Council Minutes
August 9, 2018 – 6pm – Council Chambers

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor, Sam Lee, Anthony Cunningham, Matthew King, John Mahony, Michael Maier and Rose Ann Woods. Councilmember Clemmer was absent.

Others Present: Shawn Bell, David Holmes, Sandra Woods, Naomi Reed, Ashlee Tolbert, Lori Cooper, Mike Pitman, Ronnie Myers, Keith Morton, Russell Haltiwanger, Johanna Inman, Tammy Finley, Ross Fletcher, Hunter Camp

Visitors: 9

Call to Order – Mayor Sam Lee

Invocation – Councilmember Rose Ann Woods

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of new employee
Hunter Camp, Fire Department

Public Comment
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.

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Motion by Councilmember King, Second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Unfinished Business
None
New Business

First Reading - AX 2018-002 Annexation – Chapman Road

Shawn Bell stated that a request was received to annex 3.18 acres on Chapman Road into the city limits (094-00-00-018). The zoning will be R 7.5, setbacks are 20’ front, 25’ rear and 10% of lot width, and will be in council ward 3.

The Planning Commission met June 25th and voted to require this portion of property on Chapman Road to be annexed into the city before the final development plan is to be submitted for the proposed 230 lots within the Fountain Brook Subdivision known as Winterbrook. The property is located in Laurens County. Staff recommends Council to approve this request.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, Second by Councilmember Maier to approve AX 2018-002 on First Reading. The motion passed unanimously.

First Reading - Ordinance 2018-007 Hospitality District

Shawn Bell stated that currently, alcoholic beverages are allowed by special permit in the City’s Hospitality District, which is defined as Depot Street beginning at the property boundary for The Center to Jones Street and Trade Street from its intersection with Main Street to The Center.

City or City-related events such as Aunt Het, Christmas festival, Halloween, etc. which have utilized Main Street in the past have never included alcohol beverages and likely never will. However, as the City’s Special Events Department grows, there may be a time where the regulated sale of alcohol at an event/festival on Main Street may be desired.

Ordinance 2018-009 adds the portion of Main Street including its adjacent sidewalks that lies between its intersections with Fairview Street and Jones Street to the City’s Hospitality District. The City already has a special permit process in place for events that desire alcohol beverages for the current Hospitality District, which includes the City Administrator and Chief of Police signatures.

Motion by Councilmember Maier, Second by Councilmember Mahony to approve Ordinance 2018-007 on First reading. The motion passed unanimously

Executive Session –

1. For the discussion of proposed contracts concerning the Administration Department.

2. For the discussion of contract negotiations and to receive legal advice concerning a development agreement for Project Diamondback.
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Upon returning to open session, Council may vote on items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, Second by Councilmember Cunningham to meet in Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lee commented that no votes were taken while in Executive Session.

Motion by Councilmember Maier, second by Mayor Lee to approve project Diamondback. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Maier to extend City Administrators contract severance from 6 month to 12 months.

Motion failed due to lack of a Second.

Motion by Councilmember Maier, second by Councilmember Cunningham to adjourn the meeting.

Sandra H. Woods, CMC
City Clerk

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON AUGUST 8, 2018.