



City of Fountain Inn
Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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 and Michael Maier

Others Present: Russell Alexander, Shawn Bell, Roger Case, Tammy Finley, Greg Gordos, Michael Hamilton, David Holmes, Ronnie Myers, Edwardo Noriega, Sandra Woods

Visitors: 18

Call to Order – Mayor Sam Lee

Invocation – Pastor Condy Richardson, Fountain Inn First Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lee asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session as the last item on the agenda for the discussion of the employment, discipline or release of persons employed by the city.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham to amend the agenda as stated, second by Councilmember Clemmer. The motion carried 6/0.

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.

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Preliminary August 2019 Financial Report

Motion made by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Maier to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

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.

Paul Tucker, 2017 Small Meadow Court – Aunt Het Festival

Pastor James Nesbitt, 307 Fairview Street – Christmas Parade

Pastor Curtis Johnson, 2 Friendship Cove – City Employee

Jeffrey Williams – Goldenview Baptist Church – Sanctified Hill Park

Christ Burkard – 32 Carolina Oaks – New Business Items

City Administrator’s Report – Shawn Bell
(Attachment 1)

Unfinished Business

Second Reading – Z 2019-006 Andrews Lane (Red Oaks)

Mr. Bell stated the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing July 22, 2019 at 6 PM to hear a re-zoning petition from Brad Skelton, Red Oak Development. The property is located at 104 Andrews Lane, containing approximately .75 acres, Greenville County Tax Map 0344000100302 to rezone the property from R-15 Residential District to R 7.25 Residential District. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Motion by Councilmember Maier, second by Councilmember Clemmer to approve Z 2019-006 as presented on second reading. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

New Business

Appointment of Municipal Judges

Mr. Bell stated that the term of one of our nighttime Judges, Tony Duarte, expired August 31, 2019. He recommended reappointing Judge Duarte for another 2-year term.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve Judge Tony Duarte for another two-year term. The motion carried unanimously, 6/0.

Mr. Bell explained that the other nighttime Judge, Steve Moore, resigned at the beginning of the summer. After reviewing and narrowing down the applicants Judge Finley recommended appointing William Hawkins to a 2-year term. His resume is in the council packet.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Maier to appoint William Hawkins to a 2 - year time as an additional nighttime judge.

Appointment of Laurens County CPST Commissioner

Mr. Bell stated that the Laurens Capital Project Sales Tax Commission will have 6 members. The members will be appointed from:

Laurens County Council – 3 appointments

City of Clinton – 1 appointment

City of Laurens – 1 appointment

City of Clinton and City of Laurens appointees will appoint final member – 1 appointment
They will take under advisement the 4 communities of Gray Court, Cross Hill, Waterloo and Fountain Inn.

Their nominee is Scott Cooke. He is a lifelong resident of Gray Court, a real estate agent and has agreed to serve.

Mr. Bell recommends Council approve Mr. Cooke.

Motion by Councilmember Maier, second by Councilmember King to approve Scott Cooke to the Laurens County CPST Commission.

Discussion

Mahony – Yes	Maier – Yes
Lee – No	King – Yes
Clemmer – No	Cunningham – No

The motion failed 3/3.

First Reading – Z 2019-007 304 Fairview Street (Tony’s Pizza)

Mr. Bell stated that the Planning Commission met August 26, 2019 at 6:00 pm to hear a petition from Tony King (Tony’s Pizza) to re-zone 304 Fairview Street, Tax Map 0337000100102, from NC, Neighborhood Commercial to C-2 Commercial District. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Clemmer to approve Z-2019-007 on first reading. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Approval of CNINGA Interconnect

Mr. Bell thanked council for the questions and good discussion during the work session last night concerning the CNINGA Interconnect.

He and Mr. Noriega contacted the previous gas manager, Mike Pitman, and even though they feel this is the right direction to go in they are going to pause to make sure they have good numbers and quotes on the actual cost of the Transco tap. Once the gas model is complete, they will know if this interconnect can feed the system during the winter.

Approval of Greenville Water Mono-Pole/Cell Tower Lease

Mr. Bell stated the direction he received from City Council at the work session last night was not to execute a lease agreement with Greenville Water System for \$2,000 per month.

Mr. Bell is actively working with the police and fire departments to get firm quotes on the 800 radio system and equipment. Once he has that information, he can look at capital planning, debt service, etc.

Approval of Reimbursement Agreement for Inmate Housing with Greenville County

Mr. Bell reviewed the inmate housing agreement with Council. The agreement does not change any of the terms.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Maier to approve the Inmate Housing Agreement with Greenville County. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Executive Session: For the discussion of the employment, discipline or release of persons employed by the city.

Upon returning to regular session, Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

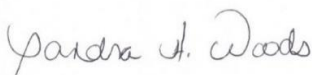
Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Cunningham for Council to meet in executive session. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Back in regular session.

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

Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Clemmer to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.



Sandra H. Woods, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Attachment 1

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



Agenda Date: September 12, 2019

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Shawn M. Bell, City Administrator

Administration

- Emanuel Sullivan Sports Complex (Woodside Park)
 - Framing of the building should be complete by early next week
 - Drywall going up next week with painting to begin shortly afterwards
 - Sewer test completed on September 10th
 - Entire site grading should be complete by early next week
 - Fine grading of the baseball fields will be complete next week
 - MUSCO sports lights should be installed by the end of next week
- Fairview Street Bridge over I-385
 - Will be closed for deck rehabilitation from October 7th through October 21st
 - A 3.5-mile detour will send traffic along North Nelson Drive (frontage road to I-385) to Harrison Bridge Road then along North Woods Drive (frontage road to I-385) back to Fairview Street

Special Events and Community Development

- Upcoming Special Events:
 - Farmers Market will continue every Saturday morning through September 28th
 - Halloween
 - Saturday, October 26 – Fall Festival from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 31 – North Main Street closed off; 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 - Pynkalycious
 - Chapman Foundation event to be held on October 12th and will include a walk and festival
 - Christmas
 - Parade on December 4th at 5:30 p.m.
 - Tree Lighting on December 5
 - Carriage rides from December 5th through December 22nd
 - A small petting zoo will be included this year
- Outreach:
 - #AdminOnTheGo
 - September 27th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Zaxby's

Natural Gas

- Deliveries for August 2019
 - 18.71% higher than the average August
 - 0.31% higher than August 2018
- Services for August 2019
 - 30 new applications for service
 - 45 residential service line installations
 - Currently have 9,176 active customers
 - 9,446 feet of new gas main has been installed since July 1, 2019
- Bell Engineering continues to make progress on FING's gas model – should be complete by early October
- New hydraulic rock hammer has become an important and useful tool in reducing contractor expenses
 - Cost of hammer = \$10,000
 - Contractor price per foot when rock is encountered = \$150

Police

- Safety suggestions
 - Phone scams
 - Contact FIPD if someone calls claiming to be social security administration wanting money to avoid prosecution
 - Do not give them money
 - Auto theft
 - Never leave your vehicle unattended and running, even for just a few minutes
 - Always lock your vehicle and keep valuables out of sight

Fire

- Apparatus
 - Both the new tower truck (Tower 29) and quick response pickup truck (QRT 29) are in service
 - Bennettsville Fire Department is a possible buyer for our old tower truck
- First Annual Citizens Fire Academy
 - Still accepting applications; class begins in October
- Hurricane Dorian
 - Assistant Chief Alexander and Engineer Crews were deployed to Manning, SC to assist with hurricane relief

Planning & Development

- Planning Commission
 - Next hearing set for 9/30/19
- Permitting (August 1 – August 31)
 - 40 construction permits with a total valuation of \$3,279,449 (\$466,678 increase from July 2019)
 - 143 Inspections
 - 31 Business License Transactions (new and renewals)

Public Works

- 11 IPMC (International Property Maintenance Code) Violations
- 23 solid waste noncompliance notices left (furniture, tires, construction debris, etc.)
- 31 trash containers delivered
- 34 recycling containers delivered
- 335 recycling customers

Recreation

- Volleyball enrollment increased from 58 (2018) to 103 (2019) participants
 - New Volleyball Coordinator – Lea Burns
- Sanctified Hill Park
 - Well surveys are complete – identified public and private wells in the immediate area around the park
 - Next step is soil sampling
 - Additional GCRA funding requires income eligibility surveys; Ashlee Tolbert and Councilmember Maier have begun working on the surveys

Municipal Court

- Parking Lot
 - Contractor is expected to be on-site in October
- Canopy/Awning
 - Bids are due on September 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce

- Aunt Het Festival on October 5th

Younts Center

- Matilda The Musical
 - October 11 – October 26
- Younts Christmas Gala
 - December 6 – December 8