



**City of Fountain Inn
Council Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM ~ 300 Wall Street, Court Room**

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: Russell Alexander, Shawn Bell, Roger Case, Chad Chandler, David Holmes, Keith Morton, Ronnie Myers, Mike Pitman, Naomi Reed, Ashlee Tolbert, Sandra Woods

Visitors: 18

Call to Order – Mayor Sam Lee

Invocation – Councilmember Rose Ann Woods

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.

- *December 3, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes*
- *Preliminary December 2018 Financial Report*

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Clemmer to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously 7/0.

Introduce New Employees

Police Chief, Keith Morton introduced several new employees.

Brad Edwards, James Paris, Alexis Boozer Dowling, Jacob Stancel, Billy Hamby, James Parris

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.

Mr. Scott Kohler, Ice Cream Fountain – He made an appeal to Council to waive the Hospitality Tax \$500 Administration Fee.

2018 CAFR – Manley Garvin

David McAllister reviewed the 2018 CAFR with Council. A copy of the 2018 CAFR is available on the city website at www.fountaininn.org.

City Administrator's Report

Administration

- Woodside Park
 - RFQ advertised on January 9th
 - Due by February 7th
- Woodside Connector Project
 - Fully executed agreement with SCDOT and have been invoiced for City's match
 - Kick-off meeting on January 9th
- Woodside Streetscape
 - Fully executed SCDOT agreements
 - Still waiting on invoice from SCDOT; final construction plans from Arbor Engineering; and a kick-off meeting
- Woodside Mill District Development (Diamond Tip/Valley View property exchange)
 - Diamond Tip area is now available to be developed
 - Valley View area is being evaluated for dog park feasibility
- City Hall roof is currently being replaced
 - Project was delayed due to consecutive rain events
- Classification and Compensation Study
 - Orientation meetings with employees on January 7th
 - Employees need to have their completed questionnaires to their supervisors by January 17th
- LCDC Annual meeting on January 15th at 4:00 p.m.
- MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day: February 5th

Special Events and Community Development

- Christmas Festival
 - 4 days were cancelled due to inclement weather
 - Totals are still being calculated and finalized; To Date:
 - \$12,000 in sponsorships; only \$2,000 in 2017
 - Approximately 3,780 carriage rides sold; only down slightly from 2017
- Working to create a 2019 Special Events Calendar
- Outreach/Community Development
 - Working to create a 2019 Outreach Activities Calendar
 - Next neighborhood roundtable meeting to be held on January 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Golden View Baptist Church
 - Representatives from GCRA will be in attendance to give an update on the Thrift/Rosemary Street Sidewalk project
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Natural Gas

- Deliveries for 2018
 - 17% higher than previous record set in 2014
 - 22% higher than 2017
- Service applications
 - 1,148
 - 11% higher than 2017
 - 2017 was previously the record year
 - Currently supplying natural gas to 80 subdivisions in Greenville and Laurens Counties
- Services Installed
 - 585 new services
 - 91 more than 2017 (16% increase)
- One crew worker vacancy

Police

- Two current officer vacancies
 - Lost one to DNR and one left the State
- Focusing on speeding and stop sign violations in neighborhoods due to complaints
- Continue to have automobile break-ins
 - Most are left unlocked and have firearms in the vehicles
 - Lock doors and conceal valuables or remove them
- 2018 Statistics
 - 10,247 calls for service
 - 169,867 business/security checks
 - 2,994 reports written
- 2018 Traffic
 - 2032 citations
 - 2039 warnings
 - 243 accidents
- 2018 Crimes Against Property
 - 28 burglaries; 32% clearance rate
 - 177 larcenies; 38% clearance rate
 - 18 motor vehicle thefts; 17% clearance rate
- 2018 Crimes Against Persons
 - 115 assault & batteries; 88% clearance rate
 - 16 aggravated assaults; 81% clearance rate
 - 54 domestic violence; 98% clearance rate
 - 4 robberies; 50% clearance rate

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- Narcotics
 - 88 simple possession of marijuana
 - 13 possession of methamphetamine
 - 31 possession of drug paraphernalia

Recreation

- Awarded PARD Grant for Georgia Street Basketball Court resurfacing
- Registration for baseball and softball will be the entire month of February

Fire

- 2224 calls for service/incidents in 2018
 - 1437 in the City Limits; 535 in Greenville County; 230 in Laurens County (Jan- June); 22 mutual aid
 - 143 less than 2017 or a 6% decrease (Laurens County only Jan.- June)
- No vacancies

Municipal Court

- Waiting on permits from SCDOT and Greenville County for parking lot improvement

Younts Center

- Rick Alviti: An Elvis Tribute
 - February 16
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame
 - March 22-April 7
- The Isaacs
 - April 28

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2019-001 Approval of Wayfinding Master Plan

Shawn Bell stated the Community Wayfinding Master Plan was completed by MKSK in November 2018. It was presented to Council to review at the December 2018 Council meeting. If the master plan is adopted tonight we will start looking at implementation.

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Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Maier to approve the Community Wayfinding Master Plan. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Resolution 2019-002 Approval of FY20 Budget Calendar

Shawn Bell reviewed the FY 20 Budget Calendar with Council. The calendar was also presented to Council at the retreat.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Cunningham to adopt FY 20 Budget Calendar. Motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Resolution 2019-003 Department Head Vacancies

Shawn Bell explained that the resolution directs him to post and advertise for department head job openings. He stated this was discussed at the Council Retreat.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Maier to approve R 2019-003 Department Head Vacancies. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Policy 2019-001 Paid Parental Leave Policy

Shawn Bell stated this policy was presented to Council at the December 2018 Council meeting.

“The City will provide up to four weeks of paid parental leave to employees following the birth of an employee’s child or the placement of a child with an employee in connection with adoption or foster care. The purpose of paid parental leave is to enable the employee to care for and bond with a newborn or a newly adopted or newly placed child. This policy will run concurrently with Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave, as applicable. This policy will be in effect for births, adoptions or placements of foster children occurring on or after January 31, 2019.”

Mr. Bell explained there are certain eligibility requirements that must be met to be able to take advantage of this policy.

Motion by Councilmember Woods, second by Councilmember Clemmer to approve P 2019-001 Paid Parental Leave.

Discussion.

Motion by Mayor Lee, second by Councilmember King to table P 2019-001 until further study has been completed.

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Roll Call:

John Mahony	No	Mayor Lee	Yes	Matthew King	Yes
Mike Maier	No			Phil Clemmer	No
Rose Ann Woods	No			Anthony Cunningham	No

The motion did not pass 5/2.

Roll Call on original motion to approve P 2019-001.

John Mahony	Yes	Mayor Lee	No	Matthew King	No
Mike Maier	Yes			Phil Clemmer	Yes
Rose Ann Woods	Yes			Anthony Cunningham	Yes

The motion carried 5/2.

Motion to Rescind Resolution 2018-007 Jones Mill Crossing Sewer Pump Station/Gravity Sewer Line.

Shawn Bell stated that during the Council Retreat he was asked to put this topic on the January 10th Council meeting agenda.

He stated the city is waiting on a lot of information from the GEO Tech Survey to determine how much rock is along the route that was proposed on Jones Mill Road. Until that is completed the city will not know if it is viable from a cost standpoint.

He state the city has already spent \$9,500 on the study, \$8,000 on the task order from R 2018-007.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Cunningham to rescind Resolution 2018-007 Jones Mill Crossing Sewer Pump Station/Gravity Sewer Line.

Discussion.

Roll Call:

John Mahony	No	Mayor Lee	Yes	Matthew King	Yes
Mike Maier	No			Phil Clemmer	Yes
Rose Ann Woods	Yes			Anthony Cunningham	Yes

The motion carried 5/2 to rescind Resolution 2018-007.

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Note: Councilmember Cunningham left the meeting.

New Business

Resolution 2019-004 Safety and Loss Statement

Shawn Bell explained this is an annual statement required by our Insurance Company, SCMIT and SCMIRF.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Clemmer to approve R 2019-004 Safety and Loss Statement. The motion carried 6/0.

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 6 pm.

Executive Session: For the discussion of contract negotiations and to receive legal advice concerning a development agreement for Project Eagle.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Woods to meet in executive session. The motion carried 6/0.

Back in regular session.

Mayor Lee stated no votes were taken during execution session.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Maier to approve Project Eagle. The motion passed unanimously 6/0.

Adjourn

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

Sandra H. Woods

Sandra H. Woods, CMC
City Clerk