

**City of Fountain Inn
Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015 – 6pm – Council Chambers**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:

Erick Chapman
Matthew King
Mayor, Gary Long
John Mahony

Michael Maier
Berry Woods, Jr.
Rose Ann Woods

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barrineau (Recreation)
Eddie Case (City Administrator)
Roger Case (Public Works)
Michael Hamilton (Police)

David Holmes (City Attorney)
Johanna Inman (HR)
Mike Pitman (Gas)
Sandra Woods (Administration)

VISITORS: 29

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Long called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Rose Ann Woods gave prayer.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

Citizen of the Quarter – Mack Blackstone

Girl Scout Troop 9876 - Fountain Inn

Tegan Woods, Ava Perrone, Harley Currie, Jenna Dreyer, and Alex Kesterson
The troop leaders are: Nancy Meece, Cindy Currie, and Stay Byam
The Girl Scouts have been cleaning up Georgia Street Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:*

Minutes: 2/18/2015 workshop and 3/12/2015 regular meeting.
March 2015 Budget Report – Motion by Rose Ann Woods, second by Mike Maier to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Report is on file with the City Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-003 to amend Chapter 11, Article II in its entirety to adopt the NAICS system for classifying businesses; to provide an effective date; and other matters related thereto. (Second Reading)

Attorney, David Holmes reviewed with Council that we need to move from the SIC code to the North American Industrial Codes (NAIC). The Municipal Association has recommended that all cities change to the new business license classification. MASC did a study and proposed how the businesses should be classified. The Public Works Committee met and recommends to move to this new code.

Motion by Michael Maier, second by Matthew King to approve Ordinance 2015-003 NAIC code system on second reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Ordinance 2015-002 to amend the city code of ordinances by amending section 4-1 entitled: to amend the definition of the words “Public Place” and various provisions relating thereto. (Second Reading)

Recently, Van Broad with Economic Development made a presentation to the Economic Development Committee about the creation of a Hospitality District at Commerce Park. This would allow the city to sell alcoholic beverages on the street and sidewalk areas in the Hospitality District similar to what the city of Greenville does during special events. Mr. Broad indicated that this would enhance Commerce Park and make it more flexible for use during special events. Mr. Broad presented a diagram that depicted fences or gate type barriers to identify the area where alcoholic beverages could be sold. Now that restaurants are opening up in downtown, there is also some interest in allowing small “sidewalk cafes” in which a restaurant owner could sell and serve alcoholic beverages. That will be decided later.

To create the Hospitality District and to allow the possession of alcoholic beverages, the ordinance must be amended to re-define “public place.” The ordinance also clarifies the names of the public facilities where the possession of alcoholic beverages is allowed.

Motion by John Mahony, second Berry Woods to approve Ordinance 2015-002 on second reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-004 – Second Budget Amendment (First Reading)

Eddie Case reported that Jill Vales and staff have spent a lot of time projecting/forecasting and has recommended the budget amendment that you will find in your packet. Our goal is to be within budget and increase fund balance at 6/30/14. The Ways and Means Committee met with staff and approved the amendments.

Motion by Ways and Means Committee to approve Ordinance 2015-004 Second Budget Amendment on first reading. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

R2015-006 – Autumn Glen Villas

Eddie Case reported that an application has been made to the SC State Housing Finance and Development for federal tax credits to develop affordable rental housing within our jurisdiction on Fairview Street. Our Master Plan states the type housing we desire in our central district. We object to this type housing based on our Master Plan. We cannot stop them, but we can object and recommend that Council oppose. We have 15 days to respond.

We also received correspondence from Ross Turner and Mark Willis supporting the city's position in objecting to the project.

Motion by Berry Woods, Second by Mike Maier to approve R 2015-006 opposing the project.

Discussion

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

R2015-007 – Fire CIP

Eddie Case reported that Teresa Cawley is prepared to present our case for a millage increase in the Greenville County Fire District. This is not in the city limits. We have gone three years without an increase. This is governed by Greenville County Council. Ms. Cawley will present our ten year budget and capital needs plan to County Council and request a millage increase based upon CIP and population increases. We have not used the increases the past three years and have the option to go back and use the banked percentages. We are on a deadline to get this completed.

Motion from Fire Committee to approve Resolution 2015-007. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Matthew King requested that the fire budget be forward to Council as soon as it is completed.

Appoint Administrative Judge

Eddie Case reported that we received two responses to the RFP Administrative/Night and Weekend Judge. One response came in after the deadline, legally we cannot use the one that came in after the deadline. We have interviewed Don Belue. He has excellent references and owns Shadowood Cottage in Fountain Inn. He will be under the same salary/contract as the previous judge. We recommend Council approve the appointment of Mr. Belue as the Night and Weekend Judge.

Motion by Berry Woods, second by Mike Maier to approve the appointment for two years. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: Receipt of legal advice on matters protected by the attorney client privilege and discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements

Motion by Matthew King, second by Rose Ann Woods to meet in executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Back in regular session

Mayor Long reported that no votes were taken. Council discussed contractual matters.

Motion by Matthew King, second by Berry Woods to approve the naming of the Luther and Carolyn White Senior Room at the Activity Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mike Maier to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Woods
City Clerk and Treasurer