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HANAHAN CITY COUNCIL
Minutes from the June 14, 2016 regular City Council Meeting
Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers
6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 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 Brenda Rindge at the Post and Courier. Mayor Minnie Newman presided. Council Members present: Kevin Cox, Dan Owens, Joel Hodges, Jeff Chandler, Michael Sally and Mike Dyson. We had a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Staff Members that signed the visitors log included: Johnny Cribb, City Administrator, Kim Peters, Clerk of Council, Gale Dollar, Clerk of Court, Randy Moneymaker, Recreation Director, Dennis Turner, Police Chief, Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, Courtney Soler, Finance Director, Hilary VanOrsdel, Human Resources Director, Bo Bowers, Fire Chief, Captain Mike Langan, Captain Ben Chinnors, Captain Ken Justice and Captain Brett Sims, Fire Department, William Lindler, Travis Clark, Eddie Johnson, Cody Merrill, Brian Wooten and Chad Newland, Fire Department.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Newman and Honorary Mayor Rilee Cooper Morros called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Newman welcomed Rilee Morros as our Honorary Mayor for tonight. Rilee is in the 3rd grade at Hanahan Elementary School. He enjoys Travel Baseball, being outside and big trucks. He would like to be in the military when he grows up. Rilee is here tonight with his mother Sarah, father Brian and sister Lane. His grandparents are Bobbie and Eddie Blackwell.

Mayor Newman read a statement about the Orlando Massacre. She said during this difficult time, we offer heartfelt condolences to the families of the 49 victims who lost their lives during the Pulse/Orlando tragedy. To the families and friends of the victims, our city is with you and will continue to be with you as you deal with this unimaginable tragedy.

Chief Dennis Turner read the 49 names of the victims of the Orlando Massacre and Honorary Mayor Rilee rang the bell in their memory. We also rang the bell to remember the Mother Emanuel Shooting's first year anniversary.

INVOCATION

Pastor "J" with Hospice Care of SC led us in the invocation tonight.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Owens led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS

A. Chief Bowers swore in our new Fire Captains: Senior Captain Mike Langan, Captain Ben Chinnners and Captain Ken Justice. Capt. Chinnners and Capt. Justice were presented with their Captains pins.

B. Chief Bowers recognized our new engineers: William Lindler and Travis Clark. They were presented with their Engineer pins.

C. Chief Bowers swore in our new firefighters/EMT's: Eddie Johnson, Cody Merrill, Brian Wooten and Chad Newland.

Mayor Newman thanked Rilee for helping us out tonight as Honorary Mayor. He was presented with a certificate and gift from the city. He left to take his ceremonial ride on the fire truck.

D. Pastor "J" and Nicole Yonkavich from Hospice Care of SC spoke about some of the programs they are in charge of. They regularly have blood pressure and sugar checks at the Hanahan Senior Center, have Lunch and Learn Sessions at the Senior Center, nutrition sessions etc. They will be at the Red White and Blue Festival again this year to pass out information and answer any questions about hospice care.

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A. Pat Eckstine, 7472 Hawks Circle said she was at the Public Hearing, Introduction and first reading of the new budget. She said she was pleased at the salary increases and said the budget reflected a lot of thought and hard work.

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 14, 2016 Consent Agenda are:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 10, 2016 regular City Council Meeting
2. Approval of the Minutes from the May 24, 2016 Council Workshop
3. Approval of the Minutes from the May 26, 2016 special City Council Meeting
4. Approval of the Minutes from the May 31, 2016 special City Council Meeting

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the June 14, 2016 Consent Agenda. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2nd reading of Ordinance # 5-2016 - FY 2016-2017 Budget – Council Member Chandler made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance # 5-2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing, Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance # 6-2016 -Amendment to Hanahan City Ordinance Section 4-2 – Hours for public consumption of alcoholic beverages
Mayor Pro-Tem Owens made a motion to have a public hearing to discuss this ordinance. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Chief Dennis Turner explained this ordinance was to eliminate confusion about the current alcohol consumption at commercial facilities. It clarifies on premises drinking and businesses that have a BYOB policy. This will eliminate after hours nuisances in private clubs from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Council Member Sally made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Council Member Cox made a motion to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance # 6-2016. Council Member Hodges seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Public Hearing, Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance # 7-2016 - Clarification to Hanahan City Ordinance Section 10-9 (b) Clarification of effect of appeal – Decision of Council
Council Member Sally made a motion to have a public hearing to discuss this ordinance. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Larry Sturdivant, Building Official read the Ordinance to council. Mr. Sturdivant said this was not a change just a clarification. Johnny Harkness asked if there was no change why the ordinance? Mr. Cribb said there were more words added to the existing Ordinance for clarification but this has not changed the meaning or intent of the current ordinance.

Council Member Chandler made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Sally 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 # 7-2016. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. Council Member Hodges asked that the spelling of Counsel in section (b) be changed to council. With this change all were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Johnny Harkness, 1036 Dominion Drive asked that in Ordinance # 7-2016 can a lawyer have last say or does city council have last say?
- Mr. Cribb said that city councils decision can only be overturned by a court but council's decision is binding until/unless overturned by a court.
- Mr. Harkness asked if the business can still appeal the decision.
- Council Member Cox said the business in question cannot do business while it is under appeal.
- Pat Eckstine spoke about BCSD and the meeting of April 12, 2016. She mentioned the option the school district was leaning towards: the round-a-bout vs police officer participation. She said that SCDOT said they were looking at the best long range option. She mentioned that Deon Jackson and Dr. Murray did not include all of the information in their report when they met on April 26th. She said they were trying to keep the BCSD honest. She thanked council for letting everyone speak at the meeting.
- Mayor Newman stated once again that she will not support putting a police officer in harm's way on Foster Creek Road with traffic going 45 miles an hour. She said this was the least expensive and most dangerous option to our officers and children.
- Michael Ramsey, 1018 Lepley Road said he will never accept the current access that the school district is proposing. He said he wanted to make it 100% clear that the police officer option was not acceptable. He said he would be filing August 1st to run against currently seated Hanahan representative Dr. Kent Murray and asked us to join him in

fighting for our children and our community. He said he was tired of half truths. He said his late wife Debbie Ramsey was a teacher in Berkeley County until she passed away from breast cancer. His new wife Sara and two sons want him to fight for what is right. He said he cared about all kids in Berkeley County. He said the number one thing to do to improve school access was the roundabout and access road to North Rhett. He asked for our support in November.

- Mayor Newman thanked him and wished him luck in November.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

City Administrator's Report

The following is the monthly update on projects and activities:

1. US Government Property – no change
2. Railroad Ave – (No change) met with SCDOT and Berkeley County on May 4th. Report from CSX has been provided along with follow-up correspondence with SCDOT and the City. This represents significant movement and progress putting us on a viable path to completion of this long anticipated project. Special thanks to Supervisor Bill Peagler and Senator Larry Grooms and Representative Jim Merrill for their assistance.
3. Tanner/Foster Creek Trail – a draft bid assessment and recommendation letter was provided to the SCDOT LPA office, which conferred with the Director of Construction Office to rejecting all bids and adjusting the scope of the work before re-advertising. Two of the three bidders were considered “unresponsive” and the second bidder was too far above the engineers estimate to be considered reasonable and eligible for award. In the interim, we will meet with the engineer and determine whether and how the project can be changed in scope to align with the current grant budget for construction.
4. Request by BCSD/Traffic Control – ref. June 6, 2016 letter from Deon Jackson. Receives input from city council tonight. Council unanimously voted not to allow a police officer at this intersection due to the speed of the vehicles and the safety of our officers. Mr. Cribb will draft a letter to BCSD to be mailed to Mr. Deon Jackson. Mr. Cribb said we needed a change in November. We need a representative to serve Hanahan and make decisions that are for the good of our community.

Notes:

June 18 – hosting Baseball 9-10 Sub-District at Hanahan City Park

June 20 – Hosting softball 9-10 District at Hanahan City Park

July 12 – City Council Meeting

July 23 – Palmetto Music Festival at Amphitheater

August 13 – BCSD One Berkeley goes back to School Festival in Moncks Corner

Mr. Cribb also mentioned that Courtney Soler, our finance director will be leaving the city on June 30th. He thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the City of Hanahan.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Cribb

C. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Council Member Cox and Mayor Pro-Tem Owens both said they will not support a police officer at the new school site intersection.
- Council Member Cox said council voted to sell the land to the BCSD because of the will of the citizens. Council voted the way the public wanted them to vote. He said the city does not control the roads. All we can do is encourage them to do the right thing.
- Council Member Cox said for an officer to direct traffic during the morning and afternoon hours on Foster Creek Road they would need to be paid a minimum of 3 hours to make it worth their while. The officers are currently working a 12 hours shift and are just coming off duty at 6:00 a.m. They have to wait an hour and then report for traffic duty.
- Mr. Cribb asked what the will of council was in regards to this BCSD option. All of council said again they would not support an officer to direct traffic at Foster Creek Road.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said if Michael Ramsey did not run for BCSD board in November that he would. He asked Michael to be strong and stand up and be strong.
- Council Member Sally said that Sherriff Lewis had already refused to put one of his deputies at this same intersection.
- Chief Turner was asked his option about this intersection. Chief Turner said he would not put one of his officers in harm's way so the BCSD could save a little money by not building a round-a-bout. He said that Williams Lane would get a 25 mile an hour speed limit before and after school. Foster Creek Road would remain 45 miles an hour. He also stated that staffing of this service would be very difficult. He could not pull an officer from another zone just to direct traffic. In case of an emergency there would not be an officer to direct traffic.
- Mr. Cribb again asked what the will of council was. They all said no to the option of putting an officer on Foster Creek Road to direct traffic.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Owens asked about recycling from Republic Services and was concerned about the upcoming price increase from \$36 to \$180.
- Council Member Chandler asked about the possibility of the city cutting the roadside at Brookside by the sewer station, Turkey Creek and Foster Creek Road.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Owens mentioned this weekend is the Carolina Children's Charity.
- Council Member Chandler thanked Courtney Soler for all her hard work as the cities finance director the last 6 years. Courtney will be leaving the City on June 30th. Courtney received a standing ovation.
- Mayor Newman passed a card around for everyone to sign for Ms. Georgia Skallett.
- Mayor Newman asked that we keep her future son-in-law in our prayers. He was recently in Mexico for work and had to have surgery. He was flown out of Mexico to LA where he is recuperating.
- Council Member Hodges asked that we honor the State Championship Tennis Team at HHS.

There being no further business to discuss tonight Council Member Sally made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Hodges seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

ATTEST:

Minnie Newman, Mayor