



**City of Fountain Inn
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2020 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Online Meeting Via Zoom**

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

Call to Order – Mayor McLeer

Invocation – Pastor, Jeffery L. Williams, Golden View Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum – Persons wishing to speak must email the City Clerk at 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.

No one signed up to speak.

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.

- July 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Preliminary June 2020 Financial Report

Motion by Councilmember Thomason, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 7/0

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

Unfinished Business

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

Mr. Bell stated AX 2020-004 would annex 122.85 acres on Jenkins Bridge Road into the City limits of the Fountain Inn; zone TMS# 0562020100606 to R-12, Residential District and assign the parcel to Council Ward 5.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously (5-0) in favor of the annexation and zoning at the May 4, 2020 meeting. Bluewater Civil Design presented on behalf of the applicant, Mark III Properties LLC, a residential developer. No one provided written public comment regarding the application; the Planning Commission public hearing was conducted virtually via Zoom.

City Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the annexation and zoning on first reading at the May 14, 2020 meeting. Unlike most development projects, this parcel is already owned outright by the developer, Mark III Properties LLC. Therefore, development of the property is extremely likely regardless of incorporation. The owner is seeking a medium-to-low density residential zoning, which would likely be viewed favorably by Greenville County decision makers.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Dearybury to approve AX 2020-004 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Mahony ✓
Councilmember Thomason ✓
Councilmember Dearybury ✓
Councilmember Clemmer ✓
Councilmember Cunningham ✓
Councilmember Blackstone ✓
Mayor McLeer ✕

The motion carried 6/1.

New Business

Economic Development Incentive Ordinance – Discussion Only (Attached)

Mr. Bell reviewed Ordinance 2020-005. This ordinance has a lot of content and Mr. Bell asked Council to review and let him know of any questions or comments.

First Reading, 2020-006 – Expanding the Hospitality District

Mr. Bell stated currently, alcoholic beverages are allowed by special permit in the City's Hospitality District, which is currently 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; as well as, Main Street from its intersections with Fairview Street and Jones Street.

Ordinance 2020-006 adds Trade Street from its intersection with Weston Street to The Center and McKnight Street from its intersection with Fairview Street to Trade Street, including the adjacent sidewalks, 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 Mahony, second Councilmember Cunningham to approve Ordinance 2020-006 as presented.

Mayor McLeer stated this ordinance does not impact any residential areas and it also helps current restaurants to be included in city events.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Mahony ✓
Councilmember Thomason ✓
Councilmember Dearybury ✓
Councilmember Clemmer ✓
Councilmember Cunningham ✓
Councilmember Blackstone ✓
Mayor McLeer ✓

The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Mayor McLeer stated that when council meets in executive session the live feed will discontinue. Once Council is back in session the live feed will resume.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer second by Councilmember Blackstone to meet in executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

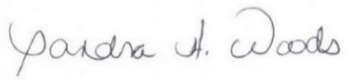
- a. For the receipt of legal advice concerning the potential acquisition of right of way
- b. For the discussion of a proposed contract concerning the provision of natural gas service and the receipt of legal advice in relation thereto.

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

Mayor McLeer stated no vote were taken during executive session.

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

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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