, if the referendum is successful. There being no further comments, the Mayor declared the public comments portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2016 council meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the August 8, 2016 Planning and Development Committee Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to approve the August 8, 2016 Finance Committee Report as submitted. Ms. Czarnik, Mr. Bailey, Ms. Garten-Schmidt, Mr. Brown, Mr. Jackson and Mr. McIntosh voted in favor of the motion and Mayor Johnson voted against the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Johnson reported that his primary reason for voting against the report was that he does not believe that it was necessary to lower the millage rate.

PETITIONS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to annex Dorchester County TMS #145-13-11-012, located at 117 Live Oak Road, approximately 0.39 acres, owned by Lonnie and Dolores Denton, currently zoned R-2 "Residential" in Dorchester County, to be zoned R-2 "Single Family Residential" upon annexation. The motion carried unanimously.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to have second and final 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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to rezone TMS #136-00-00-093 located at 155 Droze Lane, approximately 7.25 acres, owned by Paul Grove and currently zoned R2 "Single Family Residential" to be rezoned R-3 "Single Family Residential" (attached buildings). The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to authorize the execution of a Cooperation Agreement between the United States of America and the Town of Summerville for rehabilitation of the Sawmill Branch Flood Control project. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to authorize the Town Administrator to select the town's representative to serve on a committee to formulate a plan related to annexed properties in the Old Fort Fire District in accordance with State Code Section 5-3-311. Mayor Johnson reported that a committee of council had been formed for this purpose and asked if the administrator should make the selection. Mr. Bailey stated that he felt that it was an administrative action and it would be appropriate for the administrator to make that appointment. There being no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Czarnik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to have first reading of an ordinance to set a special election date for November 8, 2016 on the following question: "Shall the municipality of the Town of Summerville change its form of government from Council form to Mayor-Council form?" and if the majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors of the Town of Summerville are in favor of the change in the form of government, the change shall be

implemented on January 1, 2017. Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Jackson, to amend the motion to set the date of implementation to the 8th day of January, 2020. After some discussion, the Mayor called for the vote on the amendment to the motion. Mr. Bailey, Ms. Garten-Schmidt, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. McIntosh in favor of the motion and Ms. Czarnik, Mr. Brown and Mayor Johnson voted against the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Johnson then called for a vote on the motion as amended. Mr. Bailey, Ms. Garten-Schmidt, Mr. Jackson, Mr. McIntosh and Mayor Johnson voted in favor of the motion and Ms. Czarnik and Mr. Brown voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Martin to provide some additional information on recycling options. After some discussion, Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to authorize the Town Administrator to authorize WastePro to contract individually month-to-month with citizens on an "opt-in" recycling option that would include a 65-gallon container with single stream recycling pick-up for \$5.57 per month. The motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion about the proposed security system for town hall. There were some questions about the possibility of funding only a portion of the proposal and whether the vendor would be willing to honor the bid if the town waited until 2017 to fund the project. After further discussion, Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to approve the security system proposal. During additional discussion, council members requested that the town get additional information on the cost of funding the camera system only or funding the project in the old town hall building only. Mr. McIntosh made a motion to table the discussion until the September meeting of Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson. Mr. Bailey, Ms. Garten-Schmidt, Mr. Brown, Mr. Jackson and Mr. McIntosh voted in favor of the motion to table. Ms. Czarnik and Mayor Johnson voted against the motion to table. The motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson talked about a few safety and quality of life items that he'd like everyone to think about including installing solar powered emergency call boxes on the Sawmill Branch Trail and in the parks. He also said he'd like to see an Emergency Operations Ordinance that would help guide the town during emergency situations. He'd also like to see welcome signs in all the major entrances into Summerville and the extension or addition of light poles in areas that are not well lit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to enter into executive session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss legal matters related to pending litigation related to the Sawmill Branch Trail and legal matters related to pending litigation regarding the Dorchester Hotel project, the public-private partnership agreement and Croft vs. Town of Summerville and impending litigation regarding Applegate & Co. and to discuss contractual matters related to an economic development project known as Project Blue. The motion carried unanimously. Council returned to public session at 8:15 p.m. and announced that no action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS (ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY COUNCIL RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to retain Tim Domin with Clawsen and Staubes to represent the town against threatened litigation from Applegate & Co. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Czarnik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to authorize a Resolution to consent to the inclusion of the property known as Project Blue into a multi-county industrial park. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative
Services and Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

William W. Johnson, Mayor