

**City of Fountain Inn
Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2015 – 6pm – Council Chambers**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:

Erick Chapman
Matthew King
Mayor, Gary Long
John Mahony

Michael Maier
Berry Woods, Jr. (absent)
Rose Ann Woods

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Alexander (Fire)
Gwen Britt (Administration)
Van Broad (Eco Dev)
Eddie Case (City Administrator)
Roger Case (Public Works)
Johanna Inman (HR)
Steve Ivester (HR)
Brad Love (Bond Attorney)
Keith Morton (Police)

David Holmes (City Attorney)
Ronnie Myers (Fire)
Ross Fletcher (Gas)
Diane Turner (Community Dev)
Jill Vales (Financial Mgt)
Melissa Woods (Police)
Sandra Woods (Clerk/Treasurer)
Beth Anne Zivitski

VISITORS: 18

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Long called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman, Rose Ann Woods gave prayer.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

Citizen of the quarter – Robert Young

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mart Harrod – Noise Ordinance

Mr. Harrod expressed to Council his concerns of the noise coming from Fisher Barton. He feels the noise he is experiencing from Fisher Barton violates the city's noise ordinance.

Mayor Long commented that Council will meet with our City Attorney and see what can be done to resolve this issue.

CONSENT AGENDA:*

Minutes: September 10, 2015

September 2015 Budget Report – Motion by Matthew King, second by Erick Chapman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Economic Development – Growler House and Zaxby’s have opened. Bo Jangles’, QT, Palms Dental Office and McDonalds all moving forward. The Snack Shack is opening at 1314 N. Main Unit B. Gaye Sprague is working on a proposal for the traffic signal study on Hwy 418/N. Woods Dr and Fairview St. N. Woods Dr. This is the first step that SCDOT requires for a proposed traffic signal. Ground breaking for Village at Fountain Inn has been postponed due to weather. We will update you as soon as we know new date and time. West Farms is moving forward with an additional phase across Howard Dr. Jones Crossing at Carolina Springs has broken ground and moving forward. A new medical facility is showing interest in Fountain Inn. Still good interest in additional market rate rent apartment projects.

Younts Center for the Performing Arts – The new 2015/2016 season has started. Be sure you get your tickets for this exciting season. The lobby renovation is moving forward and looking good. Open position for custodian.

Community Development – Diane Turner did an outstanding job with the Sept. 24th Main Street Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. Main Street is complete except for SCDOT punch list that should be completed by end of Dec. 2015. Thanks for all who participated.

Finance Department – The CAFR is in the review process. A called meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday Oct. 20 at 6 pm to hear the report from Elliott Davis. Election Day is Tuesday Nov. 3, 2015. We received the reassessment figures from Greenville County. Michael Cawley has refigured our rollback millage which will be presented to Council tonight.

Diamond Tip Blvd. Woodside Street Construction. Hope to take bids for the streetscape/landscape this year. SCDOT has reviewed the drawings and we are obtaining right-of-way.

Woodside Mill District public/private development partnership – Project is on hold until future date as funding is available.

Public Works – Harris Local Gov is working with the Business License Department to change over to the NAIC Codes for business license renewal in Dec. Planning Commission Board has an annexation hearing on Tuesday Nov. 17th at 6 pm for the property on Howard Dr/Fountain Inn Dr. We continue working on the International Property Maintenance Code violations. Public Works, Street & Sewer Dept. are fully staffed

Fountain Inn Activities Center Expansion & Recreation Dept. – The expansion is complete except for a few details. The awnings for the doors, outdoor furniture and landscaping will be completed in a few weeks. We hope to have a Ribbon cutting sometime in Oct. Open position for Parks & Recreation Facilities Supervisor. Parking lot at P.D. Terry Park has been delayed because of weather.

TIF Plan - Council Workshop on Monday Oct. 12th at 6 pm. In Council Chambers.

Judicial Court - Jury Trials the week of Nov. 2nd – 6th. New heating unit to be installed.

Fire Dept. – 155 calls last month. Assisted Greenville County Sheriff's office with a large Meth Lab clean up. Fire Dept. is down on firefighter.

Fountain Inn Natural Gas -

Installing service lines in 18 subdivisions. Preparing to install distribution lines in seven new subdivisions in our service area. Completed survey for high pressure expansion on the West Side of our system. Should begin construction fourth quarter of 2015. Developing plans to obtain bids for a \$3.4 million Revenue Bond for system expansion and project enhancement. Purchased two new service trucks. Filed an appeal for the decision regarding the legal dispute with Laurens CPW over territorial boundaries.

Police Department is hosting our second Pancake Benefit Breakfast for Breast Cancer on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 8am to 10am at Sweet Catherine's restaurant. The Cost is \$10 for an adult plate and \$6 for a child plate. There were approximately 150 runners who participated in the Laurens Hope Run on Saturday October 3, 2015. The runners displayed their dedication by running in the rain.

HR Department – Job Openings:

Performing Arts Dept. 1 custodian

Gas Department – 1 Customer Service & 1 Service Tech.

Rec. Dept. 1 full time Facilities Supervisor

Fire Dept. 1 full time firefighter

Fountain Inn Museum – Thursday evening Oct. 22nd - 5:30 Social Hour and 6:30 Low Country Shrimp Boil. Silent & Live Auction at the Farmers Market Pavilion.

Greenlink - Mark Rickers with Green Link will update to Council tonight.

Aunt Het Festival - has been rescheduled for this Sat. Oct. 10th, 2015.

Ft. Inn Cemetery - has now been surveyed and graves located. We will be seeking funding for this upgrade. Seeking additional funding for updating cemetery. No Update.

Staff continues looking at WIFI & Security Cameras - Commerce and Rotary Park 16 security cameras have been installed and operational. WIFI is operational

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-008 Gas Revenue Bond Series 2015 A & B, First Reading

The ordinance provides for the issuance of a Natural Gas Revenue Bond not to exceed \$3,750,000.

Brad Love explained that Series 2015A allows the gas department to do capital projects. Series 2015B gives us the opportunity to refinance the existing bond if there is a savings. Motion by the Gas Committee. The motion carried unanimously. 6/0

Millage Certification – David Holmes

David Holmes explained that Greenville County had reassessment this year. Scott Case, Greenville County Auditor, sent us the reassessment numbers. Michael Cawley with SMA reviewed the new assessment figures from Greenville County and he agrees with the numbers.

Laurens County will have reassessment next year.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>Rollback</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Total 2015</u>
Operating	61.0	1.5	3.0	62.5
Reserve Account Millage			2.0	2.0
Debt Millage	11.6			11.6
Total	72.6			76.1

Motion by John Mahony, second Rose Ann Woods to approve the new millage certification due to Greenville County Reassessment. Motion carried unanimously. 6/0

Bus Transportation – Green Link update – Mark Rickards

Mark Rickards, Director of Public Transportation in Greenville, updated Council on the possibility of bus transportation in Fountain Inn.

The proposal includes two new small buses and a route has been established.

There is federal grant money available and there is a \$10,000 local match.

Eddie Case commented that this is information only. We will update Council as we get information on funding.

Salary Study update – Johanna Inman/Steve Ivester

Johanna Inman reviewed with Council the updated 2014 salary study numbers based on current staff/positions. (Update due to performance reviews/merit increases and employee turnover)

We have capped the increases to be no more than \$1 dollar for an hourly employee and no more than \$2,000 for salaried employees. This would go into effect January 1st (2nd half of 2016 budget). Budget impact of \$49,000.

We will review each budget year what funds are available to implement the remaining increases based on the study.

Mayor Long commented that the Ways and Means committee met this week and approved the increases.

Motion by the Ways and Means committee to approve proposed salary study increase as presented. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

NEW BUSINESS

RBEG Grant – Myrick Dixon, USDA

Myrick Dixon reviewed the Rural Business Development Grant in the amount of \$70,000. The use of the funds will be to provide technical assistance for architectural design of Phase I of Woodside Park renovations and expansion. The project will support the development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas in accordance with the application package as submitted for an Enterprise Grant Project as approved by USDA Rural Development.

The city match to be applied to the project is \$69,532.

Motion by Ways and Means committee to accept the RBEG Grant. Motion carried unanimously. 6/0

Rezoning – 506 Gulliver Street, First Reading

David Holmes reviewed the rezoning request located at 506 Gulliver Street.

The request is to stay with R-12 in the front (7.8 acres) on the Greenville County side being tax map 0361.00-03-002.00 and to rezone 6.6 acres in the rear that is I-1 to R-12 to conform to the front partial that is in Greenville County. The recommendation also included the 2.3 acres that are I-1 to remain I-1.

Motion by Planning Commission to approve the Rezoning Request as presented. The motion carried unanimously. 6/0

Health Care Renewal – David Gibson

Steve Ivester reviewed with Council the proposed health care renewal. It was difficult to get quotes due to our claims history. Seven companies declined to quote.

Recommendation:

- If we continue with our current Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan the renewal will go up 17.5%. He submitted a few options to bring the renewal down to what we budgeted.
- Increase Co-insurance from \$1,350 Employee/\$2,700 Family to \$2,600 Employee/\$5,200 Family.
- Inpatient Hospital Copay from 0 to \$500.
- Office Visit from \$20 copay to \$30 copay
- Specialist from \$40 copay to \$50 copay
- Urgent Care from \$20/\$40 copay to \$30/\$50 copay
- Drugs from \$10 generic, \$35 Brand name, \$60 non-preferred to \$15 generic, \$40 brand name to \$70 non-preferred.

If we go with the plan changes mentioned above our increase will be 12% which is within budget.

Motion by Ways and Means committee to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 6/0

Country Chase speed bumps

Roger Case explained the Country Chase study has not been completed yet. He will come back with a recommendation next month.

Jones Crossing – Metro Sewer

Roger Case explained that a new subdivision is coming to Jones Mill/Scuffletown Road called Jones Crossing. The subdivision is located in the city limits. We have been working with the developer to provide sewer. Jones Crossing is in Metro Sewers district and they want to keep the district. We negotiated with them to own and operate the Jones Crossing district.

The Public Works Committee recommends that we allow Metro to own and operate the district.

Motion by Public Works Committee to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously. 6/0

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Meeting Reminders:

Called Meeting to review TIF – October 12th at 6pm

Called Meeting to review CAFR – October 20th at 6pm

Motion by Michael Maier to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. 6/0
7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Woods
City Clerk and Treasurer