



TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Minutes

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Monday, 26 February 2018

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

This meeting's notice was published in the Post and Courier newspaper.

I. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Scott at 6:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

In attendance were Councilmembers Dunmyer, III, Salters, Smalls, Sr., Townsend, Attorney Austen, Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton and Clerk-Treasurer White. Councilmember Sausser and Mayor Heyward were absent.

III. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Reverend Charles Linen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to adopt the agenda as prepared; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

V. Public Comments

John Mitchell, Mitchell Lane, said that Mitchell Lane is in desperate need of repair. He stated that previous Mayors have always taken care of the road and asked Council to consider taking care of this issue.

Donna Nesbitt, Mitchell Lane, said she visited Town Hall earlier in the day in regards to the condition of the road on Mitchell Lane and was directed to go to Charleston County Public Works (CCPW). She spoke with an employee at CCPW and was given a letter that was sent by Mayor Heyward in 2016. Ms. Nesbitt read the letter and the response from CCPW. She stated that elderly and sick citizens live on the road and when it rains, emergency response vehicles cannot access the road. Ms. Nesbitt said that something has to be done. She also mentioned that previous mayors have always maintained Mitchell Road and she hopes the Town would consider her request to maintain the road.

Josephine Matthews, Mitchell Lane, said the residents on Mitchell Lane are in need of help. She said that she is a retired nurse and travels the road to care for critically ill family members. The condition of the road is causing damage to her vehicle. She asked that Council do what they can to help.

VI. Presentation

Augustine Bokarie, International President of Diaspora Historical Heritage Society-Sisterhood with Sierra Leone and Hollywood for Import/Export Opportunitites, Augustine Bokarie gave a presentation on the economic opportunities between African and American businesses and

educating Americans about African industries and natural resources. He presented a slide show and provided an email address for anyone interested in learning more about the import/export opportunities with Sierra Leone. He was excited about partnering with the Town of Hollywood for this opportunity.

VI. Minutes

Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to accept the Regular Council minutes of January 22, 2018 as prepared; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

VII. Committee Reports

Finance: Councilmember Dunmyer, III made the motion to accept the Finance Report as information; Councilmember Townsend seconded. Councilmember Salters questioned entries on the report that only shows journal numbers. There is no name or information that tells where the money is being spent but is debited from the Town's account. She said this is not a practice that Council needs to have with the Town's funds. Clerk-Treasurer White stated that she spoke with the accountant and Council will be provided the names for the entries at next month's meeting. All voted in favor to accept the Finance Report as information.

Planning/Zoning: Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals did not have any cases in February but were instructed to attend the Planning Commission meeting for training. He briefly explained the two (2) cases heard before the Planning Commission. Councilmember Dunmyer, III had questions regarding the mining ordinance draft. He has an issue with the large trucks on the road and the hours of operation. The draft gives the hours of operation from 7:30AM to 6:30PM. He is concerned about the school buses taking children to and from school and feels the hours need to change so the trucks are not on the roads while the buses are running. Attorney Austen said that Council shared their issues about mining in the Town and he was asked to draft an ordinance that would be more restrictive than the previous ordinance. He stated that this draft can be changed. He encouraged Council to review the draft and make changes they feel would improve it. Councilmember Dunmyer, III also wanted to make certain that Council approves the ordinance change. Attorney Austen answered that Council will have to pass an amended ordinance. Councilmember Dunmyer, III asked if the authority stays with Council. Attorney Austen stated that state government has a structure and the reason is that Council cannot have sole control at all times. Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to accept the Planning/Zoning report as information; Councilmember Salters seconded and all voted in favor.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2017-18-3, Annexation of property located on Tolbert's Cove Road at TMS #248-00-00-052, 248-00-00-053 and 248-00-00-054, Councilmember Dunmyer, III made the motion to approve; Councilmember Salters seconded and all voted in favor.

Resolution 9-2017-18, Southeastern Chamber's of the St. Paul Community Chamber of Commerce, Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to approve; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded. Councilmember Salters stated that she would like Council to review the information before it is voted on to see what services are going to be provided to the Town by this organization. She said that since this is the first time it is being presented she would like to have this item tabled to have

more time to review the information. Councilmember Salters made the motion to table; Councilmembers Dunmyer, III and Smalls, Sr., abstained from vote; Councilmember Townsend and Mayor Pro Tem Scott voted yes.

X. Mayor's Update

None

XI. Comments from Council/Mayor

- Councilmember Smalls, Sr. said there are a lot of sick people in the community asked everyone to keep them in prayer and lend a hand if possible. He said to keep an eye on the elderly; visit them and see what we can do to help. This has been a good year so far and he hopes it continues. Councilmember Smalls, Sr., complimented staff on a great job.
- Councilmember Dunmyer, III also complimented staff on a great job. He said that he often gets positive compliments from the community about the staff. He talked about teachers having guns in the classroom. He mentioned that he is a teacher and does not agree with this. He asked his constituents to educate themselves and keep informed as to what is going on with this serious issue. He commented on Black History Month and former Town of Hollywood Mayor Herbert Gadsden. He said there is an article about the Orangeburg Massacre that took place on South Carolina State University campus in 1968 where Mr. Gadsden was shot and still carries the bullet in his hip.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM

**Prepared by:
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Clerk-Treasurer**