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MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING September 13, 2022 at 6:00PM

Council Members: Mr. Tony Junious, Mayor, Mr. Darion Canty, Mayor Pro-Tempe Mrs. LeAnn Berry, Mrs. Regina Brown and Mr. James Lloyd. Also present was Mrs. Amanda Salka, Town Manager, and Mrs. Shaquona White.

PRESENT

Mayor Tony Junious called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tony Junious

INVOCATION

All

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Media was notified.

NOTIFICATION TO MEDIA

Mr. Canty made the motion to approve the agenda as outlined. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd, all in favor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Salka stated Council received the financial report via email and asked if they had any questions. Mayor Junious asked about \$40,000 for Legal Services in all 4 categories. Mrs. Salka said in the budget workshop, it was accounted what the attorney asked for but added just a little bit more to that figure. Mayor Junious thought that it was set as \$25,000. Mrs. Salka said that she would have to add them back up, but she had put the correct amount that was discussed in the budget workshop. Mayor Junious suggested going back and locking it in as \$25,000, so that it doesn't go to far out there, and to make sure the invoices are staying in line. Mayor Junious asked to move it back and use the extra somewhere else that might be needed. Mayor Junious asked about the auditor's report being \$15,000. Mrs. Salka said that she will make sure that is correct. Mayor Junious asked about the police budget. Can you give us a projection for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, a month to month projection on the police dept to compare from Jan to Dec to see where we are. Mrs. Salka said yes, she can get that for Council. Mrs. Berry asked what were the consulting fees. Mrs. Salka said the consulting services in Admin is when she was training with the auditors on payroll. She will get with them to see if it needed to be placed under training instead. Mayor Junious asked about leaf & limb, that it fell in the street dept and water/sewer. Mrs. Salka said that water/sewer is getting the admin fee for the leaf & limb because they handle the money & process the billing. The street dept is what coming in from picking up the leaf & limbs. It is picked up on Thursdays each week. Mayor Junious said that Council needs to revisit that issue.

AS INFORMATION

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Letter of Resignation Committee Member (Planning Commission) —Mayor Junious received a letter of resignation from Mr. Harvey Belser to resign from Planning Commission effective Sept. 13, 2022. Mrs. Berry made a motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Mr. Canty, all in favor. Mrs. Salka asked for a copy of the letter for the file, due to not seeing it when it was delivered. Mayor Junious said that we have an October meeting coming up and we have to fill that position and 2 or 3 positions that have expired on the Zoning Board of Appeals, that we need to address these positions as well. We need recommendations for the October meeting.
- B. Employment Handbook Committee—Temporary Appointment—Mayor Junious is asking Councilman Berry, Councilman Brown and Councilman Canty as committee persons to get with Mrs. Amanda to go over the 2 handbooks that are in place. And to bring back to the recommendations to the meeting in October and to submit it to Attorney Smiley for the last component.

Mrs. Salka said that we haven't received any requests. Mrs. Pollard, from the audience, asked is there going to be report from the County Council meeting that was held yesterday? Summerton was on their agenda. It is going to be spoken in a report? A citizen asked about a light on Windham Street. Mayor Junious informed the citizen to contact Mrs. Shaquona White. Mayor Junious wanted to acknowledge Attorney Kambrall to represent Attorney Smiley office. He also wanted to acknowledge the assistant superintendent of the consolidated school system. Mrs. Woods asked since Mr. Harvey Belser has come off of Planning Commission, does the Council appoint them or can someone ask to be on the commission? Mayor Junious said either or, but Council does the appointments. Mr. Briggs asked how many seats are on the Planning Commission, the response was 1 vacancy. It was also said that there are 2 or 3 that are expiring from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Briggs asked when the election will take place for the seat on Town Council. Mayor Junious provided dates to Mr. Briggs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Salka will be in class for the rest of this week. She will be graduating from the 3 year class that she has been attending. Also William will be going to training with Rural Water, free of charge. Seamon Company are coming to town on the 19th at 4:00pm to discuss the H&H Flood Study. DHEC and Rural Water will be meeting on the 20th at 10:00am. Mayor and Council are invited, as long as there isn't a quorum. William set this meeting up to have more training with DHEC and Rural Water. DHEC inspection will be on the 23rd at 9:30am. Frances should be returning tomorrow, all is well with her husband. Amanda would like for William to give an update on the tank extension letter that is due on the 19th and a violation letter, that was received from DHEC. Mayor Junious said that William will not give the report on DHEC violation, that he reached out to Jay Kates to give that report. Mayor Junious said that William can still give he report on the tank extension. William said that South Corrosion is getting a quote together for Council and it should be here next week. It is going to be around \$300,000 and they can help write a grant to help with the funds. And around \$75,000 for Felton Stret tank to get repainted. Mayor Junious asked if that was the group that he was with yesterday. William answered yes. Mayor Junious asked when will that process take place, William's response was within the next 2 weeks to help set it up. Mrs. Salka would like Cedric, at Council's approval, to give an update on the MASC grant. Mr. Cedric went over the Hometown Economic Grant with Council. He said the grant application was is due on Sept. 30th and would like Council to review the grant so far to see if they had any questions for him.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mayor Junious said that Council will accept this as information. He asked Cedric to check with Summerton Revitalization Commission and the Tax Accommodation to see if they can each come up with 1/2 of the matched funds. Also to bring back the report to the Council meeting on Sept. 19th.

Mayor Junious said that Duckfest Pagaent will be on Sept 2th at the Cultural Arts Center in Summerton. He said to check out the Duckfest website and Facebook page for other events during Duckfest. Mayor Junious said on Sept. 27th, that federal and state officials will be in town for a press release with Congressman Clyburn. He asked to please make sure that the town is clean and the streets to be cleaned, like the unveiling of the monuments. He will be making an official announcement, that the 2 buildings will be on the National Registry.

Mrs. Brown made a motion to enter into executive sessions. Seconded by

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Brown made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Mrs. Berry, all in favor.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

Mrs. Berry made a motion to move forward with the DJJ agreement, the Wateree Community Action and the Clarendon Behavioral Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd, all in favor.

Mr. Canty made a motion to move forward with hiring the Police Chief for the Town of Summerton, Mr. Donel Dixon. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd, all in favor.

Mrs. Berry made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Canty, all in favor.

ADJOURN

Meeting ended at .

Respectfully submitted.


Frances Feagin
Town Clerk

