



**City of Fountain Inn  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 2019 - 6:00 PM - 200 N. Main Street, Council Chambers**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Sam Lee, Phil Clemmer, Anthony Cunningham, Matthew King, John Mahony and Michael Maier

**Others Present:** Russell Alexander, Shawn Bell, Lori Cooper, Tammy Finley, Michael Hamilton, David Holmes, Jarrid Lowe, Ronnie Myers, Bobby Nelson, Edwardo Noriega, Naomi Reed, Ashlee Tolbert, Melissa Woods

**Visitors:** 24

**Call to Order** – Mayor Sam Lee

**Invocation** – Councilmember Clemmer

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Councilmember Woods Resignation**

City Attorney, David Holmes, reported to Council that the city received a letter, dated August 7, 2019, from Councilmember Woods, resigning her seat as a representative of Ward 3. City Council will need to declare the seat vacant and schedule a special election. Due to the timing of the resignation the election will occur at the same time as the November 5<sup>th</sup> general election. Filing for the office of Council Member, Ward 3 will open at noon on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and close at noon on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve R 2019-011. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

**Introduction of new employees and/or promotions**

Fire Chief, Ronnie Myers introduced Firefighter, James Moore.

Police Chief Hamilton introduced three new Police Officers: Trevon Douglas, Shawn Smith and Abbigail Robinson.

City Administrator, Shawn Bell introduced the new Planning and Zoning Administrator, Greg Gordos.

Police Chief Hamilton announced two promotions: Jarrid Lowe was promoted to Lieutenant and Melissa Woods was promoted to Captain.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes Preliminary July 2019 Financial Report

Motion made by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember King to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

**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.  
(no one signed up to speak)

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

**Unfinished Business**  
None

**New Business**

#### R 2019-010 MASC Economic Development Grants

Shawn Bell stated that one of goals that Mayor and Council established back in January was to conduct an inventory and conditions assessments for roads and sidewalks. The Municipal Association awards grants every year up to \$25,000 to support economic development projects that will make a positive impact on the municipality's quality of life. Aging and deteriorating roads and sidewalks and roads are probably one of the greatest challenges we face here as a community.

The grant requires a 10% match of \$2,500.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Maier, to approve R 2019-010 Economic Development Grants. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

#### First Reading – Z 2019-006 Andrews Lane (Red Oaks)

Mr. Bell stated the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing July 22, 2019 at 6 PM to hear a re-zoning petition from Brad Skelton, Red Oak Development. The property is located at 104 Andrews Lane, containing approximately .75 acres, Greenville County Tax Map 0344000100302 to rezone the property from R-15 Residential District to R 7.25 Residential District. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

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Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Clemmer to approve Z 2019-006 as presented on first reading. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

### **Approval of Natural Gas Billing Policies**

Mr. Bell stated that our new Natural Gas Manager, Eduardo Noriega has updated and formatted our natural gas billing policies. Council received a copy of the old policy and the new policy for review.

Motion by Councilmember King second by Councilmember Clemmer to approve the updated natural gas policies as presented. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

### **Municipal Parking Lot Paving**

Mr. Bell reviewed the current parking situation at the Judicial Building, 300 Wall Street.

The city went out for bids in May and only received one bid that was extremely high. The engineers updated the scope of work and negotiated a bid of \$98,703 from Panagakos Asphalt Paving with an additional 5%, if required, for fluctuations in cost. This bid is guaranteed through July 31<sup>st</sup> and they can have us on the schedule for October.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve the bid from Panagakos Asphalt Paving. The motion carried 5/1. Mayor Lee voted no.

**Executive Session: For the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee in the Administration Department.**

Upon returning to regular session, Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Cunningham Councilmember for Council to meet in executive session. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Back in regular session.

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

### **Adjourn**

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

*Sandra H. Woods*

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Municipal Clerk