

MAYOR
CHRISTIE RAINWATER

MAYOR PRO-TEM
JEFF CHANDLER

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
MIKE COCHRAN



CITY COUNCIL
MIKE DYSON
KEVIN HEDGPETH
JOEL HODGES
DAN OWENS
MICHAEL SALLY

**Hanahan City Council
Minutes from February 12, 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, February 12, 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, and Mike Dyson. Council Member Joel Hodges and Council Member Michael Sally were not present. 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, Sgt. Ellen Lanphere and Corporal Gombar, Police Department, Bo Bowers, Fire Chief, Michael Barger, Assistant Fire Chief, Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, Jeff Hajek, City Planner and Economic Development Director, Kristy Duffy, Finance Director, Hilary VanOrsdel, HR, Joe Gill, Public Works, Shaine Beal, Tyler Dempsy and Kappy Fesler, Building and Codes, Randy Moneymaker, Recreation Director, Doug Rogers and Carl Evans Recreation Department.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rainwater called the Tuesday, February 12, 2019 regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Bill Healy led us in the invocation for tonight.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Hedgpeth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

RECOGNITIONS

- A.** Chief Bowers swore in our new fire fighter Brenden Shaw and our new Fire Fighter/Paramedic Chris Wheeler. Brenden is from Hanahan and a recent graduate of the SC Fire Academy. Chris is from Ohio and is a second-generation Fire fighter Paramedic. We welcome them both to the City of Hanahan.
- B.** Chief Bowers recognized Justin Esposito and Kyle Finneran for their recent promotions to the rank of Engineer. They both received their Engineer pins.
- C.** Chief Turner presented Officer Brock Tomlin and K-9 Bear with a letter of commendation on their recent drug seizure. They were instrumental in seizing 896 pounds of marijuana worth over 2.5 million dollars. This is the largest seizure in the department's history. Chief Turner said the Hanahan Police Department is committed to getting drugs out of our city.
- D.** Chief Turner presented Corporal John Gombar with a letter of commendation for stopping a fully involved structure fire from starting. On November 27, 2018 while patrolling in the Charleston Farms area Corporal Gombar heard a smoke detector going off. His quick thinking helped to stop a fire from happening.
- E.** Chief Bowers presented Michael Langan with a certificate for his 20 years of service to the City of Hanahan at the Hanahan Fire Department.
- F.** Mayor Rainwater read the 2019 STEM Proclamation. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Council Member Owens made a motion to declare Saturday, March 9, 2019 as celebrating STEM in the Lowcountry Day. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.
- G.** Mike Cochran, City Administrator announce that Kappy Fesler was chosen as the February 2019 Employee of the Month. Kappy is a part of the Building and Codes Department. She was presented with a certificate and gift from the city.
- H.** The February 2019 Citizen of the month was unable to attend the meeting tonight. This will be presented at the March 2019 meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no Citizens Comments regarding agenda items tonight.

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 February 12, 2019 Consent Agenda are:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the January 8, 2019 City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes from the January 22, 2019 Council Workshop.

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the February 12, 2019 Consent Agendas. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Jeff Hajek, City Planner explained the process of interviewing candidates for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is a seven-member citizen appointed Commission in place for purposes of reviewing various planning applications such as rezoning requests, zoning ordinance amendments, the Comprehensive Plan, the Capital Improvements Plan, and other items directed by City Council for recommendation for approval or denial. These items are initiated by staff and/or City Council with rezoning requests applied for by property owners. Recommendations from the Planning Commission are considered by City Council for final approval or denial. They serve a four-year term. Jeff Hajek and Council Member Sally held interviews for these positions. After the interview process, staff recommended appointing Michael Moseley and Craig Bennett to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term. Council Member Hedgpeth made a motion to appoint Michael Moseley and Craig Bennett to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Moseley and Mr. Bennett will start in March of 2019. Mayor Rainwater introduce Mr. Bennett and thanked him for agreeing to serve on the Planning Commission. Mr. Moseley was not in attendance.

- B. Council Member Owens made a motion to hold a public hearing to discuss the updates recommended by the Planning Commission for the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 4-0. Jeff Hajek, City Planner said that the elements of this plan are regulated at least once every five years, and the entire plan must be updated at least once every ten years. Changes in the 5-year update include updated demographics, the Tanner Plantation/Foster Creek Trail System, transportation and corridor improvements, priority investments in the Charleston Farms revitalization area and the 53-Acre park. Council Member Owens said it was nice to see that home values and Economic Development had increased. There were no questions for Mr. Hajek. Council Member Hedgpeth made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 4-0. Council Member Hedgpeth made a motion to approve the introduction and first reading of the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Council Member Owens made a motion to hold a public hearing to discuss Ordinance # 1-2019 – Amendments to the current Business License Ordinance. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 4-0. Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, Shaine Beal, Business License Official and Scott Slatton from the Municipal Association presented the changes to our current Business License Ordinance. The MASC has provided a Model Business License Ordinance to help make sure that we are in compliance with state Law, and we are consistent with other jurisdictions within the state. There are no changes in fees and this plan is more business friendly. With the new plan, the city will be able to take online payments through out city website. Council Member Hedgpeth asked what would happen if we did not adopt this plan. Mr. Slatton said that this plan has been developed by the MASC over last 30 years. He said the new plan would make getting a business license easy to comply with. He said the online portal would provide for appeals and due process. If we enter into this process early the City of Hanahan can help test the new online portal. Mayor Rainwater said she had a business license with the City of Hanahan and was glad it will be available online and is business friendly. Mayor Rainwater asked about section 4B under License Tax. This section explained having a separate license required for each place of business and for each classification or business conducted at one place. Mr. Slatton clarified this by saying that the Business tax would be calculated on the highest-level rate if more than one business or service was offered in one place. Mayor Rainwater also asked about the Appendix A Rate Schedule. Mr. Slatton said that all taxes shall be doubled for nonresidents. Mr. Sturdivant said this was currently in place at the City of Hanahan. Mayor Rainwater asked for clarification of section 8.62 for seasonal activities. Mr. Slatton said this would be for a farmer’s market or carnival or any other seasonal activities. Mr. Sturdivant said that the MASC had provided a Business License Handbook for them to use as a learning tool. There being no further questions, Council Member Hedgpeth made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. (Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler arrived during this Public Hearing) Council Member Hedgpeth made a motion to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance # 1-2019. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Council Member Owens made a motion to hold a public hearing to discuss Ordinance # 2-2019 – Mid-Year Budget adjustments to the FY 2018-2019 Budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. Kristy Duffy, Finance Director presented the amendments to the FY 2018-2019 Budget to maintain the overall balance of revenues and expenditures. Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler asked about the \$250,000 overage for the 5-week continuance of the Downtown Streetscape project. Mr. Cochran said this was due to right of way issues and utility

changes. Mr. Cochran said the utility surveys were not correct and this has led to the delays. Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler asked why the engineers were not footing this bill. Kristy Duffy said that 60 years ago when the surveys were taken, they did not have the technology to pinpoint where all the drains and utilities were. Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler stated again that he did not think the City of Hanahan should pay these penalties. Council Member Owens asked about the Charleston Water Systems change order. Kristy said that 700 feet of water line was not where they said it was. The change order was to accommodate the necessary changes. Mayor Rainwater asked about the new sign at Fire Station 3. Ms. Duffy said the new sign would not fit the existing base and a new base needs to be purchased along with the new sign. There were no further questions. Council Member Owens made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance # 2-2019. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

A. Citizens Comments

- Pat Eckstine, 7472 Hawk Circle spoke on the behalf of the Planning Commission. She said they had enjoyed doing the updates on the Comprehensive Plan. She said they were very enthusiastic about the changes
- Johnnie Harkness, 1036 Dominion Drive pointed out that the public should have a say in a public hearing.
- Michael Stark, 1122 Belvedere Drive said that his street was used as a drag strip and it was dangerous for his kids or any kids to play outside. He said this has been an ongoing problem and he did not know who to turn to. He asked that the police investigate the matter. Mayor Rainwater said it takes a full community to get things done. Chief Turner was asked to speak to Mr. Stark after the meeting.

B. City Administrator's Report

The following is the monthly update on projects and activities:

1. Boat Landing Boardwalk – Seamon and Whiteside completed the regulatory paperwork for this project. The project will require an Army Corps permit and a SCDNR permit prior to the design being finalized.
2. Village Renaissance Grant – Met with Department of Commerce to kick off the grant. Met with the COG representative to move forward with some of the design aspects. This grant project is moving forward.

3. Flooding Turkey Creek – The scope of the project has been expanded to increase the study area of the creek to capture all contributing influences. Berkeley County has been contacted regarding removing the trees that hang over the creek near Rembert and Redeemer.
4. Downtown Revitalization – Staff is conducting weekly meetings with all stakeholders to work through issues and continue progress. Progress was made on some right-of-way issues and with utilities. The project is moving forward.
5. Railroad Avenue – This project is pending action by the SCDOT but it is on track to begin late 2019. We are awaiting scheduling of the work but are on target.
6. Budget Preparation – Budget workshop dates were put in council packets. Plan on meetings in May and June for this.
 - Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler asked when the work along Turkey Creek would start. Mr. Cochran said he would call tomorrow.

C. Mayor and City Council Comments

- Council Member Owens wished his son Parker a Happy 12th Birthday.
- Mayor Rainwater mentioned that she and Council Member Hedgpeth were in Columbia last week for training and met with our legislators. She said they were doing a great job fighting for our city.

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Owens made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

ATTEST

Christie Rainwater, Mayor

