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**HANAHAN CITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes from January 12, 2016**  
**Meeting of City Council**  
**Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers**  
**6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 in the Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers at 1255 Yeamans Hall Road in Hanahan at 6:30 p.m. This 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 City Hall at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was sent to Brenda Rindge at the Post and Courier.

Mayor Minnie Newman presided. Council Members present were: Dan Owens, Mike Dyson, Kevin Cox, Joel Hodges, Jeff Chandler and Michael Sally. All council members were in attendance. We had a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Staff Members that signed the guest log included: Johnny Cribb, City Administrator, Kim Peters, Clerk of Council, David Kornahrens, IT, Courtney Soler, Finance Director, Hilary VanOrsdel, Human Resources Director, Bo Bowers, Fire Chief, Dennis Turner, Police Chief, Randy Money maker, Recreation Director, Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, and Gale Dollar, Clerk of Court.

A copy of the visitors log is included in the official minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Newman and Honorary Mayor Henley Nicodin called the January 12, 2016 regular city council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Newman introduced Henley Nicodin as our Honorary Mayor for tonight. Henley is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Hanahan Elementary School. She is the president of the student council and head news anchor on the HES Morning news. Her favorite subject is Math. Her favorite thing about Hanahan Elementary School is that the teachers help her to learn and grow. She decided to run for student council to be a good role model for other people. She enjoys gymnastics, drawing, hunting with her dad and playing with her friends. When she grows up she would like to be an engineer or a teacher. Welcome Henley to our meeting tonight. She is here tonight with her mom and dad and brother Foster.

**INVOCATION:**

Horace Curry, retired chaplain for Hanahan and Berkeley County led us in the invocation tonight.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Council Member Chandler and Honorary City Council Member Sarah Crocker led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

A. Honorary Mayor Henley introduced her student council members from Hanahan Elementary School. Members of this year's Student Council present tonight are: Henley Nicodin – President, Ariana Hooper – VP, Alexzander Weslanski – Secretary, Dylan Crocker, Fiona Yang, Damian McWilliams, Raegan Taylor, Clara Acevedo, Noah Thomas, Riley Padgett, Brooklynn Witke, Tu'Nayia Simmons, Ella Patrick, Andrew Roblero Romualdo, Sarah Crocker and Kaelyn Owens. Teacher Representatives are Andrea Keesee, Linda Beckroge and Stacy Newman.

B. The 1<sup>st</sup> Lego Robotics Teams from the Hanahan Recreation Department were recognized tonight. We presently have three teams: Mega Geeks, Droid Masters and Techno Tins. Each team won their respective qualifiers and will all be competing in the state championship competition in February. This is a group of amazing young people that are helping to grow the STEM program in the City of Hanahan.

C. Chief Bowers swore in Brett Sims as our newest Captain. Brett was a member of Charleston County Rescue where he was a Captain and Battalion Chief before going to work at the Awendaw Fire Department. He has lots of experience the he brought with him to the City of Hanahan. Congratulations Brett on your promotion.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Honorary Mayor Henley read the National Mentoring Month proclamation. Honorary City Council Member Sarah Crocker made a motion to approve the National Mentoring Month Proclamation. Honorary City Council Member Raegan Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed 7-0.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

- Nancy Lovelace, 29 S Basilica in Otranto asked about the Zoning Amendment for the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance # 9-2015. Mr. Cribb said it would be discussed in length later in the meeting.
- Conrad Zakis, of Eagle Landing refreshed everyone's memory about the vote to put a cell tower in Eagle landing several years ago. He mentioned the petition they all signed against the tower and spoke of how ugly the towers were and asked who would control the design and placement of the tower if the Ordinance passed tonight. There being no further discussion, this segment of the meeting was closed.

**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 January 12, 2016 Consent Agenda are:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the December 8, 2015 regular City Council Meeting.
- B. Public Works Emergency purchase of 4 Advance Rotary Tuck Away Lifters for Garbage Trucks from vendor Perkins Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$10,416.00 and the purchase of a universal Double Tap in kit in the amount of \$2,814.
- C. Auction on E-GovDeals.com of (3) unusable police vehicles and (1) old K-9 car that is no longer used.

Mayor Pro-Tem Owens made a motion to approve the January 12, 2016 Consent Agenda. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Ordinance # 9-2015 was submitted by the Planning Commission. It was passed by the Planning Commission with a unanimous vote to allow changes to the City's Zoning Ordinances Section 4.3 and 5.14. Introduction and first reading passed by City Council with a 5-1 vote at the December 8, 2015 city council meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance # 9-2015. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. Council Member Chandler said he appreciated the hard work done by the Planning Commission in putting this Ordinance together. Council Member Cox said he stood behind what he said at the December 8, 2015 council meeting. He did not support the location of a cell tower in a residential neighborhood. He said there was enough land in Hanahan to place any tower in a non-residential area. Kathryn Basha from the COG gave city council several alternatives to consider. Council Member Cox said he liked option 3 – to allow telecommunications facilities in all nonresidential districts as a conditional use and require approval as a Special Exception use by the Board of Zoning Appeals if standard conditions could not be met. Require Special Exception approval for any facility proposed in the Conservation/Preservation zoning district. Council Member Sally mentioned the design of the cell tower, monopole vs cage tower. He said the residents of Hanahan want cell service and they need infrastructure. He said he definitely agreed with the monopole design vs the cage tower. Council Member Cox said it was not just the pole but the equipment at the bottom of the pole. He was also said if the pole fell it would hit something. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens agreed with Council Member Sally that times are changing. Cell phones are becoming more relative and the need for cell service is increasing. Council Member Cox said he was not saying we can't have a pole, just not in a residential neighborhood. He said he also understood the need just not in a residential neighborhood. He

also said that in the future satellites will take over and there will be no need for a pole. He said if your phone service is not acceptable and you are getting dropped calls then maybe the problem is with your phone carrier, not with the location of the cell tower. If a cell tower is located in a residential area someone is getting paid for that location. Council Member Cox said at that time the location becomes a business and the city ordinances say a business cannot interfere with normal living. He stated again that there were tons of options for the location of a tower, just not in a residential neighborhood. Mayor Newman asked for a roll call vote. Council Member Sally and Mayor Pro-Tem Owens voted yes. All others voted no. Motion failed 5-2. This ordinance will go back to the Planning Commission to be redesigned.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Ordinance # 1-2016 – to amend the FY 2015-2016 Budget. Council Member Sally made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing to discuss this matter. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. Courtney Soler, Finance Director explained why this amendment was necessary. These changes are due to the recent flooding in Hanahan at the walking trail at the Recreation Department and at the old Public Works Facility, monthly maintenance for the Motorola radios for the fire department, the environmental study for the federal Land behind Williams Lane, damage to the Police Sally Port, emergency repair to a damaged fire hose, Police server crash and emergency purchase of air packs for the fire department. These changes were in the amount of \$96, 915. Council Member Cox made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. Council Member Chandler made a motion to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance # 1-2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be heard at the February 9, 2016 regular city council meeting.

B. Council Member Hodges made a motion to appoint Jason Brooks to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. Congratulation Jason on your appointment to the Planning Commission.

#### **REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

##### **A. Citizens Comments**

- Jim Rowan, 1409 Coopers Hawk Dr., said the sign on North Rhett needed some attention and the shrubbery at that sign needed to be trimmed. He also mentioned the Berkeley County recycling bins were too small and trash from those bins were overflowing into his yard from the neighbor's house. He mentioned the noise ordinance that pertained to fireworks and said the city needed to enforce the times allowed for firework noise.
- Mrs. Bessie Crume, 1306 Williams Lane, asked about her voting card and why her precinct was changed. She also mentioned some thoughts she had about gun control and said we needed to eliminate the ease in which people can purchase bullets.

- Nancy Lovelace, 29 S. Basilica, said something needed to be done about the permanent recycling bin across from Fire Station 2 in Otranto. She said it looks messy and needs to be monitored more closely. She said we needed a sign at that location that said there was a fine for littering.
- Louis Rodriguez, 5867 Allison Avenue, said he was having trouble with a drainage problem in front of his house. He also said it looked like there was a water main break on Jones Street. He mentioned the abandoned houses on Allison Avenue and asked if something could be done to clean it up. Larry Sturdivant, Building Official is looking into this matter.
- Dave Pelletier, Hanahan mentioned he had recently graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree that had taken him years to achieve. He said his niece was involved in an organization called "Guns Cease SC". This group listens to both sides of gun control and comes up with solutions to gun control problems. He gave Mrs. Bess the information for her to contact them.
- Don Lovelace, 29 S. Basilica, said he agreed with Council Member Cox on the cell tower issue. He did not understand that the Ordinance was voted down earlier in the meeting.

#### B. City Administrator's Report

The following is the monthly update on projects and activities for January 12, 2016:

1. US Government Property – The environmental study bid has been awarded to ECS Carolina LLC. We have a conference call with Joint Base Charleston and ECS on 1/13 at 9 a.m.
2. Public Works Director – the city received 34 applications for the position and held internal interviews on 1/7. Final interviews with city council scheduled for 1/14. Leon D'Agostino continues to serve as Interim director during the transition.
3. Repairs to Fire Station # 1 – Contractor is Roofco and all materials have been moved on site. Work has begun with substantial completion date set for 1/20. We are using the talent in the Fire Department to speed up the repairs.
4. Land Sale to BCSD – The city and BCSD has agreed upon and selected a third appraiser (Gary Schwab) for the 21.44 acre parcel on Williams Lane. The appraisal results are expected any day. As a reminder, the sales price for the property will be the average of the two highest appraisals.

Joey Bowers was introduced. He is a guest intern with the City of Hanahan through April. The audit presentation will be next month with audit findings presented by Bill Carpenter. The Fireworks policy will be looked at in greater detail.

Staff met with Habitat for Humanity and they are looking at the Charleston Farms area to do repairs.

Council Member Cox said we needed to send the Ordinance for the cell towers back to the Planning Commission to come up with a new Ordinance to be voted on.

Notes:

1/18 – offices closed for ML King Day

1/21 – lunch Buddies

2/9 – next city council meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

John P. Cribb

C. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens thanks Mrs. Pat Eckstine and the Planning Commission for all their hard work putting together the Cell Tower proposal.

Mayor Newman congratulated Jason Brooks on his appointment to the Planning Committee and to John Tecklenberg on his appointment as the new Mayor of Charleston.

There being no further business to discuss tonight, Council Member Sally made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

ATTEST

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Mayor Minnie Newman

