

Minutes from July 9, 2019
Hanahan City Council Meeting - 6:30PM
Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers
1255 Yeamans Hall Road Hanahan, SC 29410

A regular City Council Meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in the Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers at 1255 Yeamans Hall Road in Hanahan at 6:30pm. 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 lobby bulletin board at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the Agenda was sent as a courtesy, to Brenda Rindge with the Post and Courier. Mayor Christie Rainwater presided. The Council Members that were present at tonight's meeting were Dan Owens, Jeff Chandler, Kevin Hedgpeth, Mike Sally, Joel Hodges and Mike Dyson. We had a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Staff members that signed the visitor's log were: Mike Cochran - City Administrator, Jon Ellwood – IT, Hilary VanOrsdel – HR, Emily Huff - Clerk of Council, Larry Sturdivant – Building & Codes, Joe Gill – Public Works, Bo Bowers – Fire Chief, Kristy Duffy – Finance, Randy Moneymaker – Rec Dept., Doug Rogers – Senior Center, Dennis Turner – Police Chief, Shaine Beal – Building & Codes, Tyler Dempsey – Building & Codes, and Jeff Hajek – Building & Codes.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rainwater called the Tuesday, July 9, 2019 City Council Meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

INVOCATION

Pastor Spurlock, from Restoration Community Church led us in the invocation for tonight.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Hodges led us in the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight.

RECOGNITIONS

- A. Police Chief Dennis Turner took the podium to give the recent promotions within the Police Department, after basic testing process they were able to determine these promotions.

John Gombar was recently promoted to Sergeant. Police Chief Turner said that Sergeant Gombar has 20+ years as a Law Enforcement veteran. He helped start the Narcan program/opioid as well as the Cadet program at Hanahan High School. Sergeant Gombar will be heading back to Hanahan Middle School this coming school year to serve as the SRO. The kids were happy to hear that he would be returning. His nickname at the school is "gummy bear."

Dustin Allgood was recognized next for his promotion. He was recently promoted to Corporal. Corporal Allgood has 13 years of experience. He currently is part of the K9 program, with his K9 Maverick. In his spare time, he coaches B-Team baseball at the high school.

Patrick Ward was recognized as well. He was recently promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Ward is a 6-year veteran as well as a US Navy Veteran. He obtained his Defense Tactic certification, which is extremely physical and down right, hard work. He will be responsible for our new recruits and making sure they are ready for the academy.

A certificate was presented to each of them. Police Chief Turner went on to say that we are very fortunate to have each of you with us and we thank each of you.

- B. Police Chief Dennis Turner remained at the podium to recognize K9 Officer Jasmin. K9 Jasmin will be retiring after 6 years of service with us. Chief Turner went on to invite a few people from the audience; Jon Ellwood and Joseph Stokes. She came to us when she was 2 years old, she is now 9 years old. He gave a brief history on K9 Jasmin, starting with pointing out that Jon Ellwood, when he was an officer, was her first handler back in 2013. Joseph Stokes who is now with Charleston County Sherriff's Office was also Jasmin's handler for a while. He took her over as his K9, after Ellwood. Since then, Jasmin has been with Corporal Callahan. During her service she has been a huge asset; once she even alerted on over 200 vials of THC, cash, and guns. Sadly, she is getting older and her muzzle is turning gray. She has recently been facing some health issues, so we knew it was time to retire her. She has been off the streets for about a month now, but she still has it in her. She always will, but now she will now be Corporal Callahan's house pet. Corporal Callahan is getting out of the K9 program. Chief Turner continued with stating that many people don't realize how much of a huge commitment it is to be a K9 handler. They are with them 24/7, they live with them, they have many after hours of training to adhere to. There is constant training and grooming required. The K9

- becomes part of the family. Chief Turner said that all 3 of them played a successful role with K9 Jasmin and she has been a huge asset to us. A certificate was awarded to her and a Bill of Sale was presented in the amount of \$1, to transfer ownership. The Mayor and Corporal Callahan signed the Bill of Sale and \$1 was given by Corporal Callahan's wife. The dollar bill had a special message written on it, as she was persistent that they use her dollar. Several months of food will be donated and given to help with that expense. Jasmin was a happy dog, as she sat up there barking. She will now be their family pet and she can now enjoy retirement years.
- C. Police Chief Dennis Turner said that when deciding on this award, it was easy, a slam dunk. He recognized Cameron Blackmon, as the 2019 Hanahan Exchange Club Police Officer of the Year as well as the July Employee of the Month. Chief Turner said that Officer Blackmon always goes above and beyond. He said that he has been a part of the Police Department since he was about 12 years old. He was a wrestler in high school and also a part of our cadet program and stayed with it all through high school. Eventually he became a dispatcher and worked that job for several years. At the age of 21 he got the itch to become a mail carrier, but former City Administrator/Police Chief Johnny Cribb knew Cameron's worth. He basically gave up a Police Officer position for a year, so that Cameron could shadow/work. He has been an SRO and the kids love him. He takes the time to get to know the kids, know their home life, etc. Cameron even assisted with several felony arrests and volunteered to go out and work on his days off. This was well deserved. We appreciate Cameron and his hard work. Cameron will not be at Hanahan Middle School this year. He will now be uniform patrol. Congratulations Cameron.
- D. Recognition of the 2019 Hanahan Exchange Club Firefighter of the Year award was not done, as Kyle Finneran was home with a back injury. He will be recognized in August instead.
- E. Recognition of the July 2019 Citizen of the Month was not done, as Shawn Barger recently started a new job and was unable to get time off. Instead, she will be recognized in August, as the August 2019 Citizen of the Month.
- F. Council Member Dan Owens read the Proclamation for UV Safety Month. The staff and City Administrator recommended declaring July 2019 as US Safety Month in the City of Hanahan. A motion was made by Council Member Owens to declare July 2019 as UV Safety Month. A second was made by Council Member Hedgpeth. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.
- G. Council Member Sally read the Proclamation for Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month. The staff and City Administrator recommended declaring July 2019 as Juvenile

Arthritis Awareness Month in the City of Hanahan. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Chandler for declaring July 2019 as Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month. A second was made by Council Member Hedgpeth. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were no citizen comments or input.
- With no other citizen comments or input, the Mayor closed this segment.

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 June 11, 2019 Consent Agenda were:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 11, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Sally made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 11th Council Meeting. Council Member Owens second the motion. There was no discussion. Council Member Hodges abstained his vote, all others were in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Recommendation of gym floor award bid to Preferred Sports Flooring. Council Member Owens asked Randy Moneymaker, Parks and Recreation Director if there was any other use for the old gym flooring. Randy Moneymaker said that we do not have another use for the old flooring at this time. Council Member Sally said that he wondered if there was a rural community center that could possibly use it. He knows several that may benefit from the old flooring. Randy Moneymaker said that he surely thinks that flooring could be pieced back together and said that he would reach out to see if any of them have any use for it. Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the gym floor award bid to Preferred Sports Flooring in the amount of \$160,841.43. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. There was no discussion, all were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mike Cochran, City Administrator spoke about the demolition and abatement of several properties. Abatement for the properties on Yeamans Hall and Howard has been completed by Easy Way. All reports were submitted to DHEC. All reports required by the City from Easy Way have been provided; including Project Design, Employee DHEC Licenses, EPA Training Certificates, Employee Medical Clearance, Fit Testing Documentation, Equipment Respiratory Protection, Daily Sign In's for all three buildings and Waste Manifest Reports. The addresses are 1240, 1242 Yeamans Hall Road and 5902 Howard Street. A demolition bid for the project was posted on May 17, 2019. The submission deadline was 2:00pm on June 6, 2019. The winning bidder was Quality Home & Lawn for \$9,475.00. Council Member Sally asked if this total cost included dump fees. City Administrator Mike Cochran answered stating that yes, surprisingly this amount does include everything. He said that Kitty Farias in Purchasing did her calling around. Ultimately, this company is saving us approximately \$10K. The Bid Tabulation was included in the Council Packets. There were no citizen questions or comments. Council Member Hedgpeth made a motion to approve the Abatement/ Demolition of 1240, 1242 Yeamans Hall Road and 5902 Howard Street. Council Member Sally second the motion. There was no discussion, all were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Planner/ Economic Development Director Jeff Hajek took the podium to ask Council to hold a Public Hearing to discuss Ordinance # 5-2019 – An Ordinance Amending the City of Hanahan's Zoning Map and vote on the Introduction and First Reading of this Ordinance. Council Member Sally made a motion to approve the Public Hearing to discuss Ordinance # 5-2019. Council Member Owens second the motion. There was no discussion, all were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried 6-0. Jeff Hajek then began the Public Hearing and gave his PowerPoint presentation stating that the Public Hearing was advertised on May 22 and June 17 with the Post and Courier. Copies of the Affidavits of Publication with the Post and Courier were included in the Council Packets. During Jeff Hajek's presentation he stated that the items in red (on the PowerPoint slide) are the properties that he was referencing. The zoning map, which is all brown (on the PowerPoint slide) is proposed to be Town Center (TC) zoning. He said that he has received lots of questions, asking if taxes will go up. He stated that if the property was left as is, it would not change. However, if the property was converted from residential to business, that it would change. Jeff Hajek said that the Planning Commission did already approve this. Mayor Pro Tem Chandler asked if the setbacks would change, as they can change from residential to commercial. Jeff Hajek answered by saying, if it is an existing structure it will not change setbacks. If the structure is bulldozed, then yes, the setbacks would change.

Council Member Owens asked Jeff Hajek if we had anyone come to us for this or did we have to reach out on our own. Jeff Hajek said that we did have a couple reach out to us. We have a few whom wish to convert from residential. Council Member Sally asked if it was unanimous when it passed to which Jeff Hajek replied that it was unanimous. Mayor Rainwater asked if there were any citizen comments or questions and there weren't any. A motion to close the Public Hearing was given by Council Member Hedgpeth. Mayor Pro Tem Chandler second the motion to close the Public Hearing. Mayor Rainwater asked if there was a motion to approve Ordinance # 5-2019. Council Member Hedgpeth made the motion to approve Ordinance # 5-2019 – An Ordinance Amending the City of Hanahan's Zoning Map. Council Member Owens second the motion. There was no discussion, all were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The following is the monthly update and report on projects and activities:

1. Boat Landing Boardwalk – Regulatory paperwork was approved in early June and final permitting is in process. We are in the final stages, said City Administrator Mike Cochran.
2. Village Renaissance Grant – The BCD Council of Governments is administering this project and it is in process.
3. Flooding Turkey Creek – Mike Cochran spent half a day studying hydrology maps and walking the tributaries that feed into the Turkey Creek with US ACOE staff. They are on target to deliver a presentation in September in keeping with the scope of the project.
4. Downtown Revitalization – Mike Cochran said that the paving is nearly complete, and the final striping will be done once it is completed. He met with Dominion Energy government representative to review their pricing models. Their prices are not twice the price they used to be. We are looking at ones that are \$62 or \$69 a month, forever. Which would amount to about \$3,100/month for those 51 lights and that's forever. He is still looking at other options. Additionally, Mike Cochran met with Dominion Energy staff to review the timeline and get more accurate times for pole removal and the actual burying of the power lines. Progress continues. Mayor Rainwater asked if we can see if there is a possibility to add storm water drainage while they are already digging for the poles. He said that he would look into the possibility.

5. Railroad Avenue – The project is pending action by the SCDOT but is on track to begin late 2019. The right-of-way personnel indicated that no changes were possible to the sidewalk width and that they are going through the condemnation process for the final parcel of land.
6. Golf Tournament – The Annual Yeamans Hall Golf Tournament fundraiser for the amphitheater planning is underway. Emily Huff will be coordinating. Sponsorships and other details will be published to the city website and to Facebook. Teams are limited to 20 and we expect a high demand.
7. 53-Acre Park – Mike Cochran met with design team and discussed layout items. BCSD has their partnership on their agenda for their August meeting. Mike Cochran will be attending that meeting.

Additional Notes/Dates:

8/5/2019 - Yeamans Hall Presbyterian Church is holding their annual Hands of Christ distribution of school supplies to needy families. The event will be held from 5-7:00pm.

8/15/2019 – MASC Regional Advocacy meeting at Goose Creek Fire Department.

There were no questions or comments.

C. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss tonight, Council Member Owens made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Huff, Clerk of Council

ATTEST:

Mayor Christie Rainwater