



**City of Fountain Inn
Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM ~ 200 N. Main Street, Council Chambers**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Sam Lee, Phil Clemmer, Anthony Cunningham, Matthew King, John Mahony, Michael Maier and Rose Ann Woods.

Others Present: Shawn Bell, Sandra Woods, Ashlee Tolbert, Russell Alexander, Lori Cooper, Roger Case, Mike Pitman, Keith Morton, Russell Haltiwanger, Michael Hamilton, Melissa Woods, Ross Turner, Tammy Finley and David Holmes

Visitors: 18

Call to Order – Mayor Sam Lee

Invocation – Councilmember Clemmer

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions

Mayor Lee presented a Proclamation to Municipal Clerk, Sandra Woods in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week May 5 – 11, 2019.

Mayor Lee presented a plaque to Mike Pitman, Gas Manager in celebration of his retirement May 31, 2019.

Mayor Lee asked if Council would object to moving one of our new business items to the beginning of the meeting. There was no objection.

Appointment of Chief of Police

Shawn Bell reviewed with Council the search process for the position of Chief of Police. He then asked the current Chief of Police, Keith Morton to, say a few words.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember King to appoint Captain Michael Hamilton as our new Chief of Police. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Michael Hamilton thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity.

Consent Agenda – There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

- a. April 4, April 11, April 25 Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Preliminary April 2019 Financial Report

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Public Forum – Persons wishing to speak must sign up 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting. Signups will be on a first come, first served basis. Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes

No one signed up to speak.

City Administrator's Report – Shawn M. Bell

Administration

- Woodside Connector Project
 - Current Let Date per SCDOT: February 2021
 - SCDOT is currently in the process of securing a consultant
- Woodside Streetscape
 - Current Let Date per SCDOT: December 2020
 - Awaiting design revisions from Arbor Engineering
- Woodside Subdivision
 - RFP will be ready for City Council approval at June Council meeting
- Bridge Rehab Project on Fairview Street (S-543) over I-385
 - SCDOT will be closing the existing structure and detouring traffic during construction (anticipated to last one month)
 - The proposed detour route utilizes North Woods Drive, Harrison Bridge Road, and North Nelson Drive (approximately 4.1 miles)
 - Current Let Date per SCDOT: summer 2019
- Wayfinding Signage
 - RFP for production and installation to be issued soon
- Employee cookout rescheduled for May 18th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Special Events and Community Development

- Upcoming Special Events:
 - Bluegrass begins this Thursday, May 9th and will run until June 13th
 - Farmers Market open on May 18th and runs through September 28th
 - Wingin' Out on Main
 - May 31-June 1
 - Dancing on Depot begins on June 7th and will run through August 30th
- Outreach:
 - Coffee with Council
 - May 14th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Ice Cream Fountain
 - June 4th from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Carolina Growers Group
 - #AdminOnTheGo
 - May 18th from 8:00 a.m. – noon at the Farmers Market

Natural Gas

- December 2006 through June 2019
 - System Highlights
 - 46.9% increase in number of customers: 6,025 to 8,853
 - 53.5% increase in sales volume: 628,744 DTS to 965,587 DTS
 - 67.2% increase in gross profit: \$1,887,521 to \$3,157,355
 - GPS/GIS of the entire system
 - Obtained numerous development rights to a number of residential, commercial, and industrial location which would have been served by competing gas systems
 - System Regrets
 - The territorial dispute between Fountain Inn Natural Gas and Laurens CPW prevented the system from being able to expand south into the Owings Industrial Park (ZF Transmissions)
- One crew worker vacancy
- Eduardo Noriega begins on May 13th

Police

- One officer vacancy
 - Four officers are waiting to attend the SC Criminal Justice Academy
- Partnering with the Blood Connection to celebrate National Police Week
 - On May 16th from 2:30 – 7:00 p.m., the FIPD will be having a blood drive
 - All donors will receive a commemorative t-shirt and a \$10 donation will be made to the Roger Rice Foundation

Fire

- Chief Myers is recovering well and should be returning to work in the next few weeks
- Greenville Water will be conducting maintenance on their water tower located right off Highway 14 near Harrison Bridge Road and Bethlehem Baptist Church
 - FIFD and FIPD are working with the City of Simpsonville and Greenville on a solution for relocating radio infrastructure
- One Firefighter vacancy

Public Works

- Spring Cleaning
 - During the month of May, Public Works will be picking up any items you can carry by hand to the curb
 - Separate yard waste from other debris such as metal, wood, etc.
 - Brush, limbs, branches, etc. may not exceed 6'' in diameter nor 6' in length
- Solid Waste violations in April

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- 42 notices left for broken containers or prohibited materials in container
- 38 non-compliance notices left (furniture, tires, construction debris, etc.)
- 1 notice left for yard debris violations (yard debris in storm drains, etc.)

Recreation

- Hillcrest wrestling team banquet set for May 15th at the Activities Center
- Webpage dedicated to the Miracle League of Fountain Inn should be going live very soon
- Gave a 5-minute presentation to Prisma Health on May 7th for a Miracle League Field sponsorship
- A Phase I environmental assessment has been completed on Sanctified Hill Park

Municipal Court

- Parking Lot Improvements
 - Construction bid advertisement has been posted
- Interior Renovations
 - DP3 has developed concepts for our review; recommendation will be presented to City Council soon

Unfinished Business

Second Reading - Z 2019-002 – Nash Street 904-02-01-011 & 904-02-01-002 Rezone from I-1 and R-12 to R-10 Residential District

Shawn Bell stated that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on March 11, 2019. After the board heard the rezoning petition and staff report they approved the request to rezone from I-1 and R-12 Residential District to R-10 Residential District unanimously.

The real property referred to is described fully in Docket Number FI-2019-002 which real property is located on Nash Street and known as Tract A, containing approximately 7.40 acres, Laurens County Tax Map 904-02-01-011 and as Parcel B, containing approximately 28.88 acres, being a part of Laurens County Tax Map 904-02-01-002, located in the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Motion by Councilmember Maier, second by Councilmember Woods to approve Z 2019-002 as presented on second reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Second Reading - Ordinance 2019-002 - Authorizing an installment plan of finance for certain capital projects and equipment

Mr. Bell stated that this ordinance provides for an installment plan of finance for certain capital projects and equipment; authorizes the issuance of not exceeding, in the aggregate, the city's constitutional bonded debt limit in general obligation bonds, in one

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or more series, tax-exempt or taxable, to acquire undivided interests in such capital projects and equipment.

Ms. Emily Luther with Parker Poe reviewed the Ordinance with Council and stated the following updates since first reading.

The Fountain Inn Facility Board has been formed and Chris Barrineau was elected as President. They authorized the issuance of the bonds and sold the bonds to Sterling National Bank.

Motion by Councilmember Woods, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve Ordinance 2019-002 on Second Reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

First Reading – Ordinance 2019-003 FY 2019-2020 Budget

Mr. Bell stated that Council had two budget work sessions on the proposed budget and he reviewed a few highlights with Council.

- FY 20 is a balanced budget with no tax or fee increase.
- Fully funds Phase I of the Comp and Class Study
- New Personnel
 - Two additional Crew Workers in Public Works Department. We are scaling back on inmate labor.
 - Planner/Zoning Administrator
 - Full-time dedicated HR Professional
 - Victims Advocate/Records Clerk in the Police Dept
 - Staff Accountant to handle the Enterprise Funds
 - Moving a part-time Parks and Recreation Employee to fulltime
- Vehicles and Equipment
 - Public Works: Debris-boom Truck and Side Loading Trash Truck
 - Fire Department: Tower Truck
 - Recreation: Trailer and Mower
 - Police Department: Two Ford Explorers
 - Gas Department: 3 vehicles and a rock hammer.
- Infrastructure
 - Woodside Park, Judicial Parking Lot, Police Department Roof.
 - Road and Sidewalk assessment to get a plan in place for replacement.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Clemmer to approve Ordinance 2019-003 on First Reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

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New Business

Z – 2019-004 – Redwood Apartment Neighborhoods, North Woods Drive 0349000100100 from I-1 Industrial to R-M, Residential Multifamily

Shawn Bell stated that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on April 22, 2019. After the board heard the rezoning petition and staff report they approved the request to rezone North Woods Drive 0349000100100 from I-1 Industrial to R-M, Residential Multifamily unanimously.

The real property referred to is described fully in Docket Number FI 2019-010 and is located at 16921 N. Woods Drive, containing approximately 43.03 acres, Greenville County Tax Map 0349000100100, located in the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina

Greg Thurmond with Redwood Living reviewed with Council the development plan for Redwoods Apartments.

Motion by Councilmember Maier, second by Councilmember King to approve Z 2019-003 on First Reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Naming of Woodside Park

Shawn Bell Councilmember stated that we named our City Park after PD Terry. We also have another legend in Fountain Inn. Councilmember Cunningham is recommending that we name Woodside Park after Emanuel Sullivan.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Maier to name Woodside Park after Emanuel Sullivan. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Councilmember Cunningham stated that there will be an announcement at Mr. Sullivan's at Mt. Zion church at a later date at Mt. Zion Church.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Clemmer to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously 7/0.

Sandra H. Woods, CMC
City Clerk