



TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Minutes

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Monday, 28 March 2016

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 Heyward at 6:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Councilmember Smalls, Sr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Heyward added the following item to the agenda under New Business: *Resolution 22-2015-16, Partnership with the Ministerial Alliance to present a Community in Prayer Day on May 29, 2016 in the Town Square.* Councilmember Sausser made the motion to adopt the agenda with the addition; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

V. Public Comments

Della Butler, 5787 Scott White Road addressed Council about Grant's Club. She showed pictures of her home with bullet holes from years of shootings at the club. She has children and grandchildren and is concerned for their safety. She has lived at her residence for 40 years and asked Council to do something because she has had enough.

Tim Blackwelder, resident of Poplar Grove and a real estate broker commented that he and his neighbors are concerned about the community clubhouse that has a real estate company occupying it as a commercial business that is not zoned as such. He expressed concerns about this because the community is not protected against liability and the Town is not receiving its proper share of business license fees. He said a number of neighbors have called the Town to complain about it and have not received a returned call. He said someone employed by the Town of Hollywood has called the developer on a regular basis to discuss conversations made by the neighbors; and that phone calls made to the Town are not kept confidential. He spoke about a pending lawsuit by the Town and the Town's Attorney being in touch with the developer, Mr. Mills, and said that there are a bunch of disgruntled homeowners. He specified that when residents of the Town calls the Town their conversations should be confidential and the Attorney should not be working in favor of the developer, but to represent the residents of the Town. Attorney Austen gave explanation that he filed a lawsuit against Blanchard and Calhoun per the Town's request and explained what the lawsuit entails. He said Mr. Mills is seeking the Planning Commission's approval to use the clubhouse as a business. He has worked out an agreement to be properly licensed and obtain approval for the use of the clubhouse. Attorney Austen summed up by stating that issues other than

those discussed should be handled by the residents' POA. After discussion, Mayor Heyward suggested that an appointment be made with her to discuss this matter further.

John Wood, 5913 Dixie Plantation Road, spoke about ditches that have not been maintained for 25 years. He was told years ago that the ditch was his responsibility and rented equipment to have it cleaned. He has a 30 inch diameter Oak Tree on his property and expressed concern about removing it and getting hurt. He was told by his closing attorney when he purchased his home not to alter the ditch within 25 feet of the center of the ditch on both sides of the easements. He is aware that the Town does not have a Public Works Department but there are contractors that can clean the ditch. Mayor Heyward explained that Charleston County provides this service and is on a rotation for cleaning ditches. She is aware of many ditch related issues, and will forward this request to Charleston County. As the Town is not notified when the service is provided, she asked residents to notify the Town when work has been performed.

Steve Cebulka, 4504 Carriage House Way, voiced concern about how Town employees conduct business. He spoke with a Town employee on several occasions and later found that his conversations had been relayed to Mr. Mills. He also talked about having to wait 65 days to obtain a permit to have two Sweet Gum Trees removed from his property and asked the Mayor if this is common procedure. He would like to meet with the Mayor, and Town Planner/Zoning Administrator to resolve these concerns. Mayor Heyward commented and asked him to schedule a meeting.

Jim Aiken, 4263 Deep Step Drive, commented that he initiated the boathouse problem. He lives across the street from the property and understands that the concerns are being addressed, but will continue to follow-up on them. He spoke about not getting returned calls from the Mayor; but he has gotten calls from Mr. Mills about conversations he has had with Town staff. He spoke highly of Ms. Gantt, who always returned calls and addressed his concerns. He spoke about problems the residents are having and will schedule a meeting with the Mayor.

Charlie Murray, 5760 Scott White Road, Spoke in support of Ms. Della Butler and the Pineland community. He met with Council two years about complaints of Grant's Club and a probationary period the Club had at that time. He said the same nuisance continued while Mr. Grant was on probation; loud music, trash, blockage of driveways, gunshots, and speeding. He asked Council to please do something about this for the community.

VI. Minutes

Councilmember Dunmyer, III made the motion of accepting the minutes of the Public Hearing held on February 22, 2016 as prepared. Councilmember Sausser seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

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VII. Committee Reports

Finance-Councilmember Sausser made the motion of accepting the Finance Report as information; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

Planning/Zoning-Councilmember Dunmyer, III made the motion of accepting the Planning/Zoning Report as information; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

VIII. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

Ordinance 2015-16-9: *Rezoning from Rural Agriculture (RA) to General Commercial (GC) at 7395 Highway162, having TMS #126-00-00-013*: Mayor Heyward informed Council that the Planning Commission voted to deny this request. Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation; Councilmember Sausser seconded, and all voted to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Resolution 19-2015-16: *Business License Review Board Recommendation for Grant's Club Business License Revocation*: Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to accept the Business License Review Board's recommendation for the revocation of Grant's Club business license; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

Resolution 20-2015-16: *Award of Contract for Holly Grove Duplex Unit*: Mayor Heyward gave an overview of the information provided to Council and said the contract was awarded to Fisher Custom Home Builders in the amount of \$199,000. This is the second low bid. The low bidder did not meet all of the necessary requirements. Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded, and all voted in favor.

Resolution 21-2015-16: *Approval of Board Members for Town of Hollywood Public Realm, Inc*: Members are: Mayor Heyward, Chair; Annette Sausser, Vice Chair; John Dunmyer, III, Secretary, Eddie Scott, Director, and Tynetta White, Treasurer. These members will serve a two-year term. Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

Resolution 22-2015-16: *Ministerial Alliance to Present a Community in Prayer Day*: This event will be held on May 29th in the Town square. Councilmember Dunmyer, III made a motion to approve; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

X. Mayor's Update:

Mayor Heyward read a Proclamation endorsed by Governor Nikki Haley, State of SC, on Sexual Assault Awareness and announced April 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Mayor has signed a Proclamation for the low-country area. Plans are up-coming for the 2016-17 Budget. She will be convening with Council next month and asked everyone to begin thinking about programs they would like to implement during the upcoming year. There needs to be two readings, and a public hearing prior to adoption on July 1st. She spoke about the comments expressed tonight, specifically from the Poplar Grove residents. She mentioned that staff has been doing their best to listen to all residents' concerns. Once concerns are brought to our attention, we do our best to address the issues. The Serenity Garden dedication and Gospel Fest will be held on May 14 at Wide Awake Park. She encouraged all to attend.

XI. Comments from Mayor/Council:

Councilmember Sausser announced that April is also Child Abuse Awareness Month. She commented on the upcoming Music Festival (date to be determined). She commended the Fire Department on the wonderful job they are doing. She mentioned a car that was in a terrible accident by her home and how quickly they responded to the incident.

Councilmember Dunmyer, III spoke about the character of our Town and we need to fix this. He listened to the comments made by the residents and did not like what he heard. He made remarks about awareness of students/victims of child abuse. The Annual Conference will be hosted by the Municipal Association in Charleston in July at Charleston Place Hotel this year. He asked that accommodations be made early. Mayor Heyward noted the registrations will be made when they are opened by the Municipal Association.

Councilmember Smalls expressed condolences to Herbert Matthews' family. He reminded everyone not to burn yard debris in ditches; it clogs the drainage and is a safety hazard.

Councilmember Scott asked if there is something we can do to have the State maintain the ditches. The Mayor commented that a meeting will be held with Charleston County regarding roads/ditches on Wednesday, March 30th.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

**Prepared by:
Tynetta White
Clerk-Treasurer**