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**HANAHAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting of January 8, 2013
Municipal Court Complex
6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of City Council was held on January 8, 2013 in the Hanahan Municipal Court Complex at 1255 Yeamans Hall Road in Hanahan. This meeting was advertised in the Post and Courier, on the City of Hanahan webpage, the community calendar, and the scroller bar. A copy of the Agenda was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Mayor Minnie N. Blackwell presided. Council Members present at tonight's meeting were: Joel Hodges, Michael Sally, Kevin Cox, Mike Dyson, and Jeff Chandler. Council Member Dan Owens was out of town to attend his grandfather's funeral. 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, Courtney Soler, Finance Director, Gale Dollar, Clerk of Court, Steve Willis, Public Works Director, Jerry Barham, Fire Chief, Mike Cochran, Police Chief, Randy Moneymaker, Recreation Director, Larry Sturdivant, Building and Codes Official. Visitors that signed the quest log included: Johnny Harkness, Georgia Skallett, Bess Crume, Peter, Anne and Marissa Arigo, Carol King, Wyonia Glover, Barbara Brown, Karen and Thomas Provost, Kathy Carr, Steven Biel, and Tim Platts.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blackwell and Honorary Mayor Marissa Arigo called the January 8, 2013 Hanahan City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

We had a moment of silence for the families of several City employees that had recent deaths in their families. Council Member Cox lost his grandmother, Council Member Owens lost his grandfather, Johnny Cribb, our City Administrator lost his father, and Michelle Lloyd, our Purchasing Agent lost her brother-in-law.

Mayor Blackwell introduced Marissa Arigo as our Honorary Mayor for tonight. Marissa is in the 3rd Grade at Hanahan Elementary School.

LORD'S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Honorary Mayor Marissa and Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Hodges led us in the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments regarding Agenda items tonight.

RECOGNITIONS

The Hanahan Middle School Robotic Team did not attend the Council Meeting 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 January 8, 2013 Consent Agenda were:

1. Approval of the minutes from the December 11, 2012 regular City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to approve the January 8, 2013 Consent Agenda. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing and 2nd reading of Ordinance # 7-2012, an Amendment to the City of Hanahan's Tree and Landscape Ordinance.
Council Member Cox made a motion to have a Public Hearing to discuss this matter. Council Member Dyson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call. Larry Sturdivant, Building and Codes Official and Michele Canon from the Council of Governments explained the changes to this ordinance. There were no questions from City Council. Council Member Sally made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.
Council Member Cox made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance # 7-2012. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.
- B. Public Hearing, Introduction, and First Reading of Ordinance # 1-2013, an amendment to section 36-95 of the Hanahan Code of Ordinances.
Council Member Sally made a motion to have a Public Hearing to discuss this Ordinance. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call. Mike Cochran, Police Chief addressed the complaints they had received in the Otranto area and in the area around Hanahan High School (Smithfield, Belvedere Court and

Belvedere Drive). Students and Citizens are parking in the front of residents homes and destroying their lawns. Ordinance # 1-2013 would restrict the ability to park in the right of way, unless they have the home owner's approval and be a tool for the Hanahan Police to address these issues.

Several Citizens spoke tonight:

1. Tim Platts, 113 Smithfield Place, said the white stakes people were putting in their front yards were an eye sore, but were necessary to keep people from parking in their yards.
2. Thomas Provost, 1103 Belvedere Court, said when the student's park on the street cars cannot pass. He was concerned about the safety issues. He said he could live with the parking at football games because that was temporary.
3. Steven Biel, 1102 Belvedere Court, said he agreed with Mr. Provost. He also said that students not only park on the street, but they blocked his driveway and at times parked in his driveway.
4. Kathy Carr, 1107 Smithfield, said she had tried working with the school. She had to put up white barriers in her yard and had to constantly pick up trash and items left in her yard by student. She said most of the students had stopped parking on Smithfield, and said she felt sorry for the home owners on Belvedere Court.
5. Barbara Brown, 1118 Woodside Drive, wanted to know if the High School had appropriate parking for its students.
6. Johnny Harkness, 1036 Dominion Drive, asked if this Ordinance was city wide or just around Hanahan High School. It will be city wide. He asked a question about parking in front of your neighbor's house during a party or special event. Chief Cochran said a warning would be issued if the neighbors complained but no ticket written for the first offense.
7. Mayor Blackwell said that our Police Department displayed great professionalism in not writing tickets but just giving warnings.
8. Council Member Cox said this ordinance would help with safety issues.
9. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges said he worked downtown and was stunned at what people will do for a free parking spot. He said this ordinance was doing what was best for our citizens and would help to address the problem.
10. Mr. Cribb said the City had communicated with Hanahan High School Principal Ric Raycroft and that the school was in favor of the ordinance. The school has opened up new parking spaces behind the softball field that sophomores could use. Hopefully this will alleviate the problem as well. He is hoping that the home owners will take down the white stake barriers and chains in their front yards. They are a safety issue as well.

11. Council Member Chandler asked what would happen when a call came through dispatch. Chief Cochran said they would get a warning first, but that they would be able to track multiple violations. He said the objective was compliance not tickets.
12. Council Member Chandler said that we needed to put this on our talking trash can fliers.
13. Council Member Cox said that all they had to do was announce it at the football games and then the first violation would be a warning the next time a ticket.

There was no more discussion during this Public Hearing. Council Member Cox made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.

Council Member Cox made a motion to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance # 1-2013 with the following changes. Section (d) be omitted and section (e) would become section (d). No other changes were made. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call with the changes made. Second reading will be heard at the February 12, 2013 City Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Public Hearing, Introduction, and First Reading of Ordinance # 2-2013, a mid-year Budget Amendment to the FY 2012-2013 Budget**
Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to have a Public Hearing to discuss this amendment. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call. Courtney Soler, Finance Director, was on hand to answer any questions council and citizens may have. There being none Council Member Sally made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.
Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance # 2-2103. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.
Mayor Blackwell thanked Courtney Soler for a job well done.
- B. **Discussion of School Security and School Safety**
In light of the December 14, 2012 school shootings in Newtown Connecticut, Mayor Blackwell received a letter from a concerned citizen about school safety issues in our schools. This letter and safety were addressed at tonight's meeting.
Mr. Cribb and Chief Cochran attended a meeting at the Berkeley County School district on January 4, 2013 about this subject. After the tragedy occurred, the City of North Charleston immediately put officers in all schools. Currently we have SRO's at Hanahan Middle School and Hanahan High School. At the meeting they said we needed to be

consistent in how we handle this issue throughout the county. It was suggested to use our current SRO's to roam from school to school to help cover the Elementary School or use officers that are just coming on duty to stop by the schools to check on things. The issue of school entrances being secured and radio communication throughout the school was mentioned. Nothing was decided at the January 4th meeting. More discussion will follow.

Council Member Cox said we recently had an unauthorized intruder at one of our schools and the SRO on duty took care of the problem.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. City Administrator's Report

The following is the monthly update on projects / activities:

Railroad Avenue – Briefing provided during Council's time from meeting held on December 14th with Congressman Tim Scott's Office and Senator Larry Grooms.

Projects:

1. City Park /Amphitheater Project – mandatory pre-bid conference held on December 4th. There were 37 individuals in attendance. Bid opening is 1/10/2013. Estimated start of construction is February 18th.
2. Public Works Facility – Awaiting reply to submittal made by the city in regards to property acquisition.

Notes:

Waste Collections went well despite short work weeks and inclement weather over the holidays. Special thanks to Steve and the entire Public Works Department for their efforts.

A special thanks to SRO's Perry, Dodd and Officer Camp for their part in making Christmas brighter for 19 kids and 10 families in our community in working with the Toys for Tots program.

Upcoming Events:

1/10/2013 – Bid opening for City Park Phase II

1/22/2013 – Special Council Meeting to Award Bid for City Park Phase II.

2/12/2013 – City Council Meeting

2/13/2013 – Legislative Action Day in Columbia for MASC Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Johnny Cribb

B. Mayor and City Council Comments

Mayor Blackwell, Council Members Sally and Chandler attended the December 14, 2012 meeting with Congressman Tim Scott's office and Senator Larry Grooms office in regards to the Railroad Avenue project. Council Member Chandler said that Senator Grooms seemed to think he had the right connections and contacts to help move this project forward. Council Member Sally said we needed to take him up on his offer quickly in case he gets the Congressional seat. Mayor Blackwell said letters had been sent to each person in attendance.

Council Member Sally said he had attended the recent Planning Commission meeting and that a lot of big stuff was happening. He commended the members of the Planning Commission for putting in so much work to get everything accomplished.

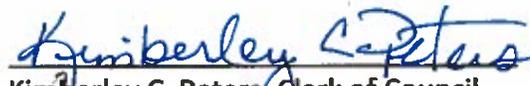
He said that Michele Canon and Katherine Basha were instrumental in getting things accomplished and wanted to thank them for all their hard work.

Council Member Cox congratulated Mayor Blackwell on her recent engagement to Judge Jessie Caldwell.

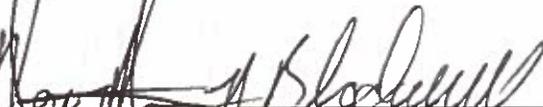
Council Member Cox said he was proud of our employees and departments. At a recent EMT class the City of Hanahan Firemen were made fun of because they did not make as much money as some others in attendance. They responded by saying that they worked for a great city and that when they got an emergency call they did not fear they would get shot. Our firemen are a tight knit group and we are lucky to have them on the City of Hanahan Team.

There being no further discussion for tonight, Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

Approved February 12, 2013


Mayor Minnie N. Blackwell