

**City of Fountain Inn
Called Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2017 – 6pm – Council Chambers**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor, Sam Lee
John Mahony
Andrew Stoddard
Matthew King

Phil Clemmer
Berry Woods, Jr.
Rose Ann Woods

STAFF PRESENT:

Sandra Woods (Administration)
Roger Case (Public Works)
David Holmes (City Attorney)
Tammy Finley (Judicial)
Mike Pitman (Gas/Admin)
Beth Ann Zivitski (Recreation)
Russell Haltiwanger (Recreation)
Whitney Ferguson (Special Events)

Ross Fletcher (Gas Department)
Andrew Ratchford (Planner)
Naomi Buckmire-Reed (Administration)
Kaylee Summerton (Administration)
Johanna Inman (HR)
Ronnie Myers (Fire)
Keith Morton (Pol)

VISITORS: 28

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sam Lee called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Rose Ann Woods led the group in prayer.

PRESENTATION:

Andrew Ratchford reviewed the new Master Plan with Council. A public hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible.

CONSENT AGENDA:*

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Motion to approve consent agenda by Berry Woods, second by Andrew Stoddard. The motion carried unanimously 7/0*

OLD BUSINESS

1st Reading Ordinance No. 2017-003 – Amended 2016/2017 budget.

Naomi Reed reminded council that FLSA changed the way employees were classified. Some employees were moved to hourly and others were increased to meet the salary

requirements. She also pointed out that administration added a part time position, public works added a full time Code Officer position, and the salary for economic development was split between performing arts and economic development.

Motion by John Mahony, Second by Phil Clemmer to approve Ordinance 2017-003 on first reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

2nd Reading Ordinance No. 2017-002 - Enforcement procedures; penalty; additional remedies

David Holmes explained that Ordinance No. 2017-002 changes the way one can be penalized when they violate the noise ordinance.

Motion by Phil Clemmer, Second by Berry Woods Jr. Motions carries unanimously 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint New Judge, Barbara Ferguson

Mayor Sam Lee states that a new judge needs to be appointed and the staff is recommending Barbara Ferguson. He asks Judge Finley if she approves of this and she states that she does.

Motion by Matthew King, Second by Phil Clemmer. Motion carries unanimously 7/0.

1st Reading Ordinance No. 2017-004 Proposed 2017-2018

Mike Pitman begins by stating he was hoping that by giving each line a small budget to being with, they would have a large surplus in the end and could go back and fill in the smaller budgeted areas, but that did not happen. He stated this is a tight budget, nearly 17 million with a \$42,000 surplus. There is only one new employee added to the budget. It includes a 2% cost of living raise for every employee effective July 1. There is a decrease in the transfer from the gas system. There is an increase in the retirement as well as in insurance. There is a \$20,000 reserve. Phil Clemmer asks if there is anything included in the gas fund about an addition pump station. Mike Pitman states that there is not because another take point would be a couple million dollar project. He states that his intent is to one day build another station but that is a couple million dollar project as well. Phil Clemmer asks if the Gas budget is going to be voted on separately, Mike clarifies that everything will be voted on together. Mike states that our intent is to keep the Performing Arts Center operational and open. They would like to bring in a third party with experience and knowledge on how to run a facility like that. The Mayor states that any third party would have to go through RFP before one is selected. Matthew King asks why Public Works salary line has dropped so much. Naomi states that that goes back to the reclassifications due to FLSA.

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Motion by John Mahony, second by Berry Woods to approve first reading of FY 17/18 Proposed budget. Motion passes 7/0.

1. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. City Council Meeting: June 8, 2017 at 6:00pm City Hall
 - b. MASC Annual Meeting: July 20-23, 2017 in Hilton Head Island.
2. Executive Session: For the discussion of employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee in administration and performing arts and to receive legal advice concerning these employment issues.

Motion by Andrew Stoddard to enter executive session. Second motion by Phil Clemmer to go into executive session. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in executive session.

Motion by John Mahony, 2nd by Phil Clemmer to adjourn executive session. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Back in regular session.

Mayor and Council received information concerning employment and a contract matter. No votes were taken.

Motion to adjourn by John Mahony, second by Phil Clemmer. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Woods
City Clerk