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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 2022 at 6:00PM

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

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

Mr. Ritchie Way
All

Mr. Darion Canty made a motion to accept the agenda as outlined. Seconded by Mr. James Lloyd, all was in favor.

Honorable Percy B. Harvin, Jr. sworn in the new Summerton Police Department Part Time Officer, Mr. William Richburg. The Bible was held by his mother, Mrs. Richburg.

Mr. James Lloyd made a motion to approve minutes as outlined of Council Meeting July 12th, Special Called Meeting July 19th and Special Called Meeting July 29th, with any necessary corrections. Seconded by Mrs. LeAnn Berry, all was in favor.

A. 2nd and Final Reading Amending the Travel Expense Policy — Mayor Junious said that research is still being gathered, from other municipalities. He asked for Council to make a motion to accept this as the 1st Reading Amending the Travel Expense Policy. Mr. Darion Canty made a motion to approve this as the 1st Reading Amending the Travel Expense Policy. Seconded by Mrs. LeAnn Berry

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. Mr. Way made a motion to table the 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance Establishing Requirements for the attendance of members of Town Council at Regular Monthly Meeting of Town Council. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd, all in favor.

C. Discussion of Wassau Park Policy — Mayor Junious discussed the rental application process fee of \$35.00, along with \$100.00 deposit. The \$100.00 deposit would be refunded if the park is in the same condition as it was before the rental period. The maintenance personnel, Mr. Anthony, will check the park conditions before and after the event. If park conditions is acceptable, the deposit will be refunded. If it is not in the proper condition the Town will keep the deposit. Mr. Way asked about the rules and an application were in place. Mayor Junious stated yes. Mr. Lloyd made a motion to pass the Wassau Park Policy as stated. Seconded by Mr. Canty, all in favor.

PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SWEARING IN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

D. DHEC Requirement Services for 25 Fire Hydrants– Town of Summerton, Letter of Extension — Mayor Junious stated that last year the town received a list of fire hydrants to be repaired or replaced. It was brought to our attention again. Mrs. Amanda is looking at grants to help with the funds to replace or repair the fire hydrants, which is approx. \$250,000.00. She is working hand in hand with DHEC to get this matter addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Services and Donation by Summerton Duckfest — Mrs. Christina Darby and Mr. Ed Paul thanked Mayor Junious and Council for inviting them to the meeting. Mr. Ed said that we are heading into our 8th year for the Duckfest Event. It will be 2nd Saturday in October. We need approval from Council for road closures, possibly employing Town Employees to work the festival. Mrs. Christina provided a general layout of the day of the event, along with a directions of the Color Run, for which the roads will need to be blocked off. The run will start at 6:30am on the 8th. She said that if we are able to use some employees will be paid out of Duckfest funds. She asked Mayor Junious to please stop by and welcome everyone attending the festival. All Council Members were asked to be present if possible as well. Mrs. Christina did mention that Town of Summerton donated \$500 towards sponsorship in the past, and would like to ask for the same this year as well. Mayor Junious also mentioned that Mrs. Feagin did receive a copy of the liability insurance for the meeting.

B. Presentation of Hometown Grant — Mr. Cedric was not available for the presentation. Mayor Junious said that this will be placed on the next agenda.

C. Presentation on Information for the SCIIP Grant — Mrs. Sylvia Parson, with Santee Lynches, did a presentation on different Community Impact Grants that Town of Summerton could qualify for up to the maximum amount of \$10 Million Dollars. She stated that the town could apply for an RIA grant that could be used as matching funds.

D. Discussion of purchasing 3 Water Meters for the Schools — Mayor Junious mentioned that he spoke with Mrs. Amanda earlier, and it will only be one school. It is SECC, over by the gas station. And the other one will be at the Plant that is across from the Scott's Branch Middle/High School. That we only need the 2 meters to be replaced. The approx. cost of the meters will be \$7500.00. Currently the bills are being estimated at those two locations.

E. Discussion of Swearing-In of Code Enforcement Officer for the Zoning Department matters — Mayor Junious introduced Mr. Robin Fowler and Mrs. Allison McDowell. Mr. Robin briefly went over with Council on the services that are provided by SAFEBuilt. These services are on a as need basis. The services that Mrs. Allison McDowell will be providing are on dilapidated building, yard debris and building violations. She will be in contact with the properties that are in violation. This includes commercial, as well as residential properties. Mayor Junious asked if Mrs. McDowell had a copy of the town ordinances, she stated yes. And that Mrs. Feagin will have access to copies of all correspondence that are sent out to the residences. Mayor Junious said that this will only effect the residents that are in the town limits of Town of Summerton, that this will not apply to the residents out of town. Mr. Darion Canty made a motion to approve the Swearing-In of Mrs. Allison McDowell. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd, all was in favor. Honorable Percy B. Harvin Jr. performed the swear-in process of Mrs. Allison McDowell.

F. Discussion of Installation of water meters at Goat Island, Sizgield, Gin Pond, Haynesworth and Town of Summerton — Mayor Junious said at this time water systems of Goat Island, Gin Pond, Sigfield, Haynesworth do not have water meters at this time, this is approx. 200 customers. Mrs. Amanda is researching for some grants to help with funding of putting in the water meters. In the Town of Summerton, we have identified some Commercial properties that do not have water meters. These will be addressed and water meters will be placed at these locations. Please remember that it is our responsibility to address these matters as they are brought to our attention. Mr. Way has asked how many meters that have been purchased as of now. Mayor Junious said that there were approx. 200 meters that were purchases for the West Summerton residents.

r G. 1st Reading to Amend the Method and Notices of Elections, Chapter II, Article II Municipal Elections, Sec 2.203 in the Town of Summerton. — Mayor Junious briefed Council with the past procedure, of filing by petition. This method was each candidate would have to get approx. 60 signatures. The Council would like to eliminate this process and go with straight filing with the Election Office. He stated that this would incur a filing fee for each candidate. He made the audience aware that Mr. Terrance Tindal will be resigning from Town Council as of August 31, 2022. Mayor Junious spoke with the Election Commission and stated the following filing dates for the upcoming elections. The open date is Sept 16th, which will close on Sept. 29th. The Special Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Mayor Junious asked if the election could be put on the ballot of the General Election, but it couldn't be done. Mrs. LeAnn Berry made a motion to approve the 1st Reading to Amend the Method and Notices of Elections, to eliminate the petition process. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd. Mr. Way opposed, all other Council Members agreed. Motion passed.

H. Acceptance of the Letter of Resignation of a Councilmember — Mr. Ritchie Way that he enjoyed working with Mr. Terrance Tindal on Council. Mr. Way said that Mr. Tindal served the longest on the current Council member and thanked him for his service. Mayor Junious also thank Mr. Tindal for his service and hoped that his future endeavors go well. Mrs. LeAnn Berry made a motion to accept Mr. Tindal's Resignation Letter. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd, all was in favor.

Mrs. Pollard asked about the 25 Fire Hydrants on. It was stated that this is a very serious situation. It was said by Mr. Way and Mrs. Pollard that they didn't know of the issue. She asked what happens if the grant isn't approved? Is the town going to get a loan for funding? A concerned citizen asked if the Code Enforcement is a paid position? It was also asked once the lake area receives meters, will they pay the same or more? Who is in charge of Wassau Park, that there are some issues that need to be addressed, such as fencing & the building. The town needs to upkeep the park.

Mrs. Amanda Salka wasn't present for the meeting at this time, due to a death in the family.

Mr. Terrance Tindal thanked everyone for working with him. And thanking the citizens of Summerton for letting him serve. He stated that he was given the opportunity to teach on the collegiate level and would like to pursue this. Mayor Junious wanted to briefly update citizens on the truck parking situation on 4th Street. He has the opportunity to speak with the citizen and with the attorney. Based on both sides, especially the citizen side who won't budge. He explained with the citizen, on said street, about the impact on the drivers.

He asked for the citizen to consider to remove the complaint. According the ordinance in place, the attorney advised Council not to pursue this matter. Another citizen was asked to remove their truck from a different area, as well, due to the ordinance. Mayor asked Interim Chief Phillips on the matter. He said that notices were issued to the drivers and the street is clear. A concerned citizen asked why is one person complaining when no other citizen is complaining. Mayor Junious asked the school district about possibly allowing the drivers to access the school parking lot, response from the school was if a citizen has a complaint that they don't want to be in the argument. Another concern citizen asked about the other side of the road where the school is, if it was in the city limits. Yes, it was annexed in the town limits. A citizen asked if there was a map that they can see of where the town limits are? Yes, there is one, you can view it after the meeting

Executive Session—

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

COUNCIL & MAYOR REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon return to open session, Council may take action on matters in executive session —

Mrs. LeAnn Berry made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Darion Canty, all was in favor. Mr. James Lloyd made a motion to approve the request from Duckfest. Seconded by Mr. Darion Canty, all was in favor.

Adjournment —

Mr. Ritchie Way made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully,



Frances Feagin
Town Clerk



**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT