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MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

August 18, 2022 at 6:00PM

Council Members: Mr. Tony Junious, Mayor, Mr. Darion Canty, Mayor Pro-Temp, Mrs. LeAnn Berry, Mrs. Regina Brown, Mr. James Lloyd, Mr. Ritchie Way and Mr. Terrance Tindal. Also present was Mrs. Amanda Salka, Town Manager, Mr. Smiley, Town Attorney, and Mrs. Frances Feagin, Town Clerk.

PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Darion Canty

INVOCATION

All

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. LeAnn Berry made a motion to approve the agenda as outlined. Seconded by Mr. Darion Canty, all was in favor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Amanda went over the Financial Report with Council. She there are some line items that have a zero balance, reason due to we haven't received the funding yet. These come periodically throughout the year, we don't receive them each month. On county police services, she stated that she will get with Mr. Phillips on the balance that is showing. Mayor Junious asked where we are on monthly income for the Police Department. It is showing around \$14,320.00, from Mr. Phillips. Please note that we are currently short staffed, we have one officer on day and one on night shift. They do patrol town limits 15% of the shift and interstate 85% of the shift. She went over some line items in the Water/Sewer budget. She said "ask" means that she will be getting with the Auditor's on some questions that she has for them.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. 2nd and Final Reading Amending the Travel Expense Policy — Mayor Junious said that it was spoken about last meeting and needed to be clarified. The prices for food was adjusted to what was discussed, as well as mileage to be under the state price. Mr. Darion Canty made a motion to approve the 2nd and Final Reading of the Travel Expense Policy. Seconded by Mrs. LeAnn Berry, all was in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

B. 2nd and Final Reading Ordinance Establishing Requirements for the attendance of members of Town Council. Mrs. LeAnn Berry read verbatim the proposed Ordinance from the previous Council Meeting verbatim. Mayor Junious read the addition to be added to the Ordinance verbatim, which stipulates what qualifies as a reason of being absent for a Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Junious asked Mr. Way if he wanted the exceptions of absence in place. They are as follows: bereavement, sickness with doctor excuse, and immediate family crisis. Mr. Way stated yes. He stated that he has been on Council for 16 years and no council member has been to every meeting due to family and work schedules. He stated that with his work schedule he will have issues with attending every meeting. Mr. Canty stated that he has had to reschedule his work schedule to be able to attend the meetings. He said that we took the oath to be here. Mayor Junious said that when we ran for office we knew that the regular scheduled meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. It was asked to Mr. Smiling, Town Attorney, of his input. He said that he can only suggest the wording of “a meeting” . Mrs. LeAnn Berry made a motion to approve the 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance Establishing Requirements for the attendance of members of Town Council at Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Council. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd. During discussion, it was said regular scheduled meeting not “a meeting”. Attorney interjected by asking for clarification of regular meeting vs. “a meeting”. Mr. Way opposed. All other members agreed. Motion passed.

C. 2nd and Final Reading on Amending of Election method of Eliminating the Petition Signatures Process for Elections — Mayor Junious asked Attorney Smiley if he had the wording on the Ordinance. Mayor Junious said that he reached out to Mr. Charlie Barribeau of when this would go in effect once passed. Mr. Charlie said immediately once passed. Mayor Junious stated that Summerton and one other municipality are the only 2 in the state that Petition Filing. He said that the county has been asking for the past 10 years to get Summerton on board for regular filing. Mr. Darion Canty made a motion to approve 2nd and Final Reading on Amending of Election Method Eliminating Petition Signature Process for Filing for Elections. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd, all in favor.

D. Presentation of Hometown Grant with MASC — Mr. Cedric thanked Council for allowing him to speak. He demonstrated what Economic Development entails and what grants have been awarded over the past few years. He mentioned the deadline of when the grant needs to be submitted. Mayor Junious asked if the grant would be on behalf of the Town of Summerton or for 4Main. Mr. Cedric said that it is for Town of Summerton. He asked Mrs. Amanda if they spoke on what would the subject of the grant was. Mrs. Salka said that the Town Hall was spoken of. Mayor Junious asked if it was in “concrete” of what is being requested. He asked for Mr. Cedric to submit a proposal for the grant to be approved by Council. Mayor Junious asked for the plan to be submitted at least 2 weeks before the Sept. 13th Council Meeting. Mr. Darion Canty asked if there was a time frame of submission. Mr. Cedric said to have it submitted as early as possible.

A. Adopting Policy of Employees Dress Code– Handbook — Mayor Junious said that he knew of one handbook that is in place and when Mrs. Amanda came back to work that is another handbook in place. Mayor Junious suggested to table this matter until next Council Meeting on Sept. 13th.

NEW BUSINESS

A concerned citizen mentioned that he hasn't see any ordinances passed in the 1st Reading but the 2nd Reading verbiage is different. It was voted on with the change. Shouldn't the verbiage be the same in both before the ordinance or such is passed? He also spoke about the verbiage of the attendance ordinance, saying that it doesn't look good to change in the middle vs. at the new election. Another concerned citizen mentioned that if the changes aren't done now, then they won't ever get done.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Amanda said the GIS system mapping is being worked on. New tractor is having issues with cutting the sprayfield. When Anthony was out, the sprayfield didn't get cut due to shortage of staff, or operation of tractor. We are going to have to look for a farmer to cut it down or hire a company to cut it down. The tractor was parked in the sprayfield and someone tried to steal the tractor out of the sprayfield. It tore up the drive shaft. All 3 new trucks will have GPS installed tomorrow. I will be meeting with Mr. Radcliffe to go over information with Police Department. There is a public hearing, Monday August 22nd in regards to Flood Survey. Interviews of Chief of Police will be held on August 24th.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Canty again thanked Mr. Terrance Tindal for being on Council. Mayor Junious reminded Council of the Summerton Community Action Group of the unveiling of the monuments at the Community Resource Center on Sept. 3rd. He asked Mrs. Salka to have our officers present at that unveiling, due to the attendance of the 2 other municipals police department assisting with security. The letter from SC State House Finance Housing Authority is to let us know that Harvin Manor Apartments are seeking to have some rehabilitation work done. This is for information. The meeting with DHEC yesterday went well. We were given correct information from the higher ups. There was some initial misinformation given. DHEC is willing to work with the Town of Summerton to address the issues. And will help the Town of Summerton to pursue grants that are available. Senator Johnson sent out a letter of support for SCIIP Grant and it was forwarded to town attorney and Mrs. Salka. Mayor Junious presented Mr. Terrance Tindal with a plaque for 6 Years of Service with the Town of Summerton as a Council Member.

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORT

Mrs. LeAnn Berry made a motion to enter into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Darion Canty, all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. LeAnn Berry made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Darion Canty, all in favor.

ENTERING OPEN SESSION

Mayor Junious asked Mrs. Amanda if there were any actions items in executive session. Mrs. Amanda stated that Council needed to vote on het ARPA funds that was needed for the project of fixing or replacing fire hydrants in town limits. Mayor Junious stated a recommendation was make and what was Council's pleasure.

Mrs. LeAnn Berry made a motion to use the ARPA funds to fix or replace the fire hydrants in town limits. Seconded by Mr. James Lloyd, all in favor.

Mrs. Amanda said that a motion needed to be made to put the bids out for the operations for the Town of Summerton Water & Sewer Operator. Mayor Junious stated the recommendation was made by the Town Manager, what was the pleasure of Council.

Mr. Darion Canty made a motion to put out the bids for Town Operator for Water & Sewer. Seconded by Mrs. LeAnn Berry to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with RFP for the Water & Sewer Operator, all in favor with no opposition.

Mr. Tindal made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. LeAnn Berry, all was in favor. Meeting ended at 8:18PM.

ADJOURN

Respectfully Submitted,


Frances Feagin
Town Clerk

