

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

G. Waring Parker

Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

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, September 11, 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. There being no comments offered, the Mayor declared that portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2013 Council meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve the September 9, 2013 Finance Committee Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey gave the report of the September 4, 2013 Public Safety Committee meeting. He reported that the committee recommended that three items be submitted to full council for consideration. One was a recommendation to adhere to a policy of funding the replacement of 20% of police vehicles annually beginning in 2014. The second was to allocate up to \$200,000 in additional funds for overtime for the police department to manage a pilot program utilizing the current personnel. The third item was to provide an additional \$200,000 in funding for sidewalks in the 2014 budget. Mr. Jenkins reported that in the meeting they discussed the need to purchase an additional 6 vehicles to meet the 20% replacement. However, since there were already 12 vehicles proposed in the budget, it would only require an additional 4 vehicles. Mr. Jenkins also reported that after discussions with Chief Owens, it was determined that the overtime total should be \$200,000 rather than an additional \$200,000 which could be revisited later in the year if necessary. Mr. McIntosh asked how much additional funding would be required to reach \$200,000. Mr. Jenkins stated that it would require an additional \$68,000. There

being no further discussion, Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, that these amended recommendations be included in the 2014 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Mayor Collins announced that no petitions were submitted.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Collins announced that there were no pending bills or resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to have introduction and first reading of an ordinance to revise the Town of Summerville business license ordinance. Ms. Wallace reported that this ordinance would clarify the number of rental units that constitutes conducting business in the Town of Summerville and also clarifies the audit process. Finance Director Belinda Harper added that the audit process includes a six month amnesty period for businesses that would like to voluntarily verify their business license fees. If, for any reason, the fees were underpaid, they would have six months to make the correction without incurring any penalties. Mr. Jackson requested that the ordinance be posted online. He also announced that he would be abstaining stating that he owns rental property. Mayor Collins called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously with Mr. Jackson abstaining.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to authorize the Mayor to issue a Proclamation declaring September 15 – 21 as “Child Passenger Safety Week” and September 21 as “National Seat Check Saturday” in Summerville, S.C. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to enter into executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss personnel matters related to the retirement of a department head. Council returned to public session at 7:53 p.m. and announced that no action was taken.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to recommend that Mark Campbell be appointed as the Street Department Manager upon Harry Avant’s retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor