



**City of Fountain Inn  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 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, Naomi Reed, Sandra Woods, Ronnie Myers, Ashlee Tolbert, Russell Alexander, Lori Cooper, Roger Case, Mike Pitman, Keith Morton, Russell Haltiwanger and David Holmes

Visitors: 42

**Call to Order** – Mayor Sam Lee

**Invocation:** Reverend Doctor Chris H. Jones, Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Recognition/Proclamation**

Mayor Lee presented the Hillcrest High School Wrestling Team with a proclamation as they just won the 2019 South Carolina High School State League Championship. Congratulations to Coach Robby Bell and Team.

**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.**

February 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2019 Special Called Meeting Minutes  
Preliminary February 2019 Financial Report

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Clemmer 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**

Berry Woods, Jr – Old Fairview Road – Zoning Concerns  
Tommy Smith – 251 McCarter Road – Zoning Concerns  
Edward Bland – 407 N. Main Street – Zoning Concerns (Mr. Bland forfeited his turn)  
David Porter – 501 N. Main Street – Zoning Concerns

## **City Administrator's Report – Shawn M. Bell**

### **Administration**

- Woodside Park
  - Construction bids are due on March 21<sup>st</sup> by 2:00 p.m.
- Woodside Connector Project
  - A draft scope was sent out to SCDOT discipline leads for review on March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Comments should come back by end of March in order to finalize the scope
  - After scope is finalized, SCDOT will move forward with getting a consultant selected to work on the project
- Woodside Streetscape
  - Arbor Engineering still plans to have their work completed and submitted to SCDOT prior to end of March 2019
  - SCDOT should be able to begin Right-of-Way acquisition within the next few months
- Classification and Compensation Study
  - Archer set to meet with Project Team on March 18<sup>th</sup> and Department Heads on March 19<sup>th</sup>
- South Carolina Geodetic Survey (Office of SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office) will be holding a public meeting regarding a boundary survey between Greenville and Laurens Counties on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- FY 2020 Budget:
  - City Administrator, Finance Director, and all Department Heads have met to discuss budget requests
  - Budget workshop set for April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Splash Pad
  - Groundbreaking ceremony to be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

### **Special Events and Community Development**

- Upcoming Special Events:
  - St. Patrick's Day Celebration: March 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
  - 44 City Serve (Clean-up Day)
    - April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon
    - Register online at <https://44cityserve.com>
    - Register by March 16 to receive a free t-shirt
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mac Arnold Cornbread & Collard Greens Blues Festival
  - April 25-27
- Outreach/Community Development
  - Next #AdminOnTheGo (City Administrator mobile office hours) will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Bobby's BBQ from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
  - Next neighborhood roundtable meeting set for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Capstone Church
  - Next Coffee with Council set for April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Steam Coffee & Cream

- Greenville County Accommodations Tax funding:
  - Made it to Round 2 and have an interview on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to present *Christmas “Inn” Our Town*

### **Natural Gas**

- Deliveries for February 2019
  - 3.06% higher than average
  - 25.98% higher than February 2018
  - Temperature was 4.59 degrees above average
- Services for February 2019
  - 64 new service applications
  - 64 new residential service lines installed
- One crew worker vacancy: holding off until class/comp study results
- Natural Gas Manager job listing
  - Advertisement has been amended to say open until filled

### **Police**

- Two current officer vacancies
  - Two officers are waiting to attend the SC Criminal Justice Academy
- Chief of Police job listing
  - Received 9 applications
  - Initial interviews scheduled for late March-early April

### **Recreation**

- 2019 Spring Baseball & Softball season has begun
  - Opening Day is set for April 6<sup>th</sup> at Woodside Park
- Basketball season has ended
  - Hosted the 8U Western District, division 1 All-Star tournament at Activities Center on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - A request for a Phase 1 environmental assessment to be performed on Sanctified Hill Park has been submitted to GCRA by Ashlee Tolbert
    - The Phase 1 assessment is needed in order to start the process of evaluating the feasibility of future park renovations

### **Municipal Court**

- Still waiting on approval from SCDOT; meeting set for March 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Younts Center**

- The Hunchback of Notre Dame
  - March 22-April 7
- The Isaacs
  - April 28
- Fountain Inn Chorale – Spring 2019 Concert: World of Wonder
  - May 4<sup>th</sup>

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### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **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 – First Reading.**

Shawn Bell stated that the Planning Commission approved the rezoning petition after conducting a public hearing and receiving a staff report recommending approval of the request to rezone from I-1 and R-12 Residential District to R-10 Residential District.

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

#### **Z 2019-003 – 407 N Main Street – Rezone from R-15 to Office District – First Reading**

Shawn Bell stated the Fountain Inn Planning Commission conducted a public hearing November 12, 2018 on the re-zoning petition and after consideration and receiving a staff report voted to deny the re-zoning request from R-15, Residential District, to O-D, Office District.

The real property referred to is described fully in Docket Number FI-2018-012 and is located at 407 N. Main Street, containing approximately 0.467 acres, Greenville County Tax Map 0344000200600, located in the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

Mr. Bell stated the applicant is in attendance and would like to speak to council. If Council decides to override the Planning Commission's decision it will take a super majority of council vote.

Mayor Lee confirmed with the City Attorney that if the motion fails tonight it will be one year before the applicant can bring it before Council.

Mr. Jake Dickens reviewed with council the history of the building located at 407 N. Main Street.

Discussion

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Mayor Lee asked for a motion to approve Z 2019-003 as presented on first reading. Hearing none, Mayor Lee moved to the next item on the agenda.

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, April 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm

**Executive Session:**

For the discussion of contract negotiations and to receive legal advice concerning a development agreement for Project Gecko.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Cunningham to meet in executive session. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

After coming out of Executive Session, Council may vote on items discussed in Executive Session.

Back in regular session.

Mayor Lee stated that no votes were taken while in executive session.

**Adjourn**

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



**Sandra H. Woods, CMC**  
City Clerk