



Town of Summerton

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Minutes of Council Meeting January 11, 2022 at 6:00PM

Present. Mayor Bagnal, Council Members: Mr. Bryan Rembert, Mr. Terrance Tindal and Mr. Walker Wells, Mrs. Regina Brown. Also present was Mrs. Amanda Salka, Town Administrator, Ray Perdue, Chief of Police, Jay Kates, Public Works Director, and Mrs. Frances Feagin, Town Clerk

Absent: Council Members: Mr. Chalmers Stukes and Mr. Ritchie Way

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Bagnal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m.

INVOCATION – Councilman Walker Wells

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Rembert made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all was in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Wells made a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021 as written. Seconded by Mr. Tindal, all was in favor.

ACCEPT AS INFORMATION – Financials of November 2021 and December 2021 were accepted as information.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Presentation of Movie being filmed in Summerton – Mrs. Lynn Dowe, Mrs. Wendy Tannock. Mrs. Dowe and Mrs. Tannock briefly addressed Council of the movie titled “Bull Street” that would be filmed in Summerton. They stated that the town name in the movie would be “Puckney, SC” and the 1st day of production would be January 31, 2022. Mrs. Tannock informed Council that an email would be established for anyone that would like to be cast as an extra for the movie. Mrs. Dowe and Mrs. Tannock thanked Mayor and Council for the pleasure of letting them speak at the Council meeting.
- b. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audit – Sheheen Hancock & Godwin, LLP. Mr. Mr. John presented Council with the results from the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audit. He informed Council that a copy of the audit was placed before them and he briefly went over the Executive Audit Summary was provided along with the audit. Town of

Summerton received an Unmodified Opinion. The Town is in good standing and has 4-6 months of funds in the Reserve account.

- c. 1st Reading amending Hospitality Tax Ordinance No.20-001– Mrs. Salka and Mrs. Feagin briefly discussed the Hospitality Tax Ordinance with Council. It was brought to Council's attention that a business requested if the Town could amend the ordinance for payments to be accepted yearly vs. monthly, due to the application showing that option. Mrs. Feagin stated that the ordinance specified monthly and it would be easier to keep up with the records. Mr. Rembert made a motion to leave the Hospitality Tax Ordinance No. 20-001 as it stands. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all in favor.
- d. 1st Reading Discussing of Tap Fees– Mrs. Amanda Salka presented Council with an Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, Section 209 and 210 of the Ordinances of the Town of Summerton, relating to Water and Sewer Connection Fees. Mrs. Salka explained to Council that this amendment gives the Town Administrator the availability to select a vendor, which may be sole-sourced due to specialized knowledge of the Town's utility system required. Also should either Water or Sewer tap assess additional charges in addition to the estimated amount, that this would have to be paid prior to the connect to the system. Mr. Rembert made a motion to consider this as the 1st Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, Sections 209 and 210 of the Ordinances of the Town of Summerton, Relating to Water and Sewer Connection Fees by title only. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all in favor.
- e. Discussion of Town Hall Building– Mrs. Amanda Salka updated Council on the conditions of the restrooms in the Town Hall building. She explained that Barwick Plumbing came and put a camera down the sewer line and was informed that sewer lines have collapsed. They further explained that the hallway floor would have to be dug up in order for the line to be repaired and/or replaced. The Town Hall currently has one bathroom that is in working condition (the one in the back office), which gives the employees an available restroom. The employees had to walk over to the 4 Main building or the Police Department to use the restroom. At this time the building doesn't have Public Restrooms available for use, which is not in compliance with ADA Regulations. Mrs. Salka stated that she is researching to find a grant to improve the Town Hall Building.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. 1st Reading Amending water only rates 2021-2022 for North Shore – Mrs. Amanda Salka discussed with Council that the water only customers at North Shore were paying more

for just water than the customers residing there were paying for water and sewer together. After much discussion, it was tabled until further review of the rates.

- b. 2nd Reading Town of Summerton Business License Repeal (Existing Ordinance) – Mrs. Feagin advised Council that repealing the existing Business License Ordinance must be done to be in compliance of adopting the new Business License Standardizing Procedure that is taking place statewide through MASC. Mr. Rembert made a motion to accept 2nd Reading Town of Summerton Business License Repeal of the existing Business License Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all in favor.
- c. 2nd Reading Town of Summerton Business License Adoption (2021-2022 (1)) – Mrs. Feagin advised Council that this is the new Business License format that must be adopted by the Town of Summerton to be in compliance with MASC. Mr. Rembert made a motion to accept 2nd Reading Town of Summerton Business License Adoption (2021-2022 (1)). Seconded by Mr. Wells, all in favor.

STAFF UPDATES –

- a. Police Dept. – Chief Perdue submitted a monthly report for Council to review and ask questions if they had any. He informed Council that the Police Department has received the Truck that was purchased through the USDA Grant.
- b. Public Works Dept. – Public Works Director Jay Kates provided Council with a status report
- c. Administration – Town Administrator Amanda Salka informed Council that a letter is being sent out to all customers explaining the procedures of cutoff valves, sewer backups and Code Red. This letter also explains the new procedure of any after hours calls and how they will be handled in the future moving forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Wells made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Rembert, all was in favor.

Mr. Rembert made a motion to exit executive session, with no action taken. Seconded by Mrs. Brown, all was in favor.

UPON RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Mr. Rembert made a motion to change the title of Mrs. Frances Feagin's position of Deputy Town Clerk to Town Clerk. Seconded by Mrs. Brown, all was in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Wells made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Rembert, all was in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frances Feagin
Deputy Town Clerk

