



**City of Fountain Inn**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
June 11, 2020 - 6:00 PM - 200 N. Main Street, Council Chambers

The meeting was open to the public, but due to Covid -19 guidelines attendance was limited to 10 members of the public at any given time. The meeting was also livestreamed on the City's Facebook page

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor George Patrick (GP) McLeer, Jr., Mack Blackstone, Phil Clemmer, Anthony Cunningham, Anjeanette (AJ) Dearybury, John Mahony and Jay Thomason

**Others Present:** Shawn Bell, Roger Case, Eduardo Noriega, Naomi Reed, Sandra Woods, Tammy Finley, Ronnie Myers, Ellen Lane

**Call to Order** – Mayor McLeer

**Invocation** – Pastor, Josh Martin, Palmetto Hills Presbyterian Church

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Forum** – Persons wishing to speak must email the City Clerk at [sandra.woods@fountaininn.org](mailto:sandra.woods@fountaininn.org) with their name and phone number they will be calling into the meeting with. During the Public Comment Period, we will unmute the callers to allow them to speak up to 3 minutes in the order that they signed up. You may sign up until 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Mrs. Avis Kelley, Woodland Drive – she would like better communication concerning trash pickup and she would like the trees on Woodland Drive to be trimmed. The tree limbs are so long they hit the car windshield.

**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.

- May 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- May 28, 2020 Budget Workshop
- June 4, 2020 Called Council Meeting/Public Hearing
- Preliminary April 2020 Financial Report

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Dearybury to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously 7/0

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

Police Chief Hamilton introduced a new Police Officer, Eva Kantzios.

**Unfinished Business**

**Second Reading – AX-2020-004 - Jenkins Bridge Road; Zone –  
TMS#0562020100606 to R12; assign to Council Ward 5**

Mayor McLeer stated that he would like to skip over this agenda topic as council is awaiting answer to questions that could impact their decision. Council did not oppose the Mayor's request.

**Second Reading – Ordinance 2020-003 FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget**

Shawn Bell reviewed the 2020-2021 budget highlights with council.

Naomi Reed reviewed a summary of the compensation and classification study, phase two.

Motion by Councilmember Thomason, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve Ordinance 2020-003 FY 2020-003 proposed budget on second reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

**New Business**

**Ordinance 2020-004 Providing for the acquisition and financing of motor vehicles and related equipment to be used for public sanitation.**

Mr. Bell stated this ordinance authorizes the city to use bond council and financial advisors to borrow an amount not to exceed \$475,000 for the purchase of an automated side load garbage truck and a rear knuckle boom truck to be financed for 5 years.

Motion by Councilmember Thomason, second by Councilmember Dearybury to approve Ordinance 2020-004 on First Reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

**AX 2020-005 Greenpond Road, Zone TMS#0562010102104, I – Industrial and assigned to Council Ward 5**

Mr. Bell stated that AX 2020-005 would annex 1.42 acres near Greenpond Road into the City limits of the Fountain Inn; zone TMS# 0562010102104 to I-1, Industrial District and assign

parcel to Council Ward 5. The Planning Commission voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the annexation and zoning at the June 2, 2020 meeting. Fountain Inn City Council annexed 209 Greenpond Road, an adjacent parcel, on March 9th 2020 (AX2020-003). No one spoke regarding the application. However, the applicant is the private landowner and the request for annexation is in relation to the adjacent Industrial District zone. Both the developer and private property owner are in favor on the annexation based on recent email correspondence with staff.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve AX 2020-005 on first reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

### **Approval of Greenville County's Multi- Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires communities to develop Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) to be eligible for certain federal disaster mitigation grants and funds. Further, HMPs are used to obtain points under the Community Rating System (CRS) for floodplain management thereby reducing annual flood insurance premiums.

Greenville County completed its first HMP in January 2005 and, as required by the Act, has to update the plan every five years including this revision. Since 2010, the HMP has included the cities of Fountain Inn, Greenville, Travelers Rest, Mauldin and Simpsonville, making it a multi-jurisdictional plan. To facilitate the planning effort, Greenville County established a Disaster Mitigation Committee (DMC) comprised of local jurisdictions, emergency management related agencies, disaster mitigation subject matter experts, and other community stakeholders. By participating in the planning process, incorporated areas of the County may now be eligible for funding for hazard mitigation projects. For the 2020 planning cycle, the following items were reviewed and updated as appropriate:

1. Mitigation Goals: The original mitigation goals were reviewed for applicability and a new goal addressing reducing loss of life and injury due to hazards was created.
2. Natural Hazards: Each hazard of concern was reviewed for its potential to impact Greenville County and incorporated areas. The primary hazards of concern are flooding, winter storms, and wind events. Other hazards addressed include wildfire, earthquake, drought, landslides, sinkholes, and hail. Climate change is also addressed in the plan.
3. Risk Assessment: For each hazard of concern, the plan considered the potential impact on infrastructure and people. Damage costs from previous events and the likelihood of recurrence were evaluated and considered in the planning effort.
4. Mitigation Measures: Mitigation efforts from the all previous plans were reviewed for successes and lessons learned. Efforts from previous plans that were not completed at the time of this planning effort were retained for evaluation and prioritization by the DMC.

Greenville County's Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA pending adoption by resolution of the plan by the participating communities.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve the Greenville County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

Mr. Bell explained staff's concerns concerning the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

After much discussion, Council decided to cancel the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration due to Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines and due to the fact the other municipalities cancelled their events and Council and staff are concerned the crowd would be too big for what staff could handle.

The plan is to move the fireworks display to September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Wing Night Bike Festival.

We will not lose the deposit if we have the event in September.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Mahony to cancel the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration due to Covid-10. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

## Appointment of Rebecca Hand as Chief Municipal Judge

Mr. Bell stated that we have had a vacancy for the Chief Municipal Judge position for several months. We have not had trials for several months due to Covid and Court will resume July 14. It is imperative to have a Judge in place. We were made aware of Ms. Hand's interest. She is currently the Chief Municipal Judge for the City of Travelers Rest. She is certified and understands municipal court.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Clemmer to appoint Rebecca Hand as Chief Municipal Judge. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

## Executive Session

- For the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee in the Administration Department.
- For the receipt of legal advice concerning the potential acquisition of right of way.
- Development Agreement concerning property located a Greenville County Tax Map# 0562010100302

Upon returning to open session, council may act on items discussed during Executive Session.

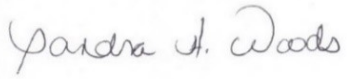
Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Cunningham to meet in executive session. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Back in regular session

Mayor McLeer stated that no votes or action was taken during executive session.

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Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Mahony to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra H. Woods". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

Sandra H. Woods, CMC  
Municipal Clerk