

**City of Fountain Inn  
Called Council Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2017 – 6pm – Council Chambers**

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Matthew King  
Mayor, Sam Lee  
John Mahony  
Andrew Stoddard

Phil Clemmer  
Berry Woods, Jr.  
Rose Ann Woods

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Russell Haltiwanger (Recreation)  
Bobby Nelson (Police)  
Roger Case (Public Works)  
David Holmes (City Attorney)  
Judge Tammy Finley (Judicial)  
Ronnie Myers (Fire)

Mike Pitman (Interim City  
Administrator)  
Naomi Buckmire (Clerk/Treasurer)  
Robert Davis (Police)  
Johanna Inman (Human Resources)

**VISITORS: 13**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-tem Matthew King called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilwoman, Rose Ann Woods gave prayer.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:**

Lt. Bobby Nelson recognized Sgt. R. Travis Graham for his time and tenure with the Fountain Inn Police Department. Travis Graham was presented with a retirement badge.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- a.) Jon Caime gave an overview of Laurens County branding initiative. The goal is to identify a unifying brand throughout Laurens County, including Fountain Inn. Kick off should be in April or May. Berry Woods asked what they are trying to identify. Jon answered, “What is Laurens County.”
- b.) Rich Chisum from Country Gardens Subdivision requested funds from the City for the Country Gardens Community Park for three items: 1) playground mulch (\$800), 2) permanent BBQ grill (\$200), and 3) wired emergency phone. Berry Woods asked if they had a HOA fee. Rich Chisum stated they did at one time but do not now. Phil Clemmer asked about re-implementing a HOA. Rich stated he had brought it up, but the residents are worried about implementing a HOA. Rich stated at their first meeting they had 37 attendees, at their second meeting they had 28 new members. It was stated the park is owned by the city.

**CONSENT AGENDA:\***

- a.) February 2017 Preliminary Financial Report
- b.) February 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve consent agenda by John Mahony, second by Andrew Stoddard.

Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a.) Clear Springs Fire Department is asking for \$900/month in rent from us. We are requesting to pay \$700/month in year one, \$800/month in year two, and \$900/month the following year. Mayor Lee the presented recommendation from the Fire Committee regarding Clear Springs Fire Department Rental Agreement. The motion carried unanimously. 7/0.

Motion by Rose Ann Woods to move into Executive Session, second by Berry Woods. The motion carried unanimously.

Back in regular session.

Motion by Matthew King to authorize Mayor Sam Lee to execute a Letter of Intent to REWA, second by John Mahony. The Motion is carried unanimously 7/0.

Motion by Phil Clemmer to adjourn the meeting, second by Andrew Stoddard. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Buckmire-Reed  
City Clerk