

**MAYOR**  
MINNIE NEWMAN-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 September 9, 2014  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Municipal Court Complex  
6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on September 9, 2014. This meeting was advertised in the Post and Courier. Information about this meeting was posted on the City of Hanahan webpage and the Community Calendar. 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, Michael Sally, Mike Dyson and Jeff Chandler. 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, Robbie Moffett, Human Resources Director, Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, Steve Willis, Public Works Director, Randy Money maker, Recreation Director, Gale Dollar, Clerk of Court, Courtney Soler, Finance Director, and David Kornerhens.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Minnie Newman-Blackwell and Honorary Mayor Sarah Stoddart called the September 9, 2014 Hanahan City Council Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Sarah asked for a moment of silence for the fallen Charleston County Deputy who lost his life in the line of duty on September 8, 2014.

Mayor Newman-Blackwell introduced Sarah Stoddart as our Honorary Mayor for tonight. Sarah is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Hanahan Middle School. Her favorite subjects are ELA and Social Studies. Sarah loves to sing and draw. She is a member of the Happy Feet Studio Competition team. Sarah is an honor roll student. Sarah was runner up in the Hanahan Elementary School Spelling Bee the past two years. Sarah also attended the National Youth Leadership forum in North Carolina the past two summers at William Peace University. She is a member of the Carolina Gems STEM team. Sarah would like to be a teacher, marine biologist or architect when she grows up.

**INVOCATION:**

Reverend E. D. Clem from Hope Church delivered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Council Member Sally led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

There were no Citizens' Comments regarding agenda items tonight.

**RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Kelly Bocook with the Keep Hanahan Beautiful program gave an update on the new Hanahan beautification program. She has a group of volunteers that are planting a single seed to make things grow. She stressed how one volunteer can make a big difference and help to inspire others. Mayor Newman-Blackwell asked the City of Hanahan Staff to work with Kelly to get this program started. Mrs. Bocook is also involved with the Butterfly Garden at the new Hanahan Library. They have applied for a grant to help with this project.
- B. Resolution # 2-2014 – Feral Cats  
A resolution was presented for council's consideration that concerned a Feral Cat Colony in the 1<sup>st</sup> Citizens Bank area of the Town Center District. Mr. Cribb said they had reached out to other municipalities as to how they handled a situation like this. Only one municipality had responded so far. Mr. Cribb's recommendation was not to act tonight and gather more information before a decision was made. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to postpone the vote on Resolution # 2-2104 until more information was presented. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Newman-Blackwell thanked Honorary Mayor Sarah for helping out tonight. She was presented with a gift and certificate from Council.

#### **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 September 9, 2014 Consent Agenda are:

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the August 13, 2014 Special City Council Meeting.
- B. Approval to purchase 32 Bio Box Biometric pistol safes from vendor Berkeley Locksmith in the amount of \$5,184.00.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to approve the September 9, 2014 Consent Agenda. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss tonight.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Jeff Burns, the Interim Director of CARTA presented the FY 2015 Budget for Councils consideration. Leslie Stubblefield, Financial Director was also in attendance. Mr. Burns said that CARTA now had 25 fixed routes, 4 Express Routes and a Teleride route that is a door to door route for the disabled. He said that CARTA was up to 5 million trips each year and they were very proud of this accomplishment. CARTA also has an express route from the airport to the downtown area for \$3. Route 13 serves the Hanahan area and they are excited about the growth in the Hanahan area. Council Member Sally asked if there were plans for CARTA to build any shelters or put in benches in the Hanahan area. Mr. Burns said the cost of a shelter installed was \$18,000 -\$20,000. He said a local match could help move the shelters along quicker. Benches in the area are cheaper. Council Member Cox asked about the shelter area on Rivers Avenue in front of Walmart and about the congestion it causes while loading and unloading. Mr. Burns said he would check into that. Council Member Cox made a motion to approve the 2015 FY CARTA budget. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Lisa Jones from Carolina Flood Solutions explained the Community Rating System (CRS) discount program. Hanahan presently is not enrolled in this program. Mrs. Jones said that the CRS was part of the National Flood Insurance Program and provides reduced flood insurance premiums. Currently Hanahan is in class 10 of the CRS. With little effort Hanahan could achieve a class 8 to help reduce flood insurance to the citizens of Hanahan. She went over the prerequisites to participate, costs, benefits and the application process. Mrs. Jones said she would like to see Hanahan join the CRS program. Council Member Cox asked if all City Buildings had to be insured. Mrs. Jones said only those in the flood zones. Council Member Chandler asked if she was selling flood insurance. She said she did not sell the insurance. Mr. Cribb said he would suggest we put out a RFP on the project and see what the cost would be. The City is currently doing a lot of the criteria to enroll in the program. Currently 80% of the flood polices in Berkeley County are in the Hanahan area. Council Member Sally said that Larry Sturdivant was already keeping up with a lot of this information. Council Member Cox made a motion to seek out an RFP. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Kathryn Basha, City Planner gave an update on the Community Block Grant (Resolution # 3-2014). The Public Hearing for this Grant is set for Friday, September 12, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. in the courtroom at City Hall. She said they were working on the application for the Phase II Grant to help implement the Phase I plan. Council Member Owens made a motion to approve Resolution # 3-2014 to start the Application process. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. Mr. Cribb unveiled the new City of Hanahan Website. He credited David Kornahrens for having written the code to put our new website together. The new website will better serve the Citizens of Hanahan. In the last 2 ½ weeks the new website has received over 12,000 hits. The new website will now answer a lot of questions that we currently get phone calls about. Mr. Cribb said this was a work in progress and were open to any and all ideas to make this site better.
- E. Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges made a motion to enter into a public hearing to discuss the LOST program and the Millage adjustment. Council Member Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Cribb explained Ordinance # 7-2014 – Local Option Sales Tax program and millage adjustment) He said this was based on recent property reassessment by Berkeley County. The millage will be

going up from the present rate of 53.9 mills to the proposed rate of 56.2. He said the City gives back 100% of the rebate to help even out everyone's tax bills. Council Member Chandler asked why council did not know about this increase when council voted to approve the 2014-2015 Budget. Mr. Cribb said Berkeley County does not give out this information until August. The report from Berkeley County was not available when our budget was approved.

Courtney Soler, Finance Director explained how mills and Local Option Sales Tax were calculated. She shared the scientific formula to get the millage rate. She said basically we needed to figure out what was collected last year and what we need to do to collect the same thing this year.

Johnnie Harkness, 1036 Dominion Drive was not clear about this process. He wanted to know how much the mills were going up (2.3). He did not understand the need for the change. Council Member Cox said because the City gives back 100%. The change if any in the tax amount is small. Council Member Sally said it was based on averages. There were no further questions. Council Member Cox made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance # 7-2014, to amend the FY 2014-2015 Budget by changing the mills to 56.2. Council Member Sally seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 7-0.

## **REPORT AND COMMENTS**

### **A. City Administrator's Report**

The following is the monthly update on projects and activities:

1. Public Works Facility – Site clearing began last week with a completion date set for January 18, 2015.
2. Concessions/Restrooms – Window frames in, exterior block installation in progress, electrical rough-in almost complete. Plumbing rough-in is complete. Metal roof has been ordered. Door frames are installed and doors are ordered. Bids have been received for kitchen items.
3. Trail in Tanner Plantation – Met with BCDCOG, CDM Smith and Tanner Plantation Community HOA's on August 28, 2014 to go over the 30% submittal for the plan. Feedback has been received to prepare the 100% submittal to go to SCDOT for final approval prior to the bid process. The trail has been adjusted to a 10' width vs. 8' for better pedestrian flow.
4. Elementary School Update – Staff submitted questions to BCSD prior to the 9/5 deadline. Proposals are due 9/18.
5. Railroad Avenue – No change

6. Notes;  
Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Movie in the Park, “Frozen”  
Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Buddies  
Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Special City Council Meeting @ 6:30  
Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – MASC Regional Advocacy Meeting, Summerville  
(105 West 5<sup>th</sup> South Street) @ 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, October, 14<sup>th</sup> – Next City Council Meeting  
Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – Red, White and Blue Festival

**B. Mayor and Council Comments**

There were no further comments from council.

**C. Citizens Comments**

1. Debbie Meyers, 5820 Murray Ave, Park Place Apartments, was speaking on behalf of her niece who lives at 1207 Pickens Avenue. She was complaining about the property next door at 1209 Pickens Avenue. Yard was a mess and grass needed to be cut. Snakes are coming from that property to her niece’s property. Mayor Newman-Blackwell asked Chief Cochran and Larry to get with her to see what can be done.
2. Ms. Bessie Crume, 1306 Williams Lane, was asking about Aires Property and how to go about checking on this through Probate Court. She said that was her home and she did not want to move. She invited us to attend a fundraiser at her church on September 19, 2014.
3. Michael Quayle, 18 Basilica Avenue North, thanked Chief Cochran, Larry, Randy and Mr. Cribb for attending all of the Hanahan Beautification meetings. He said he liked the vision that the City had for the parks in his neighborhood. He said we needed more tools to help to enforce the present ordinances.
4. Dave Pelletier, 1417 Coopers Hawk Drive, was complaining about his neighbor’s yard. The HOA said the grass height limit was only for front yards. Larry said it was for the whole yard. Chief Cochran or Larry will meet with Mr. Pelletier about this issue.
5. Johnnie Harkness, 1036 Dominion Drive, complained about his recent ticket and court date. He had asked for a jury trial but got a bench trial instead. He paid the ticket at City Hall and on his way home received a courtesy phone call from Larry about trash at his rental site. Mr. Harkness did not appreciate the timing of the phone call.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss tonight Council Member Cox made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Chandler seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

ATTEST



Minnie Newman – Blackwell, Mayor

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NAME (Please Print)	ADDRESS (Please Print)
Johnny Cristo	City Employee
Kim Peters	City Employee
DAVID KOLMANN	City employee
Courney Soler	"
Sam Bellknap	3310 middlebury Ln Ches 29411
Ucky Storm	1041 Stonehenge Hanahan
AJD Brinker	5816 Edinburg Ln Hanahan
Mike Colman	Police Chief
William Healy	7614 S. Staggers Dr. Hanahan
GAIL DALLAN	City Employee
NATHAN C BUCHANAN	City employee
Kandy Meryn	City Employee
Danell R Burlik	1245 Belvidere
Evelyn Pelletier	1417 Cooper's Hook Dr.
Nave Pelletier	" " "
Dara Baker	22 Lombardi Lane (Thruway Civic Club + Garden)
Judy Walton	16 Ravenna Ave. (Thruway Civic Club)
Michael Quayle	18 Basilica Ave N.
Kelly & Ray Beecock	5809 Windsor Ct
Kevin Sadowski	5809 Windsor Ct
Steve & Karen Morten	7305 Water Thrush Ct.

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Frances Shaffeh	5809 Windsor Ct
Robert Moffett	
<del>John C. Hank</del>	1036 American Dr
Sarah Ramsey	1018 Lepler
Al J Neels	1030 Lepler
E. Q. Clam	1453 Crossbill, Tr.
Kathy Stone	1000 Banger Ln
LARRY STURDIVANT	EMPLOYEE
Steve Willis	STAFF
Dale Ovey	1616 Foster Creek Rd
Bessie Crum	1306 Williams Ln
Robert Simmons SP	114 Quinn Lane Golf Ctr
Debbie J. Meyer	C-27 Park Place Apts
Rev. Samuel J. Haney Jr	1516 Foster Creek Rd.

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