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DAN OWENS  
MICHAEL SALLY

**HANAHAN CITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes from October 14, 2014**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Complex**  
**6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on October 14, 2014. This meeting was advertised in the Post and Courier. Information about this meeting was posted on the City of Hanahan webpage. A copy of the Agenda was posted in the lobby at City Hall 24 hours prior to the meeting and was sent to Brenda Rindge at the Post and Courier. Mayor Minnie Newman-Blackwell presided. Council Members present were: Dan Owens, Kevin Cox, Joel Hodges, and Michael Sally. Council Members Mike Dyson and Jeff Chandler were not in attendance. Staff Members that signed the guest log included: Johnny Cribb, City Administrator, Kim Peters, Clerk of Council, Robbie Moffett, Human Resources Director, Gale Dollar, Clerk of Court, Courtney Soler, Finance Director, Mike Cochran, Police Chief, Bo Bowers, Fire Chief, Steve Willis, Public Works Director, Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, Captain Nathan Buchanan, Captain Jim Courtney, Captain Mike Langan, Kevin McCants and Brian Lewis, Fire Department.

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Minnie Newman-Blackwell and Honorary Mayor Brayden Spurlock called the October 14, 2014 Hanahan City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Newman-Blackwell asked for a moment of silence for several members of our community that has recently passed away. Former Hanahan Judges Andrew Grimes, Retired City of Charleston Police Chief Ruben Greenberg, Mike Perkis, Mayor of Sullivans Island and Hanahan resident Karen Brooks Flanigan.

Mayor Newman-Blackwell introduced Brayden Spurlock as our Honorary Mayor for tonight. Brayden is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Hanahan Elementary School. His hobbies include soccer and Star Wars. He would like to be in the military when he grows up. He is here tonight with his father Adam, mother Katie, sister Emmory, Brother Titus and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Babetz.

### **INVOCATION**

Rev. Adam Spurlock from Restoration Church in Hanahan delivered the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Honorary Mayor Brayden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Council Member Sally mentioned that Dave Pelletier had a Birthday. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to him. Mr. Pelletier is a retired engineer that volunteers with the all girls STEM Team.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

There were no Citizens' comments regarding agenda items tonight.

### **RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A. We are excited to introduce Joseph "Bo" Bowers as the new Fire Chief of Hanahan. Chief Bowers comes to us from the Awendaw Fire District where he served as Battalion Chief for 11 years. Chief Bowers has a Master's degree in Public Administration, a Bachelor's degree in Public Safety Administration and an Associate's degree in Fire Science and Technology. Mayor Newman-Blackwell and Honorary Mayor Brayden swore in Chief Bowers.
- B. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation  
Chief Cochran read the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion declaring October 28-31 as "Red Ribbon Week" in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Mayor Newman-Blackwell read the Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation. Council Member Owens made a motion on behalf of his mother to declare October 2014 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor

Newman-Blackwell asked Mr. Johnny Harkness how his son Aaron was doing. Aaron was recently diagnosed with cancer. He is on his second round of chemo and has been receiving blood transfusions. They were told this cancer is treatable.

- D. Chief Cochran read the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to declare October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. Chief Cochran thanked Johnny Harkness for turning in an abuser and testifying against him.

#### **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 October 14, 2014 Consent Agenda are:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the September 9, 2014 regular City Council Meeting.
- B. Approval of the Minutes from the September 17, 2014 special City Council Meeting.
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the September 18, 2014 special City Council Meeting.
- D. Approval of the Minutes from the September 23, 2014 special City Council Meeting.
- E. Approval of the emergency light repair for 3 emergency vehicles in the Fire Department from vendor Sitekings in the amount of \$4,502.42.

Council Member Sally made a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 Consent Agenda. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Newman-Blackwell asked that we keep Council Member Jeff Chandler in our prayers as he has recently had surgery and was unable to be here tonight.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Keep Hanahan Beautiful Update  
Kelly Bocook from the Keep Hanahan Beautiful Group gave us an update on what has been happening so far. On September 23, 2014, they met with Palmetto Pride and filled out the affiliation paperwork and in the three week period of time has accomplished the following:
  - 1. Applied for and received a \$10,000 start up grant of which \$3,000 will be used for the application which is now in the possession of Keep America Beautiful. They are now processing this application.

2. Applied for and received a tree grant to plant 80 trees throughout the city.
3. Have assisted the leaders of Fishburne Academy Head Start Program and have applied for a Palmetto Pride Education Grant. They were awarded \$4,000 to implement a sensory garden and a school recycling program.
4. There is a Palmetto Grant available for \$2,000. 8 groups from Hanahan are applying.
5. They now have a Facebook Page and a Website Page.
6. A graphic artist has created a LOGO which will be unveiled at the Volunteer Meeting tomorrow night.
7. They now have a Volunteer Spot tool where people can go online to check out volunteer opportunities.
8. A Master Gardener is on board and has agreed to be the project manager for the Butterfly Garden.
9. Cypress Gardens has agreed to donate the plants for the Butterfly Garden.
10. The Eagle Scouts have agreed to build the structures for the Butterfly Garden and the structures at Fishburne Headstart project.
11. KHB now has 14 members
12. October 15, 2014 – Keep Hanahan Beautiful Volunteer meeting at Hanahan Senior Center. October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Hanahan Elementary School fair
13. November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - Day of Caring. Fishburne Headstart will be working on their Sensory garden and volunteers are asked to help.
14. November 15, 2014 – Red White and Blue Festival they will have a booth. This day is also national recycling day and they can incorporate our festival as a one of their events. They will also be helping Hanahan Elementary with their recycling project.
15. Want to implement the Hanahan Clean-up Month. They want to move this to April 2015.
16. They still need office space to work out of. Mayor Newman-Blackwell offered an office in the City for them to use.  
Mayor Newman-Blackwell thanked Kelly for all their hard work and the city would assist them in any way we can.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Hazard Mitigation Plan

Lori Kidwell, a specialist from the Department of Homeland Security gave an update on the current Berkeley County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan needs to be updated every five years. This is updated as Resolution # 4-2014. These hazards are natural events that have threatened lives, property and other assets in Berkeley County. This Plan will enhance public awareness and provide a decision tool for management. This is in compliance with the State and Federal Programs. Council Member Sally asked if this would get the City credit on the CRS Plan we are currently joining. Ms. Kidwell said that this would give us credit on the CRS Program.

B. Elaine Morgan from the Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation on the 1 cent Sales Tax Referendum that will be on the ballot on November 4, 2014. She said that roads and infrastructure are key to economic development. She said that Berkeley County cannot depend on state funds to solve county infrastructure needs. Ms. Morgan asked that the city work and plan for the One Cent Sales Tax referendum. A list of Hanahan Roads that will be on the list as possible projects are Railroad Avenue Extension, Foster Creek Road and Tanner Ford Blvd. intersection improvements and Murray Drive at Yeamans Hall Road.

C. Ordinance # 8-2014 was introduced. This will make changes to Section 4.1 of the City Code of Ordinances pertaining to the sale and consumption of alcoholic Beverages. Council Member Cox made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 8-2014. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. Second reading will be heard on November 12, 2014. If second reading passes alcohol may be sold at the Red White and Blue Festival during the Blue Dogs Concert.

## REPORTS AND COMMENTS

### A. City Administrator's Report

The following is the monthly update on projects / activities:

1. Public Works Facility – Work is progressing with completion date set for January 18, 2015.
2. Concession / Restrooms – work is on schedule with the facility. Scheduled to open November 2014.
3. Elementary School Update – Four sites are being discussed with the public that were received for consideration as part of the RFP by BCSD. Two of the four sites were city owned parcels, one site privately owned, and a fourth site being pursued by the city owned by the United States Government. At this point, BCSD has not contacted the city to move forward with any site.
4. Railroad Ave – SCDOT has begun the process of renewing the permit for railroad Avenue through the Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to Proviso 84.11 in the SC State Budget.
5. Red, White and Blue Festival – The Planning Committee is hard at work preparing for this event. ATM machine will be on site this year at the Festival.

Notes:

- 11/2 –Daylight Savings Time ends.
- 11/11 – Veteran's Day – Office Closed
- 11/12 – Special City Council Meeting
- 11/15 – Red White and Blue Festival

Respectfully Submitted,

Johnny Cribb

### B. Council Comments

Council Member Cox said 1 cent Sales Tax Referendum was vital to our city. Council Member Cox also wants to look into the City becoming involved with a Miracle League Baseball program like they have in Summerville and James Island. He said a Miracle Field costs \$300,000. He would like to join in with other area municipalities in the lowcountry and build a Miracle Field. He suggested that Hanahan donate the land for the field. He said this was a good public service. Mayor Newman-Blackwell said it would help make a difference in the lives of special needs children.

C. Citizens Comments

1. Tadd Driggers of Hanahan said that if a person participates in the recycling program they should get a tax break. He also said that Highland Park Baptist Church does a great job in helping out in the community and the city should support them.
2. Gale Obey 1616 Foster Creek Road, said that Ms. Bess was home and doing fine from her surgery.

There being no further business to discuss tonight, Council Member Sally made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

ATTEST

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Minnie Newman-Blackwell, Mayor

Approved November 12, 2012