

May 16, 2017

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

Present were: Patrick M. O’Neil, Mayor  
Sarah Church, Councilmember  
Mark Howard, Councilmember  
Rita Langley, Councilmember  
Susan Middaugh, Councilmember  
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember

Mayor O’Neil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated the press and public had been notified in accordance with State Law. There were approximately 30 members in the audience, and three members of the media. Mayor O’Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Councilmember Howard.

I. **FORMAT:** Mayor O’Neil opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments.

II. **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval of Council Minutes –**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Middaugh, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2017, carried unanimously.**

2. **A Resolution Recognizing and Commending Wesley Lear for Heroic Action Which Saved the Life of Rhiannon Scarpa was approved.** Mayor O’Neil presented Wesley Lear with the Resolution plaque and thanked him for his kind action. Mr. Lear received a standing ovation.

3. **Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Church, to have Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2017-01, An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Regulations Regarding the Historic Design Review Process when Granting Certifications of Appropriateness: Sections 21-97 C. (5) “Criteria for Certificates of Appropriateness”, carried unanimously.**

4. **Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to have First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance No. 2017-02, An Ordinance to Adopt the Water and Sewer Utility Budget for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, carried unanimously.**
5. **Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to have First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance No. 2017-03, An Ordinance to Adopt Budget for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, carried unanimously.**
6. **Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve a Fee Simple Title Request by Alexandra D. Varner Regarding Lot 301 ½, carried unanimously.**

**III. PRESENTATION:** Wes McAden with Meducare Air presented to Council information regarding the AirMedCare Network. Meducare Air is a participating provider in the AirMedCare Network, the largest air ambulance membership network in the United States. AirMedCare Network participating providers have more than 245 air medical bases across 32 states, providing air ambulance services for residents who suffer a life- or limb- threatening illness or injury. This membership program is in the budget for FY18. Sullivan’s Island residents may also take advantage of upgrading to a full AirMedCare Network Membership to gain full coverage with no pickup location or insurance coverage restrictions.

**IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:**

**1. Administrator’s Report**

General Correspondence-

- A. Request for Distribution to Victims of Crimes
  1. MUSC National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, Alyssa Reingold, Ph.D. and Dean G. Kilpatrick, Ph.D.- request for funding.
  2. People Against Rape, Janie Lauve, Executive Director- request for funding.
- B. Susan O’Malley, 2901 Brownell Avenue- Praised the Town’s Law Enforcement presence during the Memorial Day holiday weekend.
- C. Warren Halvorson- Note of appreciation to Sullivan’s Island Fire Department for assistance provided during a family medical situation.
- D. Richard Graham, 2102 I’On Avenue- Request for amendments to various sections of the Zoning Ordinance related to coffee shops and parking.

- E. FBI Special Agent Matt Pinto- Request to use Battery Capron and Butler for FBI SWAT training operations using FBI Blackhawk Tactical Helicopter Tuesday 7-11-17 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- F. Town Hall and Police Station Building- The Architect and Contractor continue to work through the punch list for the inside and outside of the building. Balance to completion including retainage is \$42,725.14.

The final main punch list item for resolution is: (1) air flow and air temperature in I.T. room.

Resignations and Open Positions:

- 1. Water and Sewer- One open position filled and recruiting for a second open licensed operator.
- 2. Police Department- Recruiting for one patrol officer and Committee established for Police Chief search.

2017 Legislative Session- Highlights and key legislation passed:

- 1. Continuing budget resolution- allows House and Senate to continue to work out differences in the two versions of the State budget.
- 2. H3352- changes to the Freedom of Information Act
- 3. H3516- increases to certain fees and taxes to pay for highway and road repair and maintenance
- 4. H3150- no change to municipal elections
- 5. H3726- employer contribution increase to the SCRS and PORS

Boards and Commissions- Seats Expiring in September

- 1. Planning Commission (3 years)- Sydney Cook, Hal Currey, Carl Hubbard, Gary Visser.
- 2. Board of Zoning Appeals- No expirations
- 3. Municipal Election Commission (6 years)- Vivian Scarborough
- 4. Tree Commission (3 years)- Nat Robb
- 5. Design Review Board (3 years)- Beverly Bohan

Charleston County Transportation Committee Projects FY18- The deadline to submit a project for FY18 is June 9, 2017.

**2. Mayor's Report**- No items to report.

**3. Attorney's Report** – No items to report.

#### **4. Boards and Commissions Reports –**

Planning Commission- Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson gave Council a brief update relating to the Planning Commission. A public hearing was held on May 10, 2017 relating to the Standards for Elevation of Historic Structures. This will be up for First Reading, by Title Only, on June 20, 2017.

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Finance Committee** – Mayor O’Neil. Monthly report rendered.

A public hearing to review the FY18 budget will be held on June 5, 2017.

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Councilmember Middaugh. Monthly reports rendered.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

**Public Safety Committee** – Councilmember Clark on planned absence. Monthly reports rendered.

**Recreation Committee** – Councilmember Church.

Committee Minutes- **Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to approve the Recreation Committee Minutes from May 5, 2017, carried unanimously by the Committee.**

Poe Park Update- The Recreation Committee had an on-site visit with the equipment vendor from Playworld to review the site plan and placement of the new equipment.

Mound Update- **Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Middaugh, to put out an RFP to obtain pricing for the subgrade drainage pipes along the Southern side of the mound by Stith Park to control the Storm water run-off, carried unanimously.**

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center- On May 18, 2017 from 6-7 p.m., Bee Cause is scheduled to present about honey bees and the Bee Cause Project.

**Public Facilities Committee** – Councilmember Smith. Monthly report rendered.

Station 18 Pump House- The Committee met with a resident who offered to purchase a submersible pump to put into the pump house to alleviate some of the storm water issues at that location. The following tasks would need to be done before inserting the pump. (1) The Town's engineer Thomas and Hutton would need to speak with SCE&G's engineer to discuss the use of the shared force-main; (2) the pipes that connect inside the wet-well would need to be examined; and (3) the wet-well itself would need to be examined to make sure it is suitable to take and support a submersible pump.

**Land Use and Natural Resources Committee** – Councilmember Langley. Monthly report rendered.

**Administration Committee** – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to go into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss Personnel- FY2018 Staffing Adjustments, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to come out of Executive Session at 7:20 p.m., carried unanimously.** Mayor O'Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to Proceed with Budget Compensation as Suggested by Admin, carried unanimously.**

**VII. ADJOURN**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Church, to adjourn at 7:21 p.m., carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles