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, David Holmes, Sandra Woods, Roger Case, Mike Pitman, Ronnie Myers, Keith Morton, Russell Haltiwanger, Ashlee Tolbert, Ross Fletcher

Visitors: 12

Call to Order – Mayor Sam Lee

Invocation – Pastor, Perry Evatt, Trinity United Methodist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

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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September 13, 2018 Council Work Session Minutes
September 19, 2018 Council Work Session Minutes
September 2018 Preliminary Financial Report

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
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.

Matthew Waschkowski – Representing Leadership Goldenstrip
Mr. Waschkowski stated that he sent an email to Mr. Bell to pass on to Council with the conceptual plan to place the Splash Pad at the parking lot downtown. He is currently working on financial numbers for the plan and it looks like his team will be able to raise the funds to pay for the installation of the Splash Pad. He asked that Council forward any questions to him as soon as possible.

Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week – Young Marines

Mayor Lee presented a proclamation proclaiming Red Ribbon Week to Kollin Draper with the Upstate Marines.

City Administrator’s Report – Shawn M. Bell
(Attached)

Unfinished Business

Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-008 Set off Debt

Shawn Bell explained that the City of Fountain Inn currently participates in the Municipal Association Set off Debt program. It allows participates of the program to submit a database of delinquent accounts and debts owed to participating municipalities to the state department of revenue to collect unpaid debts. After an extensive review of the ordinance the municipal association has made a few changes and asked that participants approve the updated versions.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, Second by Councilmember Woods to approve Ordinance 2018-008 Set off Debt on second reading. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Amend City Administrator’s Contract

City Attorney, David Holmes, stated that the City Administrator, Shawn Bell, just celebrated his one year anniversary with the city. Pursuant to the terms in his contract, on his anniversary date, Council can extend it for up to one year and set his compensation.

Mayor Lee stated that Council has reviewed and discussed Mr. Bell’s contract in a previous executive session.
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Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve the amendment to Mr. Bell’s contract. The motion passed unanimously.

R 2018-008 Enforce Sanitation Resolution

Mr. Bell explained that this Resolution confirms that the City will not collect waste materials other than recyclables, garbage, and rubbish in accordance with Section 16-6 of the City of Fountain Inn Code of Ordinances; authorizing the enforcement of City Solid Waste Ordinances by refusing to pick up items other than garbage, recyclables, and rubbish by the City of Fountain Inn Public Works Department; and other matters related thereto.

He also explained that the City of Fountain Inn enacted Section 16-6 of the Code of Ordinances in 1980 which specifically states that material other than garbage, recyclables or rubbish must be disposed of by the residence or business and will not be collected by the City. For some time, the City of Fountain Inn Public Works Department has not enforced or consistently enforced excluding items from collection such as white goods, bulky waste, hazardous waste, construction and demolition debris, commercial contractor rubbish, and rubbish greater than normal seasonal trimmings; The City’s growth has placed an increased demand on the Department’s personnel and equipment and the Department desires to begin enforcing not collecting excluded materials. Collecting excluded items has been a contributing factor in the Department not collecting yard waste in a timely manner.

Discussion

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Clemmer to approve Resolution 2018-008. The motion passed unanimously.

First Reading – AX 2018-003 Valley View Road

Mr. Bell explained that the subject property is located along Valley View Road between Main Street and Georgia Street and adjacent to railroad right-of-way. The 15+ acre parcel is a rectangular shape to the west of Valley View and broken up into two pieces by a parcel containing a storage facility. It is surrounded on three sides by the City; the east side of Valley View Road is also undeveloped land within Greenville County. The property is designated S-1 Service per Greenville County zoning. The property is surrounded by vacant wooded land to the north, south, and east. An established residential neighborhood is directly adjacent to the site to the west. Adjacent properties in the City of Fountain Inn are zoned S-1 and R-7.5 Single family residential. The subject property is considered for High-Density Residential on the 2017 Future Land Use Map. Multi-family and single-family homes (on smaller lots) both fall under High-Density.

The proposed annexation and concurrent rezoning of the subject properties would join property directly adjacent to the city limits and permit a similar land use to those
properties adjacent and within the city. The parcel is surrounded by the City limits on three sides and would eliminate “donut holes” or gaps in the city limits to create a contiguous City boundary.

For the proposed rezoning to R-M Residential, Multifamily District, residential lots shall have a minimum width of 60 feet for the first dwelling unit and a minimum of 10 feet additional width for each succeeding dwelling unit per Section 5:2.4.2 of the Fountain Inn, South Carolina – Code of Ordinances. Density requirements for a multiple family dwelling or group of dwellings containing three or more dwelling units, or for a group of three or more single-family attached dwelling units, shall be based on 9,000 square feet for the first unit, and 3,000 square feet for each succeeding dwelling unit (14.5 units per acre). No minimum lot area is required.

The Future Land Use Map included in this report indicates that this property is outside of the City of Fountain Inn, but future land uses call for High-Density Residential. The request to annex and zone this subject property as R-M Residential, Multifamily District would be consistent with future land use designations in the vicinity. This property will be placed in Council Ward 5.

Discussion

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember King to approve AX 2018-003 on First Reading. The motion passed 6/1. Mayor Lee voted No.

First Reading – AX 2018-004 Nelson Drive

Mr. Bell stated the subject property is located along North Nelson Drive immediately southwest of Interstate 385. Milacron Drive (Route 418) is located south of the site and the exit ramp for this road off of the interstate forms the eastern boundary of the parcel. Shaw Industries is west of the site. The large wedge shaped parcel currently lies outside the City of Fountain Inn and is surrounded on a City parcel to the south and on all other sides by road right-of-way. The property is designated Unzoned per Greenville County zoning. The property is surrounded by vacant wooded land to the south and west. Adjacent properties in the City of Fountain Inn are zoned C-2 Commercial zoning to the south and I-2 zoning to the southwest and considered Commercial and Industrial on the 2017 Future Land Use Map. The subject property is shown as Commercial.

The proposed annexation and concurrent rezoning of the subject properties would join property directly adjacent to the city limits and permit a similar land use to those properties adjacent and within the city. The parcel is surrounded by the City limits on all sides (N. Nelson Drive and the exit ramp are within the City of Fountain Inn) and would eliminate “donut holes” or gaps in the city limits to create a contiguous City boundary.

For the proposed rezoning to C-2 Commercial district, all buildings and structures shall be set back from all street right-of-way lines not less than 35 feet per Section 5:6.4.1 of
the Fountain Inn, South Carolina – Code of Ordinances. No side setback is required except on corner lots and lots adjacent to any residential district. Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 7, Section 9. Off-street loading shall be provided in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 7, Section 10.

The Future Land Use Map included in this report indicates that this property is outside of the City of Fountain Inn but future land uses call for Commercial. The request to annex and zone this subject property as C-2, Commercial District would be consistent with future land use designations in the vicinity and will be placed in Council Ward 5.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, Second by Councilmember Maier to approve AX 2018-004 on First Reading. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Clemmer to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Sandra H. Woods, CMC
City Clerk
CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
Agenda Date: October 11, 2018

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Shawn M. Bell, City Administrator

Administration

- Wayfinding Master Plan
  - Steering Committee meeting on 10/15 to review draft master plan
- Woodside Connector Project
  - Waiting on SCDOT to send us agreements for signature
  - Kick-off meeting is anticipated with the next month
- Woodside Streetscape
  - All SCDOT agreements have now been executed
  - A formal notice to proceed should be coming within the next month
- GCRA is proceeding with bid documents for the Rosemary Lane/Thrift Drive Sidewalk Project

Special Events and Community Development

- Hoggin’ Up Main Street
  - Over 500 tasting tickets sold
- Halloween on Main Street: October 27th from 12pm-3pm
  - 14 local churches participating
  - Candy, games, food vendors, DJ, costume contest
- Halloween Trick-or-Treating on Main: October 31st from 5pm-9pm
  - Main Street will be closed from Hellams Street to Georgia Street
- Christmas Festival: December 6th – 22nd
  - Over 70 sponsorship letters prepared and mailed out
  - Met with Inn Circle neighborhood to discuss Christmas festival details and the Main Street merchants and homeowners to discuss the Halloween and Christmas events

Natural Gas

- Deliveries for September 2018
  - 24.35% above average
  - 16.21% higher than September 2017
- Deliveries for the year are 34.19% above last year
  - Six monthly highs so far this year
- Fully staffed
Police

- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is October 27
  - FIPD will be providing a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs.
- Staffing: 3 officer vacancies and 1 dispatcher vacancy
  - Wrapping up the selection and screening process

Recreation

- Basketball registration is from October 1 to October 31
- Flag & Tackle Football regular season coming to an end with postseason and All-Stars upcoming

Fire

- Sent a 3-man crew and an Engine to Darlington to assist after Hurricane Florence
- One Firefighter vacancy

Public Works

- Requested street light studies for Friendship Heights neighborhood (Laurens Electric) and for Woodland Drive (Duke Energy)
- Curbside Recycling
  - 151 recycling containers have been sold to-date
- Fully staffed and currently using a staffing/temp agency to keep up with demand

Younts Center

- Disney’s The Little Mermaid
  - October 12-28
  - Be Our Guest - An Enchanted Brunch Under the Sea: October 27
- Seven Bridges – The Ultimate Eagles Experience
  - November 10
- Fountain Inn Chorale Tenth Anniversary Christmas Concert: “World of Glory”
  - November 27
- Christmas with The Ball Brothers
  - November 30
- Younts Christmas Cabaret
  - December 6-15