

MAYOR
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KEVIN HEDGPETH
JOEL HODGES
DAN OWENS
MICHAEL SALLY

**Hanahan City Council
Minutes from April 9, 2019
Regular City Council Meeting
Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers
1255 Yeamans Hall Road, Hanahan, SC 29410
6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2019 in the Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers at 1255 Yeamans Hall Road in Hanahan at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was advertised in the Post and Courier. The Agenda was posted on the City of Hanahan webpage and a copy of the Agenda was posted on the bulletin board at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the Agenda was sent to the Post and Courier. Mayor Christie Rainwater presided. Council Members present at tonight's meeting were Dan Owens, Jeff Chandler, Kevin Hedgpeth, Mike Dyson, Michael Sally and Joel Hodges. We had a quorum for tonight's meeting. Staff Members that signed the visitor's log were: Mike Cochran, City Administrator, Kim Peters, Clerk of Council, Jon Ellwood, IT, Dennis Turner, Police Chief, Michael Barger, Assistant Fire Chief, Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, Kristy Duffy, Finance Director, Hilary VanOrsdel, HR, Joe Gill, Public Works, and Randy Money, Recreation Director.

A copy of the sign in sheet is included with the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rainwater called the Tuesday, April 9, 2019 regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Rev. LaShawn Flagg from Greater Bethel AME Church led us in the invocation for tonight.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Sally led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

RECOGNITIONS

- A. Michael Bargeron, Assistant Fire Chief swore in our new Fire fighter/EMT's Brian Tully and David Yanko. Brian Tully is from Amherst, New Hampshire. He has eight years of fire experience and three as an EMT. David Yanko is from Phoenix, Arizona. He has 18 years of fire experience. David is a veteran of the US Navy where he served as a shipboard firefighter. David received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency Management from Arizona State University and completed his M.S. in Fire and Emergency Management.
- B. Council Member Sally read the Clean Up Month Proclamation. The big Keep Hanahan Beautiful Clean-up day is April 27, 2019. Council Member Hedgpeth made a motion to declare April 2019 as Clean up Month in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler had to leave the meeting briefly and was not here for the vote.
- C. Mayor Rainwater read the Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation. Council Member Owens made a motion to declare April 7-13, 2019 as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0. Melissa Chaffin, Rachel Carnes and Kara Williams were recognized as a few of our dispatchers in attendance.
- D. Council Member Hedgpeth read the National Animal control Officers appreciation Week Proclamation. Council Member Owens made a motion to declare April 7-13, 2019 as National Animal Control Officers Appreciation Week in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Sally second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Rainwater thanked our animal control officer, Karen Hagood for all her hard work.
- E. Dennis Turner, Police Chief read the Autism Proclamation. The Hanahan Police Department is wearing Autism Patches to recognize Autism Month. Citizen can also purchase these patches for \$10. Water's Edge from Columbia contacted our police department and bought koozies and patch to sell. All money raised will be donated to Major Stan Bragg for the Special Olympics. Council Member Sally made a motion to declare April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. Mike Cochran, City Administrator announced that Tyler Dempsey from the PD and Building and Codes is the April 2019 Employee of the Month. Tyler received a certificate and a gift card from City Council. Mr. Cochran showed before and after pictures of areas that Tyler helped clean up.

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Johnnie Harkness, 1063 Dominion Drive made the comment that tonight's meeting and the public hearing scheduled for tonight was not advertised correctly.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items are adopted with a single motion, second, and vote unless a request for removal is heard from a Council Member. Items on the April 9, 2019 Consent Agenda are:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the March 12, 2019 regular City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes from the March 19, 2019 special City Council Meeting.

Council Member Sally made a motion to approve the April 9, 2019 Consent Agenda. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing and second reading of Ordinance # 2-2019

Council Member Owens made a motion to hold a public hearing to discuss Ordinance # 2-2019 – FY 2018-2019 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments. Council Member Sally second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

Kristy Duffy, Finance Director explained this ordinance. Ms. Duffy explained the four requests were made from the general fund. There was an adjustment for our IT department. There were zero adjustments to the fleet fund. There was an adjustment for the ADA Door lock system in the fire station as well as an adjustment for the generator at the Yeamans Hall gym and the sign for Fire Station. Council Member Owens asked if it was for Fire Station 3. Council Member Hedgpeth asked if it was in the original budget. Ms. Duffy answered yes to both questions. Mayor Rainwater asked if there was any additional expense from the downtown revitalization project. Kristy said no.

Mayor Rainwater asked if there were any questions or discussion from the citizens. Mr. Harkness said that the Public hearing was not advertised properly, and that council could not vote on the second reading tonight because the intro and first reading was not done properly.

He accused city council of not representing the citizens and only representing administration. He said that this mayor and city council did not look out for the people. Mr. Harkness said this was the third month in a row that he had to point out that the city had violated the legality of the advertising policies. Mike Cochran assured city council that the city had advertise as required for tonight's meeting.

Council Member Owens made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance # 2-2019 – FY 2018-2019 Mid-Year Budget adjustments. Council Member Sally second the motion. Council Member Hodges voted no. All others in attendance voted yes. Motion carried 5-1.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Larry Sturdivant explained that the purpose of the Board of Zoning Appeals as provided for by SC State legislation, is to hear appeals of the Zoning Ordinance where due to a hardship or peculiar conditions a variance may be granted. The Board also hears request for appeals to the written decision of the Zoning Administrator if the applicant feels the decision was made in error. The Board is comprised of five citizens and meets on an as needed basis. They serve four-year terms. Requests for variances or appeals may be submitted to the Building and Codes Department. After interviews performed by Jeff Hajek and Council Member Sally it has been suggested to nominate Daryl Shorter to a four-Year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Council Member Sally made a motion to appoint Daryl Shorter to a four-year term on the BZA. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Resolution # 3-2019 – to recognize April 2019 as Fair Housing month in the City of Hanahan.

Larry Sturdivant explained this resolution was a part of the fair housing requirement for the CDBG for Charleston Farms. Council Member Owens made a motion to declare April 2019 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Hanahan. Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler returned for the remainder of the meeting. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Resolution # 4-2019 – Transition Plan

Larry Sturdivant explained this resolution was part of the CDBG. Mr. Sturdivant said the last plan was approved in 1998. This grant is for the accessibility and ADA compliancy of federal guidelines.

Council Member Sally made a motion to adopt the ADA Transition Plan and Self-

Evaluation plan funded by the Community Development Block Grant. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- David Pelletier, Cooper's Hawk Drive, Ibis Glade said he was having issues with his lawn. He wanted other to know he had gotten help and answers for his problem from a company in Moncks Corner. He said that the grass was not the problem but the soil. He also asked for help with a huge pothole on the corner of his street. Jon Ellwood said this had already been reported.
- Mark Smith, 2716 Canebreak Lane, Mt. Pleasant said he was our volunteer representative on aging. He said that there was a public hearing planned in Columbia on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 for the advisory council on aging. He said this public hearing would touch on issues of seniors and care givers, transportation for seniors, health care, safety, fraud issues etc.
- Ray Blankenship, 5200 Mabeline Road spoke about the Railroad extension program. He said he had met with involved parties and they were trying to finalize the new proposal and get this completed as soon as possible. Mr. Blankenship said he was meeting with DOT on Thursday and would reach out to city council if needed.
- Teresa Short, 1159 Berkeley Street, said she has had trouble with the Building and Codes Department and was not happy with Tyler Dempsey and the citation he had issued her. She showed pictures to council of her "cleaning" process and said she should not have received the citations.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The following is the monthly update on projects and activities

1. Boat Landing Boardwalk – The project is awaiting permit approval by the Army Corp of Engineers.
2. Village Renaissance Grant – Survey work was done for wetlands delineation; project area has been marked and sidewalk design is underway.
3. Flooding Turkey Creek – Berkeley County Water and Sewer have been out on site and working to clear the banks of trees, debris and such. The workers can only work during low tide – this has made the progress slow, but it is moving forward.
4. Downtown Revitalization – Staff is conducting weekly meetings with all stakeholders to work through issues and continue progress. Final completion of the roadwork is at the end of June. White buildings are being abated of asbestos this week followed by demolition.

5. Railroad Avenue – Met with property owners and SCDOT on a right of way issue. An on-site meeting is scheduled later this week with all parties. The project is still on schedule to start before the end of the year.

6. Tree Trimming – SCE&G subcontractors are trimming trees along Dickson and Murray. We have had several complaints about the thoroughness of their trimming. SCE&G has been contacted and have met with homeowners and visited the sites.

Notes:

Movie in the Park and Easter Egg Hunt – April 13th (Movie “God Bless the Broken Road”)

Cypress Gardens Opening – April 13th

Spring Break Unplugged Concert at Amphitheatre – April 18th

City Offices Closed – Good Friday, April 19th

Keep Hanahan Beautiful Clean Up Day – April 27th

Mr. Cochran addressed the advertising requirements of a public meeting. He mentioned that the public hearing for the original Budget Ordinance #4-2018 – FY 2018-2019 was advertised properly. Ordinance # 2-2019 – FY 2018-2019 mid-year budget adjustment did not require a public hearing and it did not have to be advertised. City Council only held this public hearing out of public consideration.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler questioned the advertising process. Mr. Cochran pointed out the section in the City Code of Ordinance book that addressed this issue.

C. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Council Member Owens said that city council does not serve the administration but all Hanahan residents. He said he took offense to an earlier comment from tonight. He said they served all Hanahan citizens period.
- Mayor Rainwater said she agreed with Council Member Owens. She said they all worked hard, and city council only makes \$3600 a year so they don't do this for the money. She said they do it because they care. She said if anyone has a suggestion please bring it to them.
- Mayor Rainwater wished Council Member Hodges a happy birthday.
- We all wished Mayor Rainwater a happy birthday.

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There being no further business to discuss for tonight, Council Member Sally made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

ATTEST

Christie Rainwater, Mayor