

**City of Fountain Inn
Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017 – 6pm – Council Chambers**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:

Matthew King

Mayor, Sam Lee (absent)

Phil Clemmer

Berry Woods, Jr.

Rose Ann Woods

John Mahony

STAFF PRESENT:

Lori Cooper, Public Works

Roger Case, Public Works

David Holmes, City Attorney

Mike Pitman, Interim City Administrator

Ronnie Myers, Fire Chief

Tammy Finley, Judicial

Russell Haltiwanger, Recreation

Sandra Woods, City Clerk

Naomi Buckmire, Finance

Keith Morton, Police Chief

Ross Fletcher, Gas

Kaylee Summerton, City Secretary

VISITORS: 11

Call to Order – In the absence of Mayor Lee, Mayor Pro Tem, Matthew King called the meeting to order.

Invocation – Councilman, Phil Clemmer

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions:

Mayor Pro Tem, Matthew King presented Councilman, Andrew Stoddard with a plaque thanking him for his service on City Council from December 1, 2015 – August 26, 2017.

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.*

August 2017 Preliminary Financial Report

August 10, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2015/07 Called Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman, John Mahony, second by Councilman, Phil Clemmer to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously. 5/0

Upcoming Events – Ashlee Tolbert, Special Events & Community Development Manager

Mayor Pro Tem, Matthew King commented that Community Development/Special Event Director, Ashlee Tolbert could not be at the meeting tonight. She left a report for Council to review.

Councilman, Clemmer asked if there should be any concern about our relationship with the Chamber since John Hastings is retiring. Councilman, Mahony replied and stated as far as he is concerned there will be no change.

Councilman, Berry Woods asked what is being done to prepare for the Governor coming to town in October. The Chamber is coordinating the event with the Governor's office. City Clerk, Sandra Woods stated that the Younts Center is hosting the event and she will follow up with Debbie Alphin on the arrangements.

**City Administrators Report – Mike Pitman, Interim City Administrator
(Report is attached)**

Mike Pitman stated that we are currently working on the audit for the 16-17 FY. He stated that the 17-18 budget in your packet shows we are in the red, but that is because tax revenues have not come in yet.

The Park Service has tentatively agreed to swap our property on Valley View Road for Woodside. He has been told it will take a year to get the paperwork and tests completed before this is official.

A timeline from Retail Strategies is in your packet.

Councilman, Clemmer asked if anything was happening in the old Mutual Home Store. Mike Pitman replied that there was not as much interest as the developers had hoped and he has not heard anything new about it.

Councilman, Clemmer asked how long until Council receives the numbers on the return on investment for putting gas into subdivisions. Mike stated they should have the numbers within 30 days.

Mike stated that this is his last report since Shawn Bell will be here October 2nd. He thanked Council for the time as Interim City Administrator and said we have an incredible group of employees in the City.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2017-010 – Authorizing the Master Lease agreement in the principal amount of not exceeding \$220,000 relating to the financing of equipment for public purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents; and other matters relating thereto

Motion by Councilman, Phil Clemmer, second by Councilwoman, Rose Ann Woods to approve Ordinance 2017-010 on second reading. The motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

New Business

Abandoned Road – Old Butler Avenue

Public Works Director, Roger Case explained that this is a road that was never put in and has been maintained by the two homeowners on either side of the property. The homeowners requested the transfer.

City Attorney, David Holmes explained that there is no record of this property with the county and they are suggesting giving the property to both adjacent property owners. The property owners will pay the attorney and paperwork fees.

Motion by Councilman, John Mahony, Second by Councilwoman, Rose Ann Woods to transfer the property to the two homeowners. The motion carried unanimously. 5/0

Revocation of Business License “Rail House”

City Attorney, David Holmes reviewed with Council the evidence the city has to revoke the “Rail House” business license. He explained that obtaining the Hospitality Tax has been an ongoing issue since the business opened.

Jessica McCleod, owner of Rail House presented her evidence to Council.

Motion by Councilman, John Mahony, second by Councilman, Phil Clemmer to meet in executive session to deliberate on the matter of revocation of business license. The motion carried unanimously. 5/0

Back in regular session.

Mayor Pro Tem, King explained that we are back in session and no votes were taken while in executive session.

Motion by Councilman, John Mahony, second by Councilman, Phil Clemmer to not revoke the business license for “Rail House” with the contingency that if these circumstances occur again she must come back to Council for review.

The motion carried unanimously. 5/0

Motion by Councilman, Phil Clemmer to adjourn, second by Councilman, John Mahony. The motion carried unanimously. 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra H. Woods
City Clerk