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HANAHAN CITY COUNCIL
Minutes from November 10, 2015
Meeting of City Council
Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers
6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 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 72 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 included: Dan Owens, Mike Dyson, Kevin Cox, Jeff Chandler, Joel Hodges and Michael Sally. All were present and 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, Jon Ellwood, Police Department, Bo Bowers, Fire Chief, Dennis Turner, Police Chief, Randy Moneymaker, 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 Minnie Newman and Honorary Mayor Dillon Marvel called the November 10, 2015 regular city council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Rich Robinson from the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy delivered the invocation tonight.

Mayor Newman introduced Dillon Marvel as our honorary mayor for tonight. Dylan is in the 5th grade at Hanahan Elementary School. His favorite subject is Reading. He loves to read, play video games and play football. When he grows up he wants to be an architect. He is here tonight with his mom, dad and sister, along with his grandparents. Welcome Dillon to our city council meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Cox led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Newman welcomed Former Police Chief Mike Cochran and Boy Scout Troop 409 to our meeting tonight.

There were no Citizens Comments regarding Agenda items tonight.

RECOGNITIONS

A. Judge Victor Revelise has been with the City of Hanahan for the past ten years as the Chief Municipal Judge. He has been a Summary Court Judge for 33 years. Mayor Newman swore him in tonight for another 4 year term. Judge Revelise said it was an honor to serve the city.

B. Mr. Cribb, City Administrator introduced our new Human Resources Director, Hilary VanOrsdel. Hilary grew up in Mt. Pleasant and attended Wando High School. She lives in Tanner Plantation with her husband and two children. Mr. Cribb said Hilary was a terrific find for the City and we welcome her to the City of Hanahan Team.

C. Chief Bowers swore in 4 new fire fighters tonight. Sara Teston, James Regan, Michael Harkey and Joe Hamilton. Welcome to the City of Hanahan.

D. Chief Turner recognized SGT Jon Ellwood on his promotion with the Police Department. Sgt. Ellwood has been with the City since 2011. He graduated with honors from the Police Academy and was the 2014 Officer of the year. Before becoming SGT, he was a K-9 handler. SGT Ellwood said it was an honor to serve our community.

E. Chief Turner swore in our new Police Officer Justin Wozniak. His wife Amanda held the bible during the swearing in.

F. Rich Robinson from the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy is a former Detective from Berkeley County. He said they work behind the scenes. He said the Chaplaincy was formed 26 years ago. He described their work as being the First Responders to the heart. They work with homicide, suicide and fatalities. They provide emotional, psychological and spiritual care and counseling to 1st responders and their families. Chief Turner presented Pastor Robinson with a certificate of appreciation from the City.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens read the Diabetes Awareness Month Proclamation. He made a motion to declare November 2015 as Diabetes Awareness Month in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Newman thanked Dillon for helping serve as Honorary Mayor for tonight. She presented him with a certificate and gift from City Council.

B. Council Member Sally made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Vonie Gilreath from the Council of Government explained the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She thanked the City for having all their paperwork in order from the recent flooding. She reviewed the Hazards covered under this plan. She reviewed some of the background and gave an overview of the update. She discussed the requirements, Risk Assessment and action plan the city would follow in the event of an emergency. There were no questions following her presentation. 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 Sally made a motion to approve the updates on the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Resolution # 3-2015. Mayor Pro-Tem Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

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 November 10, 2015 Consent Agenda are:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the October 13, 2015 regular City Council Meeting.
- B. Approval to purchase 5 Air Packs from vendor Anderson Fire and Safety (State Contract Vendor) in the amount of \$37,636.92. Current Air Packs do not meet National Fire Protection Agency Guidelines.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the November 10, 2015 Consent Agenda. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between the City of Hanahan and the Berkeley County School District. Council Member Chandler made a motion to sell the land that is located on Williams Lane in Hanahan (Tanner Plantation area) and has Tax Map Number 259-00-00-104 to the Berkeley County School District. Council Member Hodges seconded the motion. Council Member Cox asked Mr. Cribb about the status of the 3rd Appraisal of said land. Mr. Cribb said the city had not heard back from Mr. Bullwinkle as to the status of the 3rd appraisal but the sale price would be an average of the 2 highest appraisals. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. Contracts were signed tonight and will be mailed to the school district for their signatures.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Cox made a motion to have a public hearing to discuss Ordinance # 9-2015. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. Kathryn Basha, from the COG gave a brief overview of Ordinance # 9-2015 and the inconsistencies of the current ordinance as it pertains to cell phone towers and communication facilities. She said the inconsistencies needed to be fixed. The Planning Commission held a workshop to discuss this matter. There have been a lot of transitions since the last ordinance was adopted. There has been a decrease in land lines and an increase in cell phone usage. She said that 70% of all 911 calls today come from a cell phone. Council Member Sally said that the public is using more and more data and the infrastructure needed to be considered. Council Member Cox made a motion to close the public hearing and postpone the vote on this ordinance in order to get more questions answered. He said that there were a lot of details that needed to be considered. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. This will be on the December agenda when all questions are answered.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. Citizens Comments:

1. Pat Ecksine, 7472 Hawk Circle presented city council with a sign from the Hanahan Citizens Committee that thanked City Council and the Berkeley County School District for the school vote. The sign said "Our School Found"

Word for Word Minutes of Citizens Comments from Becky Perry:

Meeting of November 10, 2015

2. Becky Perry, 1201 Grass Wind, Sweetgrass, in Hanahan said I am a tax payer residing in Tanner Plantation. I have made notes so please forgive me for reading from this because it is important enough that I did not want to miss anything that would substantiate what I am about to tell you and I want to apologize to Chief Bowers for not introducing myself ahead of time to you or running my agenda by you. However did feel your position was a little bit too political to help me out or help us out. I am a people caring emergency room RN with 35 years experience working closely with the service industry. My family members consist of varying degrees of public servants ranging from High School Principals and Firemen in different positions. I only tell you these things to show you that I am not looking to cause turmoil, but through I and my families experiences my concerns come with some knowledge and experience. I stumbled upon a news broadcast on the internet from May of 2014. I am sure you are aware of this in the past regarding our fire department and it peaked my curiosity. Honestly at this time I wish I had continued gleefully in my ignorance as I just uncovered on beehive after another. In this broadcast LIVE at 5 a firefighter was verbalizing concerns incognito for their lives due to outdated equipment. . The finance director's response was we were indeed well equipped and that they had purchased 10 new sets of clothing for the 35 firefighters employed. I am not sure how those numbers got passed the news caster in that we had 10 sets for 30 men. The firefighters said the uniforms had dry rot. Is this an excepted standard? The city also defended their expenditures stating the clothing and gear used for fighting fires was inspected by the cities finance director, fire chief and a fire captain from the year before. Dry rot does not happened over night. Please forgive my ignorance but how does dry

rot meet standards?

Secondly how does a finance director have the knowledge or expertise to assess the safety regarding our city? Lastly the chief and captains assessment is from 2013. Hanahan justified their position by saying they had met the standards. Was that for 10 out of 30 given we have dry rot going on. What about the other 20? Which then led me to believe or to wonder what were the standard being used to inspect the gear? More importantly had the situation changed since the broadcast. I have to say that I believe you are not fully aware of the true fact therefore at this point I cannot hold you accountable. However it is my intentions tonight to make you aware to hopefully unit or firefighters, city administration and council along with our citizens in making our community safer in a place we are proud to call our home. It all takes money. I asked myself am I contributing fairly financially. I discovered from my insurance carrier that I am paying the 3rd highest fire insurance for Berkeley County. In questioning where they came up with that figure, I was made aware my insurance is based directly on our capabilities and equipment in Hanahan for the ISO and other governing body. I have discovered quite a few things in my little bit of investigation I was able to do. So what is the true Nefud facts? What is the state of our capabilities and our equipment given I am paying the 3rd highest fire insurance and we have fire fighters risking their employment to come forward and say they are scared for their lives? Staffing. The basic standards are set up by a body called NAFPA. What I could find out on the internet which holds national standards in my research the last year and a half which is how long I have been trying to find out information there are only now three faces familiar to me within the entire fire department. Obviously a turn over. Which then lead to another beehive? I visited other fire departments to educate me on the staffing requirements. The expectations in comparison, Hanahan does not have proper staffing to respond to a call. We frequently need surrounding fire departments to aid us in our responses and we lack the ability to properly return the request. According to those I spoke within neighboring fire departments. Our fire fighters are forced to stand and watch their comrade's work for several reasons of which include the unavailability of equipment. Which is another whole beehive and I would encourage you to do as I did to go out and talk to these people. The salary. This again I inquired and I got the documentation for and this is pathetic. Starting wages are 20% less than surrounding areas. St. John's \$35,000. Charleston, \$33,000. Goose Creek, \$34,000. Hanahan \$25,000. That qualifies them for medicade and food stamps. So now we ask them not only to work understaffed

but also at a poverty level. Strictly looking at it as a taxpayer I am now paying more for my protection if merely what my fire insurance reflects. It does not take a rocket scientist to realize these men have no choice but to leave. They cannot support themselves let alone their families. Which then requires the department to recruit and hire and train new personnel just to lose them again. I at one time ran 1200 simultaneously for a major hospital. I am familiar with budgets. I understand restraints and constraints if you are trying to work on it. However the cost of recruiting and trying to train these people is a mess. At a significant cost not only financially but to the morale and the camaraderie which takes years to cultivate. I as a critical care RN know firsthand in a crisis situation I have to be able to depend on my coworkers to save just one life. I couldn't even imagine trying to save a family not knowing first if there will be enough man power to handle to call. Questioning the ability or the experience of the person I am depending on virtually to protect my own well being. Much less of those persons I am trying to save. Night after night. Day after day. Was staffing level substandard and therefore compromising recruitment and retention not to mention operations to make matters worse when shuffling titles and petitions we did not even offering the potential to advancement to our own firemen. Ok. So we know the budget is not being spent on staffing while I am impressed you are able to find me that are willing to agree to the salary we are offering given that they can go to Walmart and make equivalent or more without risking their lives. Rest assured next year and I will be here, the majority of those people will be gone and new ones standing before you to be sworn in. Equipment - I am most frequently in neighboring fire departments assisting our firefighters with response calls. Why? After some investigation Hanahan does not only not have the staffing necessary according to the standards nor the equipment. The equipment is outdated if not available at all. Except for the hand-me-downs from other departments. If there is one area where hand-me-downs should not be acceptable it seems to me it would be to the men and women protecting us. There is a reason they are hand-me-downs. They were outdated. Right? So now do we not only ask them to work at poverty level, undermanned while risking their lives, you are now expecting them to work with substandard equipment. And sadly, knowingly compromising our citizens safety. Again knowingly. Ok, so how do we fix this? I am a team player. I do not represent problems or concerns without offering solutions. Again this will take money. Let's look at the budget. Similar in size and region from what I gather James Island, Johns Island spending 30-35% of the budget on the fire department. Whereas Hanahan is spending 15-20% to make matters worse our fire budget includes EMS service where their budgets don't. In addition we have received a subsidy from Berkeley County to help run the EMS but instead it went into the general fund. EMS in and of itself

should generate funds. I understand the reporting percentage from our firemen improved from 8% to 40%. Where did that money go? Whose budget did it go to? God only know where these men found the time or the initiative to report anything. Who cares about them? What they do? If it were me I would be cowering in a corner praying another trauma was not about to happen or when my number was going to be up. Under normal circumstances much less what we are asking these men to do. If we were not improving our staffing, these men are replacing old hires or positions or ones that just got shuffled around in types. Or the equipment where is it going? My suspicious nature at this point now has finally taken over. As somewhere, somehow this is getting by everyone. Is it going to the upper echelon? Where is the money going? What are our representatives driving? BMW's? Now I need some help in identifying the vehicles in that I do not know and I am not familiar with cars and years and how old they are. So I have to ask my husband. Fire Chief –Is he driving a BMW? No he is styling a 2008 trail blazer. Correct? Chief Bowers said “Yes mam”. The Police Chief, what is he driving? A Tahoe that is a few years old. What is the City Finance Director driving? A brand new Tahoe. How does that work? Council Member Cox asked which finance director drives a Tahoe? Mrs. Perry said a brand new vehicle. Council Member Cox said “yes mam which one?” Council Member Sally said our finance director does not have a vehicle. Mrs. Perry said the city finance director does not drive a vehicle. Really? Council Member Cox said well you made that allegation; I want to know who is driving it? Mrs. Perry said well to tell you frankly I will have to get the name. Mr. Cribb said there is a lot of information incorrect. Council Member Cox said I know. We are going to hit it when she is done. Mrs. Perry said that is good. I want to know. . Council Member Cox said, when you come... Mrs. Perry interrupted, the true facts. The true facts not the colored facts. Council Member Cox said no mam, but when you come here... Mrs. Perry interrupted him again and said when you get this far. When looking at this point the fire department and fire administration returns funds, correct. That's how. Funds that should have been spent making Hanahan fire department want to inspire to work for not only in keeping us up to date which now we are years behind. I put this to you tonight. I need for you to insure me as a taxpaying citizen of Hanahan you will pass your finances to increase pay, safety equipment and staffing levels to insure my safety , our communities safety and that of our firemen. Sadly I cannot wallow in my ignorance anymore. Council Member Cox asked when is the first time in the last 15 years that we have been fully staffed in our fire department? Mrs. Perry said I don't know, tell me. Council Member Cox said today. Mrs. Perry said

does that excuse your staffing? Council Member Cox said no. You are sitting here firing off all this information. Mrs. Perry said I got it from reports. Council Member Cox said our budget for the fire department, what is the budget? Mrs. Perry said I can get you all my papers. Do you really want to get into this... Council Member Cox said no. Mrs. Perry said bring it on. Council Member Cox said what is the total budget of the city? You said the fire department is 15%. Mrs. Perry said 15 – 20% in comparing the budget of the city's relative to... Council Member Cox said the whole budget was 15%. Mrs. Perry said 15-20% according to what is being reported. Council Member Cox said I look at the budget everyday... Mrs. Perry interrupted. I got you... Mayor Newman said I am going to stop this right here because this is not the place nor the time for all of these allegations because when you make allegations like this, let's give our staff time to respond. Mrs. Perry said okie dokie. Mayor Newman said there are some allegations that you have made that of course was cleared up back 2013 when all this started. Council Member Cox said 2014. Mayor Newman said so I think... Mrs. Perry said there are some concerns that remain that I have brought to your attention. Mayor Newman said I think that if you would... Mrs. Perry interrupted and said would you correct me I would love to know and I certainly, I promise you I will be following up. Council Member Cox said one thing you said was we never respond to North Charleston, we never help them. When their system went down. Mrs. Perry interrupted and said I never said you never responded. Council Member Cox said you said we stand on the side and watch...Mrs. Perry said at time I said men had to stand by and watch, that is correct. Why don't you ask your fire fighters? I beg you to talk to these people. Council Member Cox asked for word for word minutes of this part of the meeting. He said everything is being recorded mam. She said ok. Good. Council Member Cox said, you said that we could not respond to help our neighbor and agencies. She said properly. Council Member Cox said their entire system, Chief correct me if I am wrong. Their entire system went down in North Charleston and they had to use our system to dispatch their vehicles. He asked Chief Bowers is that not correct. Chief Bowers said I know we went and assisted them where we sent our tower truck with 3 personnel to cover their district because their stuff was down. Mrs. Perry said the firefighters I spoke with in the other counties and I have their names and I can provide them to you. Council Member Cox asked Mrs. Perry if she had a relative in our fire department? She said I do. Council Member Cox said who is that? She asked what that was important. Council Member Cox said you wanted to provide names just a minute ago. Mrs. Perry said what does that pertain to? Council Member Cox said you are coming here if someone... Mrs. Perry interrupted... Council Member Cox said you talked for 15 minutes, I

just want one. If you want to come to my house or outside or anywhere and tell me there is a problem I am going to listen. If this is to the health and welfare of our firefighters, I am there. The salary is what it is. I mean... Mrs. Perry interrupted. She said yes, it is what it is. Council Member Cox said I did not interrupt you. We raised it a year and a half ago. She said great. Council Member Cox said and a cost of living raise. We have better business to the families. One benefit fire fighters have is they can have secondary jobs if they wish. Mrs. Perry said all fire fighters, that is correct. All over. Council Member Cox said our police department does not have that... Mrs. Perry interrupted again and said what is your retention? Council Member Cox said we are now at full staff. You said we did not have but 3 people from the last year and a half. She said that I recognize, that is what I said. Council Member Cox said so you know all of them. She said I have been familiarized with many of them. You know actually I have provided dinners at Thanksgiving twice. I have ... I did not see you there. Council Member Cox said no. I provide them to the young men's association. Mayor Newman said I am right now going to call order on this and I respect you for bringing this up to us. Thank you so very much. I will ask you please to get with Mr. Cribb all of your allegations and let's get them all answered and then... Mrs. Perry interrupted and said I would appreciate that and any antagonism I would appreciate being corrected. Mayor Newman said I appreciate all you have done. Mrs. Perry said I will follow through. Kim Peters asked Mrs. Perry what her last name was. She said I will spell it for you. P as in Paul erry. Mayor Newman said thank you.

3. Johnny Harkness, 1036 Dominion Drive, spoke again about the brown trash on Berkeley Street created from his evictions. He said they are renters too and their trash needed to be picked up. He said that people continually added to the pile of trash and it was getting larger. He said the Codes Department and the Administration at Hanahan have done nothing about picking up his trash since he evicted tenants. He said by state law he had to put belongs out for 48 hours then the city should come and pick up everything. Mr. Harkness said as a city this is ridiculous. The renters are taxpaying, voting residents and have the same rights as everyone else and the city needs to do something about it.

4. Kelly Short – 1159 Berkeley Street, said she chased down the trash truck and the foreman said they could not pick up the trash. She said people were constantly adding items to the pile.

You can now smell the mold.

5. Carol Harkness – 1036 Dominion Drive, said she wanted the trash picked up now. She had followed Hanahan trash trucks around the city and saw them picking up trash like they put out on other streets. She said if the city had pride in our city we would order Public Works to pick up the trash.

6. Mike Quail – 16 Sorrento Blvd, said he appreciated the beautification efforts in Otranto. He said it would be great if we all lived in Utopia and that he appreciated the efforts of the city. He thanked the staff for all they do.

7. Johnny Harkness asked when there was going to be a resolution on the trash situation on his property.

8. Kelly Short asked how much longer did she have to smell it.

9. Council Member Cox said by law you can only put trash out in front of your house otherwise it is littering.

10. Mayor Newman said we are working to get rid of the problem.

11. Dave Pelletier, 1417 Coopers Hawk, thanked Pat Eckstine for all the hard work to get the school situation resolved.

12. Carolyn Lackey, 1009 Quaker Drive thanked Boy Scout Troop 409 for the recent food drive they spearheaded for the church. She said it was a big success.

B. City Administrator's Report

The following is the monthly update on projects and activities in the city of Hanahan:

1. Red, White and Blue Festival – final plans are being made and staff anticipates a big event this Saturday, 11/14. The festival starts at 9 a.m. and run to 4 p.m. with the Veteran's tribute from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. We ask that anyone that knows a veteran please share this information and invite them to the festival on Saturday.

2. Giving Tree – City employees plan on supporting the local Giving Tree Project again this year. It is our goal to sponsor 20 kids for Christmas that might not otherwise receive gifts. Annually,

over three hundred kids from our area receive Christmas gifts through the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is organized by Hanahan resident, Mrs. Trudy Eyrich with the help of many.

3. Road Resurfacing – The county Transportation Committee received one time funding from the state this year in excess of \$7 million for state secondary road resurfacing throughout the county. We have submitted 5 miles of SCDOT roads for resurfacing and also 1 mile of county road.

Notes:

Nov. 11 – Veteran’s Day, Offices closed

Nov. 14 – Red, White and Blue Festival, Hanahan Amphitheater

Nov. 17 – Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon, 12 p.m.

Nov. 19 – Lunch Buddies

Nov. 26 and 27 – Thanksgiving, Offices Closed

Dec. 4 – Christmas Tree Lighting and Movie in the Park – 6 p.m.

Dec 5 – Christmas Parade, 10 a.m.

Dec 8 – City Council Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
John P. Cribb

Mr. Cribb stated we have 45-50 vendors for the Red, White and Blue Festival this year.

About the trash:

- Mr. Cribb said the Public Works Department works hard to make sure everyone’s trash gets picked up. He stated that when a homeowner has a tree cut down they haul off the tree debris. When there is an eviction everything is put on the street in front of the house for 48 hours then the homeowner has to haul the trash to the dump to dispose of. Mr. Harkness’s trash was reported as an eviction and should be disposed of by Mr. Harkness the land owner of the trash in question at the end of Berkeley Street.
- The Eviction on Chatham Avenue, the land owner put the items on the street for 48 hours then hauled off the items.
- The Eviction on Orange Street, the land owner put the items on the street for 48 hours then hauled off the items.
- Mr. Cribb said that a small pile would be picked up by Public Works but not the mess that Mr. Harkness had strewn all over the place.
- With the installation of security cameras from the village Renaissance Grant, the city will be able to see who is doing the dumping.

- He showed a power point of the evictions by Mr. Harkness and the evictions on Chatham Avenue and Orange Street.
- Questions were asked why had Mr. Harkness as landowner not hauled off his trash?
- It was stated that no one had been harassing anyone. No employee had been harassing anyone. The city was not loosely interpreting the Ordinances or treating anyone unfairly.
- He spoke of the Fire Department Accusations from earlier in the meeting. He said a report on the state of the fire department would be compiled.

3. Council Comments

- Mayor Pro-Tem Owens said the recent Trunk or Treat at Halloween was a big success.
- Council Member Cox said if you are going to accuse the city of things at least have the decency to sit through the meeting to get answers and not leave early. He said that more than 15% of the budget goes for Fire Salaries. The new fire chief had made major changes since getting the job less than a year ago. He said that people get bitter when relatives get passed over for a promotion. He said the grant the fire department had applied for to be used for new air packs was not received. City Council voted earlier in the meeting to purchase them. He said that fire department was involved in a lot more training than ever before. We are hosting training events at the city and did in service 2 times a month. He said all this is not going to happen overnight. It would take time. He questioned the retention of the fire department because we are currently fully staffed. He said just because you are short staffed does not mean you are not protected. Each shift is fully staffed at all times. He also said we currently run a lot of North Charleston and Goose Creek areas to help out.
- Mayor Newman said when someone's heart is full of anger all they can see is the bad things. We will handle them.

With no further business to discuss tonight, Council Member Chandler made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

ATTEST

Mayor Minnie Newman

