

**TOWN OF MONCK'S CORNER
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015**

Present: Michael A. Locklear, Mayor

Council Members: David A. Dennis, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

Johna T. Bilton Charlotte A. Cruppenink
Laura M. Perdue Dr. Tonia Aiken-Taylor

Staff Present: Roland Windham, Interim Administrator
John West, Town Attorney
Marilyn M. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer
Lisa Hancock, Town Accountant
Jessica Morgan, Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk
Mark Murray, Police Lieutenant
David A. Miller, Chief
Ralph Jones, Recreation Director
Butch Svagerko, Public Service Director
Alison Simmons, Town Planner
Rebecca N. Brown, Chief Building Official

Absent: Chad Caldwell, Police Chief

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of Town Council was called to order by Mayor Locklear at 6:39 p.m.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Interim Pastor David Brien of Jamestown Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Locklear asked Councilwoman Cruppenink to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Special Recognition: Mayor Locklear recognized the following:

- Midget and Mites Basketball League and Tournament Champions:

➤ Mites Pistons- 2015 Mite Regular Season Champions and Mite Tournament Champions (Undefeated Season)

Coach - Carl Morrison

Assistant Coach - Katrina Meggett

Jordan Steward

Malik Waheed

Tykeim Haynes

Hakeem Meggett

Sydney Clark

Troy Middleton

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Kaitlyn Chavis
Benjamin Swindle

➤ Midget Bulls - 2015 Regular Season Champions
(Undefeated Season)

Coach - Ron Heyward
Assistant Coach - Pam Muldrow
Charles Brantley
Terrell Takeall
Marcellus Emmanuel
Jaquez Joyner
Dayquan Johnson
Ashan Fordyce
Ishan White
Jamar Joyner
Marcell Singleton

- **Ron Heyward - Recognized for 38 years of volunteer service with the Moncks Corner Recreation Department:**
Mayor Locklear and Recreation Director Ralph Jones presented Ron Heyward with a plaque for his 38 years of service. They along with Council expressed their appreciation to Mr. Heyward for his service and wished him well.

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2015:

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2015, was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bilton and was unanimously approved.

Amendment to the Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 20, 2015:

Clerk-Treasurer Baker explained that Mrs. Patricia Whaley had made a request to have a copy of the questions she presented Council last year and their response in reference to the FY 2015 Budget attached to the January 20, 2015 minutes as part of the record.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015, was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and was unanimously approved.

Amendment to the Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 16, 2014:

Clerk-Treasurer Baker explained that Mrs. Patricia Whaley had made a request to include in the minutes discussion she had with Council pertaining to the budget along with a copy of a petition she presented to Mayor Peagler with 80 signatures at the September 16, 2014 meeting as part of the record.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2014, was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cruppenink and was unanimously approved.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Interim Administrator Windham had nothing to add.

A copy of the Finance report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Police Department:

Acting Chief Mark Murray had nothing to add to the report. He requested that Victim Advocate Lisa Steele give Council a summary of her activities for the past 90 days pertaining to domestic violence and other issues. She gave Council a detail description of her activities for the quarter.

A copy of the Police Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Fire Department:

Chief David Miller had nothing to add.

A copy of the Fire Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Recreation Department:

Recreation Director Ralph Jones reported that Tammy Robertson, Event Coordinator at the Train Depot resigned to accept another job. He added that he has hired Sarah Anderson to replace her. She will begin on March 23rd. He reminded Council that Opening Day for baseball is Saturday, April 4th. Charlotte Cruppenink complimented Director Jones on the renovations of the Depot.

A copy of the Recreation Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Public Service Department:

Public Service Director Butch Svagerko had nothing to add to his report.

A copy of the Public Service Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

Grand Tree Removal:

- **Lot#611, Phase 6 and Lot#730, Phase 7 in Moss Grove.** There is a 25" live oak within the utility easement of Lot#611 and a 25" pine within the utility easement of Lot#730. The developer is requesting the removal of both trees in order to construct the future homes within the Moss Grove Plantation Development. He is concerned that the construction of homes on these lots will severely impact the root zone of the tree,

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damage the tree's integrity and cause a safety hazard to the surrounding residents. Director Svagerko recommended removal.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perdue. Motion was approved unanimously.

- **109 Rogers Street** - Property owner requested removal of all four pine trees because they are too close to his residence. Two of the pines are 26" in diameter. Public Service Director Svagerko stated that none of the trees exhibit immediate health issues and are in range of the residence. He recommended mitigation of the two grand trees if removal is approved with one canopy tree and two under story trees.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor to approve the removal of all four trees with mitigation of the two grand trees with one canopy and two understory trees. Motion was approved by majority vote with one opposition from Councilwoman Perdue. Councilwoman Perdue added that she thought a homeowner should be allowed to remove their trees on their property without having to replace them.

Planning Department:

Planning Director Alison Simmons had nothing to add to her report.

Consideration of Cypress Grove offer of open space dedication: Planning Director Alison Simmons requested that this item be deferred until next month to have additional time to investigate the suitability of this site for recreation and to explore the alternatives to the acquisition of land for open space. Councilwoman Cruppenink requested that Mrs. Simmons also provide Council with cost of maintenance if it is allocated to the Recreation Department.

Planning Commission Appointments:

Planning Director Alison Simmons reported that she had two members of the Planning Commission resign and Roscoe Haynes is up for re-appointment. The members who resigned were Reverend Richard Harkness and Missy Ponce.

She requested that following appointments be considered:

- Appoint Reverend Robin McGhee Frazier to fill Missy Ponce's unexpired term until April 20, 2016.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to appoint Reverend Robin McGhee-Frazier to serve Missy Ponce's unexpired term until April 20, 2016. Motion was approved unanimously.

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- Re-appointment of Roscoe Haynes to serve another four years on the Planning Commission. His term will expire January 20, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor to re-appoint Roscoe Haynes to the Planning Commission to serve an additional four year term to expire January 20, 2019. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and unanimously approved

- Council will come back later with recommendations for the appointment of Reverend Richard Harkness unexpired term.

This item was moved from #10 on the Regular Agenda and addressed at this time:

First Reading By Title Only: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 24, Planning, Section 24-27(a), Membership, Terms and Vacancies of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

Planning Director Alison Simmons recommended that Council consider changing the Town Code for the maximum number of members to the Planning Commission from 9 members to 7 members. Right now we are operating with a 7 member team.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor to adopt an Ordinance to amend Chapter 24, Section 24-27 (a), Membership, Terms and Vacancies of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Moncks Corner and change the membership of the Planning Commission from 9 members to 7 members. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and was unanimously approved.

Building Department:

Chief Building Official Rebecca Brown reported that she included in the Council packets three reports from the Building Department. The first report in the packet is one that normally is presented to Council on a monthly basis. She provided Council with two new proposed reports. She requested that the first report which is the old report be eliminated and replace it the two new improved reports. The new reports compiled contain some more useful information from recent years. The new reporting system will give Council a better idea of the Building Departments progression. The consensus of Council was to approve the new reporting system that Ms. Brown proposed.

A copy of the Building Department Report was included in the Council agenda packets.

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Agreement: An agreement between the Town of Moncks Corner and Trident Health Center for the provision of sports medicine services.

Guy Walker, Sports Medicine Supervisor of Trident Sports Medicine went over information pertaining to the program.

Mayor Locklear asked that this item be tabled until the Town Attorney has an opportunity to review the agreement. He thanked Mr. Walker for his presentation.

Agreement: Automatic Aid Agreement with Moncks Corner Rural Fire Department.

Chief Miller explained that this agreement is basically the same as the one the Town has with Whitesville Fire Department. He recommended approval of the Automatic Aid Agreement with Moncks Corner Rural Fire Department.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perdue and approved unanimously to enter into an Automatic Aid Agreement with Moncks Corner Rural Fire Department.

First Reading By Title Only: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Parks and Recreation, Section 22-1,(b),(3) of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, pertaining to discounts for recreation fees.

Recreation Director Ralph Jones explained that we currently allow a \$5.00 discount per family for families with two or more children. We would like to discount recreation fees by an amount not to exceed \$5.00 per child for families with two or more applicants in a given activity. This discount is for immediate family members only.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and was seconded by Councilwoman Perdue to approve the above referenced ordinance. Motion was unanimously approved.

Proclamations:

- Child Abuse Month, April, 2015 - Mayor Locklear presented this Proclamation to Ms. Jane Pulling during the Finance Meeting.
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield Support of the Charleston Southern University Nursing Program. Mayor Locklear asked Councilwoman Laura Perdue read this Proclamation to the audience since she is in the profession of nursing.
- Shatter the Silence; Stop the Violence Day, April 26, 2015. Mayor Locklear read this Proclamation to the public.

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Public Input:

Patricia Whaley requested a debate between the two Mayor Candidates. Mayor Locklear responded that he did not have a problem with a debate but did not want this done at any cost to the Town. Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis added that debates are normally put on by a group. Dan Brown added that he was planning to do an election preview in the Berkeley Independent the Wednesday before the election. The election preview will consist of a series of questions that will be presented to each candidate to answer. The election preview will be feature on the front page of the Berkeley Independent. He invited anyone who wanted to provide questions for the candidates to send them to him via e-mail.

Barbara Quinn of First St. Johns Subdivision expressed concerns of excessive parking of tractor trailers in the Big Lots parking lot. She asked Council to address this issue. Administrator Windham explained that the Big Lots property is zoned for commercial activity and the trucks are allowed to park there overnight. He added that he will look into possible changes to the Zoning Ordinance to prohibit this.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Locklear reported that the Foxbank Fire Station is still in limbo. There are a lot of issues to be addressed, but they are continuing to work on it. Administrator Windham is still working on the condemnation issues with the Highway 17-A and Highway 6 Project. The Council agendas and budgets are now on the Town's website for the public view. Public Service Director Svagerko is hard at work on updating the landscape and the appearance of the entrance sign on Highway 52. Mayor Locklear reported that he has had an open door policy since he took over in January, 2015. He invited anyone who has questions or concerns to come by and see him or Administrator Windham.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries, or other businesses in the area served by the Town; or discussions of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claim, or the position of the Town in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the Town of a claim.

- Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters.

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Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. Motion to approve was unanimous.

Out of Executive Session:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to go out of executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. Motion was approved unanimously.

Reconvene to the Regular Meeting:

Motion was made to reconvene to the regular meeting of Council by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Locklear had nothing to report out of executive session.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

A copy of this meeting's agenda was e-mailed to the Post and Courier, The Berkeley Independent, Channel 4 and Agenda Depository. As required, the agenda was posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Minutes Approved and Adopted:

Marilyn M. Baker/Clerk-Treasurer

April 21, 2015
DATE