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MINNIE N. BLACKWELL

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**  
JOHN P. CRIBB



**CITY COUNCIL**  
JEFF C. CHANDLER  
C. KEVIN COX  
MIKE DYSON  
JOEL E. HODGES  
DAN OWENS  
MICHAEL SALLY

**HANAHAN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Meeting of March 12, 2013  
Municipal Court Complex  
6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of City Council was held on March 12, 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 on the scroller bar. A copy of the agenda was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was sent to the Post and Courier and to Agendas.com. The Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan was advertised in the February 25, 2013 edition of the Post and Courier. Mayor Minnie N. Blackwell presided. Council Members present at tonight's meeting were: Dan Owens, Joel Hodges, Jeff Chandler, Michael Sally, Mike Dyson, and Kevin Cox. We had a quorum for tonight's meeting. Staff members that signed in were: Johnny Cribb, City Administrator, Kim Peters, Clerk of Council, Courtney Soler, Finance Director, Mike Cochran, Chief of Police, Mark Ballentine, Police Department, Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, Steve Willis, Public Works Director, Gale Dollar, Clerk of Court, Randy Moneymaker, Recreation Director and Jim Courtney, Fire Department. Guests at tonight meeting included: Carter Sutton and Family, Robin Thomas, Michael Simmons, Marcus Johnson, Rayneisha Thompson, Gwen Thompson, Keri and Janet Cox, Bill Raitt, Louise Dangerfield, Mark and Patty Ballentine, Louise and Charlie Cox, Johnny Harkness, Bessie Crume, Ralph and Jeannette Watson, Bill Carpenter, Patrick O'Rourke, Matt Garlock, and Georgia Skallett.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Blackwell and Honorary Mayor Carter Sutton called the March 12, 2013 Hanahan City Council Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Blackwell introduced Carter Sutton as our Honorary Mayor for tonight. Carter is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Hanahan Middle School.

**LORD'S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Council Member Sally and Honorary Mayor Carter 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**

- A. Swearing in of Officer Mark C. Ballentine  
Council Member Hodges made a motion to swear in Officer Mark Ballentine at tonight's meeting. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.  
Chief Mike Cochran issued the oath of office.
  
- B. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges read a proclamation to declare April 2013 as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in the City of Hanahan. Representatives from the local Sarcoidosis Association were present at the meeting. Robin Thomas, Marcus Johnson, and Michael Simmons spoke about this Auto Immune Disease and how it affects their lives. Honorary Mayor Carter presented Ms. Thomas with a signed proclamation. They are hoping that proclamations such as this will help to raise awareness and educate people about this disease. Council Member Cox made a motion to approve this proclamation. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.
  
- C. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges read a proclamation to declare March 2013 as Hanahan Clean up Month in the City of Hanahan. Every year the Berkeley Hills Garden Club and the Otranto Garden Club head up an effort to help beautify the City. Louis Dangerfield past president of the Berkeley Hills Garden Club was present and spoke about beautification around the senior center and thanked the city for being very supportive of their efforts. Honorary Mayor Carter presented Mrs. Dangerfield with a signed proclamation for her garden club. No vote was taken about this proclamation.

Mayor Blackwell introduced Rayneisha Johnson, a senior at Garrett Academy. She was in attendance tonight doing research for her Government and Economics Class. Rayneisha will be going to college to major in Criminal Justice.

- D. Retirement of Captain Robert Ashton  
Captain Jim Courtney announced the retirement of Captain Robert Ashton. Robert retired from the City of Hanahan Fire Department on March 5, 2013. Bob was with the

City for over 30 years. Bob will be greatly missed and his effort will be long remembered. Bob was presented with a plaque and gift card from the city. A small celebration to honor Captain Robert Ashton was held at the fire station.

#### **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 March 12, 2013 Consent Agenda are:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the February 12, 2103 regular City Council meeting.
2. Purchase of In-Car Camera System from Vendor L3 Mobile-Vision, Inc. This is a budgeted item in the FY 2012-2013 Budget. The total Cost for this project is \$124,918.79.  
28 camera systems and servers is \$119,633.75  
Camera installation is \$4,200.00  
Cable work and antennae installation at the station is \$1,085.04

Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to approve the March 12, 2013 Consent Agenda. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance # 3-2013  
Amending section 2-96 of the City Code of Ordinances  
Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance # 3-2013. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. Council Member Chandler had a question about substantial changes to an ordinance and about the legal review and legal liability. He wanted to make sure we would have another Public Hearing if any changes are made. Mr. Cribb stated if Council or the public requests a public hearing we would do so as specified in City Code. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Public Hearing, Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance # 4-2013 – Amendment to the future land use map in the City of Hanahan's Comprehensive Plan  
Council Member Sally made a motion to go into a public hearing to discuss these amendments. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call. Michele Canon from the COG explained these changes. A land owner had petitioned the Planning Commission to rezone their property from Conservation Preservation / Recreation to Low Density Residential. Three lots are

involved in this request. This was originally brought before the Planning Commission on January 3, 2013. Topics discussed included soil, access, infrastructures, wetland restrictions, accessibility of emergency vehicles. The motion failed to pass at the Planning Commission to rezone. The request now comes to council with a recommendation of no approval.

Mr. Lucas Pagent, Attorney representing the case said that this particular property was 80-85 percent wetlands. Landowners had given the DOT property for an interchange. Now the same landowners need permission from the DOT to cross property that was originally theirs. Petitioners request to change zoning from Conservation Preservation / Recreation to Low Density. Petitioners missed the deadline for the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and are asking for this amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to low density. Council Member Chandler asked about sewer systems and percolation and if it would be DEHEC approved. Mr. Pagent said it would be up to highest standards. Council Member Cox said this is a money issue or they would just run the water and sewer. Council Member Chandler asked about legal obligations. Council Member Cox said our hands would be tied if we change to low density. The petitioners do not have to tie into the sewer lines because they are too far away from the lines. Council Member Sally asked what is the best use of this property for our City? Council Member Cox said that the current owners bought the property in question zoned as conservation preservation/recreation and that is what they should use it for. Johnny Harkness said that the Isle of Palms had a similar situation about rebuilding after a hurricane. Council Member Cox said again they bought it as Conservation Preservation, they can sell it as Conservation Preservation. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges said he agreed with Council Member Cox. There was no further discussion.

Council Member Cox made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.

Council Member Cox made a motion to go into an Executive Session with David Humphreys, our City Attorney to get questions answered. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Council Member Owens made a motion to vote on the introduction and first reading of Ordinance # 4-2013. Council Member Dyson seconded the motion. The vote was 4-3. Motion failed.

- B. Public Hearing, Introduction, and First Reading of Ordinance # 5-2013 – Amendment to the height restriction and allowable uses in the Industrial District  
Council Member Owens made a motion to have a Public Hearing to discuss this matter. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call. Kathryn Basha, City Planner gave an update on the 2008 zoning ordinance. Presently the maximum height restriction is 35 feet. It is being recommended that the 35 feet be increased to 45 feet, however this maximum may be increased to 55 feet provided that: One foot is added to each of the required yard setback for each additional one foot of building height up to a maximum of 55 feet total height. Council Member Chandler asked about the ability of our fire department to fight a fire at 55 feet. This has been researched and our fire department can accommodate the 55 feet with our new ladder truck. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Sally 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 # 5-2013. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call.
- C. Review and discussion of FY 2011-2012 Annual Audit  
Bill Carpenter, CPA for Riser, McLaurin, and Gibbons gave highlights of our annual audit. He said the City had good management and planning and we were in a good financial position as of June 30, 2012. There were no significant audit findings, no encounters with management and no significant audit adjustments.

## **REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

### **A. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The following is the monthly update on projects and activities for the month of March 2013:

Railroad Avenue – Senator Grooms drafted a letter to CSX. Representative Merrill is addressing the new permit costs with SCDOT. The CHATS Committee and Senator Scott's office are arranging for a stakeholders meeting to be held at the BCDCOG office on 4/22 at 10:00 a.m. Highway Commissioner Jim Rozier will provide a report on 3/19 to the City after his meeting with SCDOT.

Projects:

1. City Park/Amphitheater Project – site work had begun with work progressing on schedule. Estimated completion date is July 28<sup>th</sup>. Project update meetings are held

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every two weeks on Thursdays at 8 am with the next meeting scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>.

2. Public Works Facility – Awaiting reply to submittal made by the City in regards to property acquisition. Met with developer on 2/6 and communicated that the City needed a response within the next 90 days. A conference call is scheduled for Thursday (3/14) at 11 am with an update.
3. Village Renaissance Grant – First Public Input Session Scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

Notes:

Library bid was recently awarded to Hill construction. A meeting has been scheduled for 3/14 at Hanahan City Hall to discuss progress and receive input from residents about the BC Library System.

Reminder to fill out the Statement of Economic Interest form by 4/15 at <http://ethics.sc.gov>

Hanahan Middle School was named "Palmetto's Finest" by the SC Association of School Administrators.

Budget Schedule is in the back of the Council Packets.

The Carolina Children's Charity fundraising campaign is currently taking place in the City area.

June 30<sup>th</sup> is City of Hanahan Night at the Charleston Riverdogs game.

Upcoming Events:

3/29 – Good Friday/Offices Closed

4/9 – City Council Meeting

Respectfully submitted,  
Johnny Cribb

- B. Mayor and Council Report  
Council Member Owens praised the Police Department for handling a traffic situation at the elementary school so quickly.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges will be reading to the Hanahan Elementary School children on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

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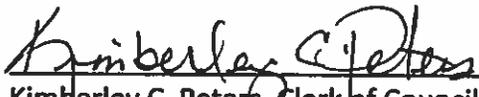
Mayor Blackwell announced she will be getting married to Judge Jessie Caldwell on March 27, 2013. **Congratulations!**

C. Citizens Comments

Bessie Crume of Williams Lane said that her sister was looking to put a mobile home on a piece of property at the end of Foster Creek and Larry will be checking to see what she needs to do so the transition will go smooth.

There being no further discussion tonight, Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously after roll call. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

Approved April 9, 2013

  
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Mayor Minnie N. Blackwell