

May 15, 2012

A Special Meeting and Public Hearing for Second Reading of the fiscal year 2013 budget for the Town of Sullivan's Island was held on the above date at Town Hall at 6:00 p.m., 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
Pat O'Neil, Councilman
Mary Jane Watson, Councilwoman

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and stated the public and press were duly notified according to state law. The purpose of the meeting was for a public hearing and second reading of the fiscal year 2013 budget for The Town of Sullivan's Island.

Before the public hearing of the budget, Mayor Smith stated SGM(R) John C. Evans, Jr., S.C. Army National Guard, and President of the Marion Marauders Society of Mount Pleasant, SC was in the audience to make a presentation to the Town. He explained a brief history of the Marion Marauders Society, which now refers to itself as a MWR – moral, welfare and recreational arm of the military. When the National Guard unit stationed in Mt. Pleasant received orders to the Mideast last July, the Mayors of five East Cooper municipalities agreed to a proclamation in November as "We Care Day." The July mission was cancelled, but a new mission was received in January 2012. The family day was held with food and games for the families, and Mayor Smith presented the proclamation to the troops. The unit was deployed on January 30, 2012 and is now at Camp Buren, Kuwait.

He then presented Mayor Smith with a Certificate of Appreciation from S.C. Army National Guard C CO 4-118th IN to the Town of Sullivan's Island for its support toward the Family Day activities before the troops went to their mission. He also presented the designation of "Society Partner" to the Town from the Marion Marauders Society in recognition of the Town's support and contributions toward the successful completion of the goals and missions of the Society. He continued that a duplicate guidon of the unit will be temporarily placed in each of the five municipalities. He will deliver it to the Town on November 12, 2012 and it will be displayed at Town Hall until January 11, 2013.

After the presentation, Mayor Smith called the meeting to order for the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilman O'Neil, to have Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2012-04, An Ordinance to Adopt the Budget for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Councilman Perkis gave an overview of the budget for the Town as well as the Water & Sewer budget. The Town operating budget revenues assume a 0.9 mill increase (3.2% which is the CPI); approximately about \$45 per household, as well as a CPI increase on fees and licenses effective July 1, 2012. On the water and sewer budget, the water rates were changed to reflect all users to have a 3.4% increase. The rate modeling previously used allowed an increase to the average customer; but the customers that were heavy users actually had a decrease. Funds are being allocated toward the infrastructure - such as for inflow and infiltration; and toward a capital improvement fund.

After answering two questions from the audience, the **motion passed unanimously.**

Motion was made by Councilman Perkis, seconded by Councilwoman Cooper, to adjourn at 6:20 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Miller