

February 19, 2013

The regular meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied:

Present were: Carl Smith, Mayor
Mike Perkis, Mayor Pro Tem
Hartley Cooper, Councilwoman
Jerry Kaynard, Councilman
Madeleine McGee, Councilwoman
Patrick O'Neil, Councilman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

Before Mayor Smith began the meeting, Councilwoman Watson introduced several of her first grade students, who sang the Star Spangled Banner, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilwoman Watson closed with a prayer.

Mayor Smith administered the oath of office to Police Reserve Officer Jeff Madden.

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment.

Mark Howard, 1820 Central Avenue, questioned if the item on the agenda concerning the sale of real property was for the old Town Hall property at 1610 Middle Street. Councilman O'Neil stated that was correct and the structure is on the historic list.

Administrator Benke introduced Tyrone Addison and Tommy Pruitt from Force Protection General Dynamics; Steve Dykes and Merle Johnson from Charleston County; and Barbara Neale from DHEC/OCRM. Tommy Pruitt, Manager for communications and marketing for the Force Protection business unit of General Dynamics Land Division, gave a brief presentation regarding the testing of the military vehicle in the coastal waters. The test will be conducted no earlier than February 20 and completed no later than April 20, 2013.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 22, 2013, carried unanimously.

II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Kaynard, to defer First Reading of Ordinance No. 2013-02, An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-20 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding attached structures, carried unanimously.

2. Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis, to defer First Reading of Ordinance No. 2013-03, An Ordinance for the Sale of Town Owned Real Property in the Town of Sullivan's Island, carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

General and New Correspondence – Correspondence was received from John Winchester regarding the sewer plant; Bill Dunleavy regarding St. Patrick's Day; and Susan Middaugh regarding clarification of zoning ordinance sections.

Attorney Report - Attorney Dodds reported he had a request for a fee simple title for 2672 Goldbug Avenue. **Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson to approve the request for a fee simple title for 2672 Goldbug, carried unanimously.**

Boards and Commissions – Susan Middaugh submitted a letter, as noted earlier, and asked that it be forwarded to the Design Review Board and the Planning Commission for input.

Administrator's Report, Mayor Smith.

Civil Action 2012-CP-10-6830 Martha Smith et al. vs. Town of Sullivan's Island. The attorneys have made their presentation and the opposition filed a reply brief today that the Town may reply to also. The Judge will make a ruling on the motion but there is no time frame for the decision.

Special Event Requests –St. Patrick's Day Dunleavy's Pub has presented a request for St. Patrick's Day weekend, and High Thyme has presented a request for March 16, 2013. Middle Street at Station 22-1/2 thru Station 22 will be closed to traffic on Saturday, March 16th from 10am – 8pm. There will be no closure on Sunday, March 17, 2013. On that day barricades will be placed in front of the Dunleavy property to keep people from going into the street. The Fire and Police chiefs will coordinate the barricades placement.

Council Retreat 2013 – Town Council will meet for its annual retreat at Town Hall on March 2, 2013 from 9am – noon.

Ways and Means Committee, Councilman Perkis. Monthly report rendered. Councilman Perkis reported that revenue is strong and expenses are in-line. The year-to-date financial statement will be presented at the March Retreat.

Personnel Committee, Councilman Kaynard. Monthly report rendered. Councilman Kaynard reported the Interview Committee for the zoning administrator position will be conducting interviews beginning in early March. Mike Crow, operator for Water and Sewer department, has resigned. The Beach Services Officer position has been advertised. The Boards and Commissions applications will be discussed in executive session.

Water and Sewer Committee, Councilman Perkis. Monthly reports rendered.

Middle Street Waterline Project –The final tie-in was this week. The sidewalk will be poured starting tomorrow, and then the area will be re-seeded.

Water and Sewer Committee Meeting – The Water and Sewer Committee met on January 25, 2013 to discuss water and sewer capital projects that will be discussed at the Retreat.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Violation – Manager Greg Gress reported on the effluent violation on February 13, 2013. He stated there was no sewage spill as stated in the newspaper; it was an effluent violation. He explained that three components caused the violation: I&I flow, high solids, and oxidation ditch. Two components overflowed the clarifier and the treated effluent spilled over. The sewage spill language came from those at DHEC involved with shellfish, and they used an arbitrary number for bacteria which was much higher than the actual number. The number was actually within the limits to keep the shellfish beds open.

Ongoing Project Review – Mr. Gress will discuss the progress of the commercial district overlay district wastewater study and the wastewater treatment plant re-rating study at the Retreat.

Building and Construction Committee, Councilwoman Cooper. Monthly report rendered.

Town Hall - Councilwoman Cooper reported she will set up a meeting with the ad hoc committee for Town Hall before the RFQ's are received.

SIES School Construction Project – The Cummings McCrady website provides information on the school updates.

Fire Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Chief Stith reported the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Oyster Roast on February 9th was a major success with 48,000 pounds of oysters being consumed, and the demand surpassed that amount.

Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Watson. The Recreation Committee will meet on February 25, 2013 at 4:00 pm to continue planning the St. Patrick's Day Celebration for children at Stith Park on March 16, 2013. The Park Foundation will submit a Special Event Request this week to have their annual fundraiser on April 13, 2013 at the Mound.

Real Estate Committee, Councilman O'Neil.

Town Hall – This project will now be moved to the Building and Construction Committee.

Accreted Land Management Plan – nothing new to report.

Planning Commission Review of Comprehensive Plan – The Planning Commission continues its review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Station 16 Street Urban Greenbelt Project – Consultant Jeff Jackson will present renderings at the March Committee meeting.

Police Committee, Mayor Smith. Monthly report rendered. Police Reserve Officer Jeff Madden took the oath of office tonight. St. Patrick's activities were discussed earlier in the evening.

Streets and Maintenance Committee, Councilwoman McGee. No new business to report.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman Watson, to go into Executive Session for Personnel: BZA and Planning Commission appointments, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Perkis to come out of Executive Session, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Kaynard, seconded by Councilwoman McGee, to appoint Summer Eudy to the Board of Zoning Appeals vacancy, and Carl Hubbard to the Planning Commission vacancy, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman Kaynard to adjourn at 8:10 pm, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Miller