

**TOWN OF MONCKS CORNER
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016**

Present: Mayor Michael A. Locklear

Council Members: Mayor Pro-Tem David A. Dennis, Jr.
Johna T. Bilton Charlotte A. Cruppenink
James N. Law, Jr. Chadwick D. Sweatman
Dr. Tonia A. Taylor

Staff

Present: Jeffrey V. Lord, Town Administrator
Marilyn M. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer
John S. West, Attorney
Lisa M. Hancock, Accountant
Jessica Morgan, Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk
Ehrichs B. Ollic, Police Chief
Mark Fields, Police Captain
Michael Roach, Police Lieutenant
David A. Miller, Fire Chief
Ralph Jones, Recreation Director
Sara Anderson, Events Coordinator
Butch Svagerko, Public Service Director
Doug Polen, Planning Director
Chance Price, Chief Building Official

Absent: Robert E. Watson, Administrative Judge

Call to Order:

Mayor Locklear called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Dr. Tonia A. Taylor. Pastor Timothy Scoonover of the Moncks Corner Presbyterian Church was unable to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Presentations:

Berkeley County School Superintendent Brenda Blackburn and Deputy Superintendent Archie Franchini

Berkeley County School Superintendent Brenda Blackburn and Deputy Superintendent Archie Franchini expressed their appreciation to the Town of Moncks Corner for allowing the School District to utilize the Moncks Corner Regional Recreation Complex to hold the First Annual One Berkeley Goes Back To School Festival. They presented Mayor

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Locklear with a Certificate of Appreciation and showed a video of the event. Mayor Locklear and Town Council thanked Superintendent Blackburn and Deputy Superintendent Franchini for allowing the Town to partner with them in this wonderful community outreach program.

Jackson Wallace:

Mayor Locklear introduced Jackson Wallace. Jackson is a 7 year old extraordinary young man who learned to recite all 44 Presidents of the United States. Jackson recited each President to the audience. Mayor Locklear thanked him for attending the meeting and reciting the Presidents to everyone.

Appointment: Moncks Corner Public Works Commission

Mayor Locklear announced that Michael Harrelson of the Moncks Corner Public Works Commission moved out of the Town Limits. As a result he resigned as an Officer of the Public Works Commission in August, 2016. He explained that State law requires that the Mayor and Council appoint another to fill his unexpired term that will expire on December 31, 2021. At the monthly meeting held on Thursday, September 8, 2016, Chairman Staley and Commissioner Varner made a motion to recommend Jamie Grady to fill the vacancy.

Motion was made by Councilman Law to accept the recommendation of the Commission of Public Works and appoint Jamie Grady to fill the unexpired term held by Michael Harrelson. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, August 16, 2016:

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman and was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration:

Mayor Locklear had nothing to add.

Administrator Lord reported that the Town's Computer Technology Contract is up for renewal. He will be sending out an RFP in the near future.

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

Municipal Court:

Councilwoman Taylor had nothing to add.

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Administrative Judge Robert Watson was absent from the meeting.

Police Department:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis had nothing to add.

Chief Rick Ollic reported that Valarie Lowndes will be processing the narcotic seizures for the Town.

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

Fire Department:

Councilwoman Bilton had nothing to add.

Chief David Miller had nothing to add.

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

Recreation Department:

Councilman Law reported that there were 373 participants in fall sports.

Director Ralph Jones reported that they had 75 attend the Playground dedication at the Recreation Complex. There were approximately 55 who participated in the Community Work Day spreading mulch. He expressed his appreciation to those who assisted with the workday. He also expressed his appreciation to the Southard Brothers for their donation of installing the playground equipment and landscaping.

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

Public Service Department:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis had nothing to add.

Public Service Director Butch Svagerko had nothing to add.

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

Planning Department:

Councilwoman Cruppenink had nothing to add.

Director Doug Polen reported that the Charette is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th. Tripp Muldrow is the project manager for the Downtown Charette. The team will begin that Tuesday morning and there will be a public meeting on Tuesday evening. A preliminary final presentation will be given to the Council and the public on Thursday evening with a full written report following in January.

A copy of the Planning Department Report was included in

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the Council agenda packets.

Building Department:

Councilman Sweatman had nothing to add.

Chief Building Official Chance Price had nothing to add.

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

Resolution: 2016-05R

Committing the Town of Moncks Corner to provide a local match for a Municipal Association of SC Hometown Economic Development Grant.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis adopt a Resolution to provide local match for a Municipal Association of SC Hometown Economic Development Grant. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman and unanimously approved.

Memorandum of Understanding: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Police Chief Ollic reported that State Attorney General Allen Wilson invited our agency to become affiliated with the SC Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). This will not cost the Moncks Corner Police Department any manpower resources. More importantly the Task Force stands as a guardian for children of South Carolina by locating, investigating and apprehending internet predators.

Motion was made by Councilman Law to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cruppenink and unanimously approved.

Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2016-13

An Ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a General Operating Budget, Special Revenue Budget, Debt Service Budget and Capital Projects Fund Budget for the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017.

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor to adopt a general operating budget, special revenue budget, debt service budget and capital projects fund budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman and unanimously approved.

Public Input:

Don Parker of 250 Devonshire Drive, Foxbank Plantation, asked what the status was on the Foxbank Fire Station. Mayor Locklear responded that the Town is waiting on the Developer to get his permit so he can deed the land over to

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the Town of Moncks Corner. We cannot move forward until that process is finished. He encouraged Mr. Parker to speak with the Town Administrator after the meeting so he can give him more detail.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Locklear thanked Jason and Lee Southard on the work they did on the Playground at the Recreation Complex. Their donation was approximately \$20,000 in manpower. He encouraged everyone to personally thank them when they see them.

The widening project at the intersection of Highway 6 and 17-A has begun. One of the Oak Trees at that intersection on the Piggly Wiggly property was donated for the Playground. The Southard Brothers moved the tree from the intersection to the Playground. The tree has about a 75% chance to make it.

Construction on the Farmer's Market will begin next week. Once completed, the Farmer's Market can be rented for parties and other events.

The Town purchased the property at 309, 311 and 313 East Main Street. The buildings on these properties will be demolished soon. This property will eventually become additional green space on Main Street and will tie in with the Unity Park. It is part of the Downtown Master Plan.

"Movies Under The Stars" will be held this Friday night. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at dark.

Mayor Locklear recognized Mrs. Paige Austell's Government class. He thanked them for attending.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sweatman and unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 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

September 20, 2016
DATE