



# TOWN COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting

### Minutes

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Monday, 26 September 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**

Councilmember Sausser made the motion to approve the agenda; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **V. Public Comments**

*Steve Cebulka*, resident of Poplar Grove, said that after a previous meeting, he was invited to meet with Mayor Heyward and that they had a pleasant conversation. He mentioned to her at their meeting that he was an avid golfer and wanted to help with the Neighbors Helping Neighbors fund. He was out of town the day of the golf tournament, but recently had very good fortune while playing on the course. He presented the Mayor with a check to Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Mayor Heyward thanked him for his donation and said that it would certainly help the citizens in the community.

#### **VI. Presentation**

Mark Grego, Eco Flow, Sewer Odor Control, was invited back from the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to answer questions from Council. He reminded Council of some of the situations that incurred the last time he met with them within the Town of Meggett and the reduction in hydrogen sulfide which is the primary odor problem with the lift stations in Hollywood. He talked about the contract with Eco Flow and what it would provide. He said that the product would treat more of the system and the length of the system from pumps stations 4, 5 and 6. The Town of Meggett feeds into pump station #4. The primary concern is pump station #6. The best way to treat this issue is to treat the pump stations upstream, starting with #4. The proposal would need a source of water, at least 6 liters a day, 120 volt power and a small roof structure. The proposal would service two (2) pumps at \$819.33 per month. The contract covers monthly service and all maintenance. We should notice a reduction in odor in about a month. A 30 day written notice is required to opt out of the contract. Mickey Seabrook, Town engineer, mentioned that this issue has been talked about for a number of years and he hopes that Council moves forward with the proposal/contract.

## **VII. Minutes**

Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to accept the Public Hearing minutes of August 22, 2016 as prepared; Councilmember Salters seconded, and all voted in favor.

Councilmember Sausser made the motion to accept the Regular Council minutes of August 22, 2016 as prepared; Councilmember Smalls, Sr., seconded, and all voted in favor.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

**Finance:** Mayor Heyward mentioned that the question from last month's meeting regarding outstanding checks on the Payroll Reconciliation Report has not yet been resolved and the accountant is still looking into this issue. Councilmember Sausser made a motion to accept the finance report as information; Councilmember Smalls, Sr., seconded and all voted in favor.

**Planning/Zoning:** Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to accept the Planner's report as information; Councilmember Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

## **IX. Old Business**

*2nd reading of Ordinance 2015-16-12, Request approval of rezoning from Residential One (Manufactured Homes Allowed) (R-1M) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) on parcel TMS #191-00-00-330, 5954 Dixie Plantation Road:* Mayor Heyward mentioned that this item was tabled so that more information could be provided to the public as Council suggested. Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made a motion to remove item from the table; Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded. Councilmember Sausser asked applicant, Bernard Matthews, what his intentions were regarding the sale of alcohol on the premises. Mr. Matthews answered that the original plan was for the sale of meat, but after speaking with a few residents, he decided to increase the product line to more of a general store. He said that there will be alcohol sales (beer and wine) but alcohol would not be consumed on the premises. Councilmember Dunmyer, III asked if this meant that there will be no loitering. Mr. Matthews answered that no loitering will be allowed. Mayor Heyward mentioned that the zoning does not allow the consumption of alcohol on the premises. Councilmember Sausser asked Mr. Matthews if he could be sure that this does not take place. He said that he would have people in place to ensure that this does not happen. Mayor Heyward asked Mr. Matthews if he has applied for a business license. He said that he has not and that he wanted to get Council's approval on the zoning change before moving forward. Councilmember Smalls asked Mr. Matthews if he considered selling sodas, juice, chips and such. He said that he would be selling these items as well. Planner/Zoning Administrator asked Mr. Matthews if there will be onsite consumption of anything, including food. Mr. Matthews answered no. Mr. Holton mentioned that cooked food would not be allowed in the proposed zoning. Councilmember Dunmyer, III suggested that Mr. Matthews get a checklist from the Planner/Zoning Administrator of what is and what is not allowed in the NC (Neighborhood Commercial) zoning district. Mayor Heyward allowed Charles Goldiner, of Dixie Plantation Road to address Mr. Matthews. Mr. Goldiner lives next door to the proposed business and asked about the hours of operation for the store. Mr. Matthews said that he didn't see staying open past 8pm and will close earlier on Sundays. Mayor Heyward stated that any decision made would not only affect Mr. Matthews' business, but other businesses to follow and wants to make sure that we have the community's best interest; she noted that if Mr. Matthews decides to close his business after a year, any other business that takes his place would fall under the same zoning. Councilmember Dunmyer, III asked Mayor Heyward if the business license procedure addresses the hours of operation and she answered yes. All voted in favor to approve.

Mayor Heyward mentioned to Council that we are in the process of developing the study to sell 32 sewer taps to Dorchester County. No decision has been made at this time but Council has been provided with a working document of the availability of taps because there had been questions about how many taps were available. Council was also provided with an email from Charleston Water Systems that shows the updated availability. Mickey Seabrook has been trying to communicate with COG to find out about the 208 plan and what it will allow. He has not been successful with getting this information. Mayor Heyward asked Council to please come forward with any issues that they think needs to be addressed to complete the study. The Town's attorney, Jon Austen has already been asked to prepare an ordinance that will allow the Town to adjust sewer rates for non- residents.

### **X. Mayor's Update**

Mayor Heyward shared that she had been selected to participate in the Riley Diversity Leadership Initiative through Furman University. The program has been in place for about 10 years. She is in a class of about 60 people from the low country to look at the needs of their communities and how to add diversity. After four (4), eight (8) hour classes and workshops in between classes where individual groups meet, a graduation is held. The "Lunch with a Deputy" was implemented from this program. She asked Council to bring ideas that they may have to share so that she can implement them. She said that Christ St. Paul's Church on Chapel Road wants to incorporate some ideas with the Town. They would like to plan a Thanksgiving dinner in the square on Thanksgiving Day. This is something that Council might want to participate in. More information will be provided as the holiday approaches. She shared some dates to remember with Council: November 5<sup>th</sup> is the dedication of Hollywood Trails at the Sap. We want to make it a community day of celebration. There will be tours of the trails, horseback rides, games, food and performances from local churches and schools. This event will take place from 10am-4pm. She asked Council to sign up to help with this event. The St. Paul's Music Festival will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Town of Ravenel this year. October 8<sup>th</sup> is the clean-up day at the Sap. She is asking the community to come out and help prepare the park for the day of dedication/celebration event. The Christmas Parade and Taste of Hollywood will take place December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **XI. Comments from Mayor/Council**

Councilmember Sausser talked about the St. Paul's Music Festival that will be held in the Town of Ravenel. She urged Council and others to come out and enjoy the festivities. She mentioned that it will be a day of fun with an awesome band and great food. She also mentioned the park dedication/celebration at the Sap on November 5th. She asked everyone to come out and enjoy this exciting event. There will be free pony rides for the children and lots of other activities. Lastly, she mentioned that she is working with the Exchange Club to implement "One Nation Under God," a program that recognizes and celebrates veterans in the area. She will provide more information when it becomes available.

### **XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

**Prepared by:  
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Clerk-Treasurer**