

**TOWN OF MONCK'S CORNER
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015**

Present: Mayor Michael A. Locklear

Council Members: Mayor Pro-Tem David A. Dennis, Jr.
Charlotte A. Cruppenink Laura M. Perdue
Dr. Tonia Aiken-Taylor

Staff

Present: Cam West, Attorney of West Law Firm
Marilyn M. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer
Lisa M. Hancock, Accountant
Chad Caldwell, Police Chief
Mark Murray, Police Captain
Mark Fields, Lt. Police Department
Michael Roach, Lt. Police Department
Bobby Gass, Captain of Fire Department
Corey Denny, Fire Engineer
Jonathan Dennis, Fire Fighter
Joshua Craven, Fire Fighter
Ralph Jones, Recreation Director
Butch Svagerko, Public Service Director
Alison Simmons, Planner
Rebecca N. Brown, Chief Building Official

Absent: Johna T. Bilton, Council Member
Roland Windham, Interim Town Administrator
John West, Town Attorney
David A. Miller, Chief
Jessica Morgan, Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of Town Council was called to order by Mayor Locklear at 6:07 p.m.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by John Jenkins, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Special Recognition: Employee of the Quarter

Mayor Locklear presented Thelma Lewis with a plaque as the Employee of the Quarter. Mayor Locklear and Town Council Members expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Lewis for her service to the Town of Moncks Corner.

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Proclamation:

Firefighter Appreciation Day, June 3, 2015
Mayor Locklear read the Proclamation designating June 3, 2015 as Firefighter Appreciation Day in the Town of Moncks Corner. Fire Captain Bobby Gass, Fire Engineer Corey Denny, Firefighter Joshua Craven and Firefighter Jonathan Dennis were in attendance and accepted the Proclamation. Mayor Locklear and Town Council Members expressed their appreciation to the Firefighters for their service to the Town of Moncks Corner.

Approval of Minutes:

Special Meeting of Tuesday, April 2, 2015:

Motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2015, was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and was unanimously approved.

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2015:

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2015, was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

Interim Administrator Windham was on vacation. Clerk-Treasurer Baker requested Council's approval to open a bank account that could be used for donations received for the Moncks Corner Playground Fund. Ralph Jones explained that a Playground Committee was formed made up of seven (7) committee members. Brad Harrop started the Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to seek donations through brick sales, plaques and etc. to build a nice large playground structure at the Moncks Corner Regional Recreation Complex. The Committee meets once a month at Berkeley High School. This bank account will be account specific for this purpose. The goal is to collect between \$100,000 - \$150,000 to fund the project.

Motion was made by Councilman Dennis to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Laura Perdue and unanimously approved.

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

Police Department:

Chief Caldwell updated Council on the shooting involving Berkeley County Sheriff's Lt. Will Rogers. The shooting took place within the corporate limits of the Town of

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Moncks Corner at the Kangaroo at Cypress Gardens Road and Highway 52. SLED was called in to be the lead investigators due to the complexity of the case. SLED has been working on the case with the Police Department along with the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department. He also reported that he had received a call from Kelly Crawford commending Police Corporal Thelma Lewis for doing an outstanding job. Chief Caldwell also reported that the Town did not win the award for the Federal Grant that he had applied for; however the Town received a high score in the process. Two other agencies received the award. He will re-apply next year.

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

Fire Department:

Chief David Miller was on vacation. Captain Bobby Gass 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 they have finally taken possession of the concession stand/press box building at the Moncks Corner Regional Recreation Complex. There are still a few minor punch list items that need to be done. The goal is to open the Complex September 12th with Travel Ball followed by Fall Ball. Mayor Locklear added that he knows of someone who would like to donate a golf cart to the Complex. Director Jones added that they are hosting a Softball and Baseball All-star Tournament this year.

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.

Planning Department:

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

Planning Commission Appointments:

Director Alison Simmons reported that she has received five applications for the vacancy on the Planning Commission. One application was disqualified because the applicant did not live within the corporate limits of the Town. She recommended that Council appoint one regular member and one alternate member to serve.

Appointment of Planning Commission Regular Member:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to appoint James C. Grady as a regular member. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perdue.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Dennis - Yes
Councilwoman Perdue - Yes
Councilwoman Cruppenink - No
Councilwoman Taylor - No
Mayor Locklear - Yes

Motion was approved by majority vote.

Appointment of Planning Commission Alternate Member:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor to appoint Ern Marcel Hodges. There was no second to the motion. The motion was not considered.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Cruppenink to appoint Tobie Ruth Mixon as an alternate member. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Taylor - No
Councilwoman Cruppenink - Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis - Yes
Councilwoman Perdue - Yes

Motion was approved by majority vote.

Building Department:

Chief Building Official Rebecca Brown pointed out that the Building Department is booming right now. Building Permit revenues are at 132%. Plan Review revenue is at 172%. Inspection Fee revenues are at 129%. She had nothing else to add.

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

Public Input:

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Locklear appointed the following Councilmembers to serve as Chairpersons of the following departments:

Administration - Mayor Locklear
Fire Department - Councilwoman Johna Bilton
Municipal Court - Councilwoman Dr. Tonia Taylor
Planning Department - Charlotte Cruppenink
Police Department - Mayor Pro-tem David Dennis, Jr.
Public Service Department - Mayor Pro-Tem David Dennis, Jr.

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Recreation Department - Councilwoman Laura Perdue
Building Department - Vacant Council Seat

Councilwoman Charlotte Cruppenink expressed her appreciation to those who showed interest in serving on the Planning Commission. She congratulated those who were appointed to serve.

Mayor Locklear also expressed his appreciation to those who have shown so much interest in the Town. He stated that in his 12 years of service, he had not seen so many people interested in serving on the Planning Commission and so many candidates run at one time for the vacancy of one Town Council seat.

Mayor Locklear wanted to publicly express his appreciation to the Town and Village Garden Club for their assistance in planting the flower pots on Main Street. This is their 4th year assisting the Public Service Department. Their service is greatly appreciated.

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

Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cruppenink. 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 Cruppenink and was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 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

June 16, 2015
DATE