

**City of Fountain Inn  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 31, 2017 – 6pm – Council Chambers**

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Matthew King  
Mayor, Sam Lee  
Phil Clemmer

Berry Woods, Jr. (Absent)  
Rose Ann Woods  
John Mahony

**STAFF PRESENT:**

David Holmes, City Attorney  
Mike Pitman, Interim City Administrator  
Sandra Woods, City Clerk  
Naomi Buckmire, Finance Director

Ashlee Tolbert, Comm Dev/Special Evts  
Keith Morton, Police Chief  
Roger Case, Public Works Director  
Tammy Finley, Judicial

**VISITORS: 8**

**Call to Order** – Mayor, Sam Lee

**Invocation** - Councilwoman, Rose Ann Woods

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Executive Session:**

For the discussion of employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, release or contract matter of an employee in the administration department and to receive legal advice regarding the issues of hospitality tax collections and governmental form. After coming out of executive session, Council may take action on matters discussed in executive session.

Motion by John Mahony, Second by Matthew King to meet in executive session. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Back in regular session.

David Holmes explained that no votes were taken during executive session. Council asked him to provide legal advice concerning Ordinance 2017-009 that has to do with the change of form of government. The ordinance passed on first reading calls for a referendum for November 7, 2017 the form of the referendum is set by statute

**“Shall the municipality of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, change its form of government from mayor-council form to the council form?”**

Yes

No

**Those in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘YES’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘NO’.”**

If the referendum passes the change will go into effect July 1, 2018 to give the city council the opportunity to amend the city ordinances to reflect the vote of the people.

Motion by Matthew King, second by Phil Clemmer to approve Ordinance 2017-009 on second reading. The motion carried 3/2. The “no” votes were Mayor Lee and Councilman Mahony.

David Holmes also mentioned that Council has before them an employment agreement for City Administrator, Mr. Shawn Bell.

Motion by Phil Clemmer, second by John Mahony to approve the employment agreement for City Administrator, Shawn Bell. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Lee commented that Mr. Bell will be joining us on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **New Business**

#### **Appoint Judge Tony Duarte**

Motion by John Mahony, second by Rose Ann Woods to appoint Tony Duarte as one of our judges. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

**Ordinance 2017-010 – Authorizing the Master Lease agreement in the principal amount of not exceeding \$220,000 relating to the financing of equipment for public purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents; and other matters relating thereto.**

Motion by Phil Clemmer, Second by John Mahony to approve Ordinance 2017-010 Master Lease on first reading. The motion carried unanimously. 5/0.

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**Adjourn**

Motion by Matthew King, second by Phil Clemmer to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra H. Woods  
City Clerk