



Council Minutes **September 13, 2018 – 6pm – Council Chambers**

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, Naomi Reed, Ashlee Tolbert, Roger Case, Mike Pitman, Ronnie Myers, Keith Morton, Russell Haltiwanger, Russell Alexander, Johanna Inman, Ross Fletcher

Visitors: 45

Call to Order – Mayor Sam Lee

Invocation – Pastor Shawn Hevener, Presbyterian Fellowship of Fountain Inn

Pledge of Allegiance

Unfinished Business

Second Reading – AX 2018-002 Annexation – Chapman Road

Shawn Bell explained that the Planning Commission met on August 6th to hear a request to annex 3.18 acres on Chapman Road, tax map # 094-00-00-018 into the city limits. It will be a part of the Winterbrook Subdivision in Fountainbrook. The property will be zoned R 7.5 and will be assigned to City Council Ward 3. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Maier to approve AX 2018-002 on second reading. The motion passed unanimously.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-007 – Hospitality District

Shawn Bell stated that this ordinance will amend the City Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 4 - Alcoholic Beverages, Section 4.1 “Definitions” by adding the definition of the Hospitality District a portion of Main Street from Fairview Street to Jones Street and to clarify that the exceptions to the prohibition of the possession of alcoholic beverages in public places applies only during special, City permitted events, and various provisions relating thereto.

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Currently, alcoholic beverages are allowed by special permit in the City's Hospitality District, which is defined as Depot Street beginning at the property boundary for The Center (also known as the Visitor Center, Chamber of Commerce, Museum) to Jones Street and Trade Street from its intersection with Main Street to The Center.

City or City-related events such as Aunt Het, Christmas festival, Halloween, etc. which have utilized Main Street in the past have never included alcoholic beverages and likely never will. However, as the City's Special Events Department grows, there may be a time where the regulated sale of alcohol at an event/festival on Main Street may be desired.

Ordinance 2018-007 adds the portion of Main Street including its adjacent sidewalks that lies between its intersections with Fairview Street and Jones Street to the City's Hospitality District. The City already has a special permit process in place for events that desire alcoholic beverages for the current Hospitality District, which includes the City Administrator and Chief of Police signatures.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Mahony to approve Ordinance 2018-007 on second reading. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

First Reading – Ordinance 2018-008 Set Off Debt and Resolution – 2018-005 Set off debt participation agreement

Shawn Bell asked that Council approve the ordinance and resolution at the same time. The City of Fountain Inn currently participates in the Municipal Association Set off Debt program. It allows participants 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 Clemmer, second by Councilmember Woods to approve Ordinance 2018-008 on first reading and Resolution 2018-005 Set off Debt Participation Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution – 2018-006 MASC Hometown Economic Grant

Shawn Bell explained that this resolution commits the city to provide a local cash/in-kind match of at least \$2,500, which equals the minimum 10% local match required by the Municipal Association of South Carolina, to support the City of Fountain Inn application for \$25,000 Hometown Economic Grant. The grant and local matching funds will be used for the 418 Interchange Beautification Design Services.

Motion by Councilmember King, second by Councilmember Maier to approve Resolution 2018-006. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution – 2018-007 Jones Mill Crossing Sewer Pump Station/Gravity Sewer Line

Mr. Bell explained that the City of Fountain Inn has accepted the Jones Mill Crossing sanitary sewer lift station and force main for operation and maintenance. The City has identified a plan to install a gravity line that would have the capacity to take the Jones Mill Crossing lift station and force main offline and would provide sewer capacity for future development in the basin. The operation and maintenance of Jones Mill Crossing sewer lift station and force main is expensive requiring the use of trained personnel and specialized equipment. The regional sewer authority, Renewable Water Resources, does not permit the ownership and operation of a sewer lift station by a private (non-governmental) entity. The City of Fountain Inn does not currently have the personnel nor the equipment to maintain and operate a sewer lift station and therefore must contract this work out to an independent contractor. The City has received a preliminary plan and cost estimate for a gravity line (Option 2) from Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood.

The resolution will authorize the City Administrator:

1. To identify funding sources, including borrowing sewer funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and to report to council the sources of funding and/or the cost of any loans required.
2. To have the property where the gravity sewer line is anticipated to be constructed to be appraised.
3. To negotiate and execute a task order with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for engineering and design services related to eliminating the Jones Mill Crossing Pump Station and the construction of a gravity sewer line.
4. To initiate eminent domain proceedings to acquire the needed easements for the gravity sewer line once Council approves final construction plans.

Motion by Councilmember Maier, second by Councilmember King to approve Resolution 2018-007. The motion passed unanimously.

P 2018-001 Storm water

City Attorney, David Holmes, stated that City Council had a workshop concerning the storm water policy prior to the council meeting. This policy will allow staff to communicate with the citizens that the city will take care of all the storm water problems that are on the city right of ways; the only parcels of land that the city has rights to enter and work on.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Mahony to approve P 2018-001. The motion passed unanimously.

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Sewer Master Planning Proposal

Shawn Bell explained that the city issued a RFQ for a sewer master plan on August 1st. Proposals were due back on August 17th. The reason for this RFQ is the city is experiencing tremendous growth and this growth is placing a demand on the availability and capacity of the existing sewer system.

Two engineering firms submitted their qualifications...Goodwyn Mills Cawood and American Engineering Consultants. Shawn Bell and Roger Case determined Goodwyn Mills Cawood to be the most qualified consultant for the project. He has notified them and received a task order for this project. The cost for the project is \$85,000. The city has budgeted enough funds for the project. Mr. Bell asked Council to authorize him to execute the task order.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Maier to approve the sewer master plan proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of City Hall Splash Pad Conceptual Plans

Whitney Ferguson, Fountain Inn Chamber CEO, explained that “Leadership Goldenstrip” is a leadership development program that she and Allison McGarity of the Simpsonville Chamber created. She introduced Matthew Waschowski to talk about the community project they are proposing.

Matthew Waschowski commented that he has met with different people in the city brainstorming on a project for Fountain Inn. He found that there is an area on city hall grounds that is not utilized enough and would like to build a nice pavilion with park benches and also upgrade the pond and make it a kid friendly splash pad. He has been reading about Robert Quillen and found that he had a love for Children. He feels that it would honor Robert Quillen to have a splash pad for the children. Leadership Goldenstrip will do all the fundraising for the project and the installation will be free.

Mayor Lee stated he likes the idea of a splash pad, but not on city hall grounds. He would prefer that it be located at one of the parks. The reflection pond and building is in the National Historic Registry.

Discussion

Motion by Councilmember Maier, second by Councilmember Clemmer to table until we can have a public workshop. The motion passed unanimously.

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Public Forum

Gary Long – Appreciates the efforts of Leadership Goldenstrip. Not opposed to Splash Pad, just does not think it is appropriate to have on city hall grounds.

Elaine Chambers – No objections to a Splash Pad, loves the idea, but not on city hall grounds.

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 1, 2018 Called Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes
August 2018 Preliminary Financial Report

Motion by Councilmember King, Second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Note: Councilmember Cunningham left the meeting at this time.

First Tryon – Financial Model

Tyler Traudt with First Tryon reviewed the financial model that he is working on for the city. The model gives us an idea of our financial standing, shows potential projects. It is not complete, but this will give council an idea of where we stand financially.

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

Executive Session:

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember King to meet in executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

- a. For the discussion of proposed contracts concerning the Administration Department.**
- b. For the receipt of legal advice that relates to the settlement of a legal claim against the city.**

Upon returning to open session, Council may vote on items discussed in Executive Session.

Back in regular session.

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

Adjourn

Motion by all to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Sandra H. Woods

Sandra H. Woods, CMC
City Clerk

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