

November 15, 2016

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  
Chauncey Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem  
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 fifteen members in the audience, and three members of the media. Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark.

I. **FORMAT:** Mayor O'Neil opened the floor for public comment.

Tommy Knisley, 1701 Middle Street Apt. 4, took a moment to thank Council for their time and commitment and Staff for their quick response and awareness during Hurricane Matthew. Next, he questioned why the REU rate change was targeting single-family residents and stated his opposition.

Sallie Pritchard, 2830 Middle Street, also thanked Council and Staff for their service. Ms. Pritchard stated her opposition for the REU rate change and asked that her questions be answered during the Water and Sewer Committee.

Paul Boehm, 3209 Middle Street, stated he was also opposed to the REU rate change.

Angela Jones, 2068 Pon Avenue, also thanked Council and Staff for their service. Ms. Jones stated her concerns regarding the potential REU rate change and asked that more research be done to ensure fairness island wide.

Heidi Brown, 405 Station 22 Street, thanked Councilmember Middaugh for taking the time to explain the REU rate change earlier in the day. Ms. Brown stated her concern with the potential change.

Matthew Quinn, representing the owners of 1766 Iron Avenue, stated their opposition to the REU rate change.

Hal Coste, 322 Station 19 Street, requested to speak with Council about the Tree House Ordinance at a later date.

With permission from Council, Mayor O'Neil asked Councilmember Middaugh to speak regarding the Water and Sewer Committee Report.

Councilmember Middaugh gave a brief overview of the methods of the proposed REU rate change. The goal is to distribute the base charge more equitably. Along with the multi-family homes on the island, the study recommended a method for restaurants and commercial properties to pay a base rate based equivalent to how many homes they would be. This will be discussed in further detail at the December Workshop Meeting.

## **II. COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

### **1. Approval of Council Minutes –**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Church, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016, carried by a vote of 6, with Councilmember Clark abstaining.**

### **2. Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to have Second Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance No. 2016-07, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 20: Water Supply Section 20-12, Contracting Party Responsible for Water Beyond Meter, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to Amend the Motion to add language “or docks” in Section 20-12 to read: No adjustments in the water and/or sewer bill will be made for any leaks in any irrigation system, pool systems or docks, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to Approve Second Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance No. 2016-07, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 20: Water Supply Section 20-12, Contracting Party Responsible for Water Beyond Meter, as amended, carried unanimously.**

### **3. Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Middaugh, to have First Reading, by Title Only, Ordinance No. 2016-08, An Ordinance to Extend a Lease to the Battery Gadsden Cultural Center, carried unanimously.**

4. **Motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Church, to approve a Resolution for the Purchase of the Accounting, Utility Billing and Building Software, carried unanimously.**

### III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

#### 1. Administrator's Report

General and New Correspondence – No new correspondence.

Town Hall and Police Station Building-Operations for Police and Town Hall commenced in the new building on Monday 10-31-16 as scheduled. Minor adjustments continue inside the building and progress toward completion continue outside of the building. After pay application fifteen, balance to finish including retainage is \$398,957.69.

Open House and Dedication Ceremony- Possible dates for the Town Hall include:

- i. Open House: 3 to 5 p.m. on December 1, 8, or 15.
- ii. Dedication Ceremony: 4 p.m. on January 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, or 20.

Parking Plan –The South Carolina Department of Transportation has approved the proposed parking plan and encroachment permit. The contractor has signed the contract and been given the notice to proceed. Materials have been ordered. A pre-construction conference call will occur early next week.

Hurricane Matthew Debris Collection- The first pass for debris removal has been completed with approximately 2000 cubic yards of debris collected. A follow-up and final pass will be announced in order for residents to complete clean-up on their property. Equipment is currently working in areas of the County that has not received an initial collection.

South Carolina Department of Transportation Resurfacing-

1. Sanders Brothers Construction began work on approximately 6.2 miles of re-surfacing on the Island today. The total scope of work is expected to take two weeks. Equipment will be staged at Quarter Street.
2. The SCDOT will have a contract for the resurfacing of Jasper Boulevard and the Sullivan's Island side of SC703 in January 2017. Included in the scope of this project will be the widening of Jasper Boulevard from Station 30 east to the Breach Inlet Bridge for a bicycle lane. Staff will meet with Isle of Palms and SCDOT personnel later this week to discuss this project.

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center- Ordinance and Lease Agreement for First Reading on November 15, 2016.

Holiday Station Lighting Ceremony- The Fire Department will host the annual Station Lighting ceremony on Friday, December 2, 2016. Activities begin around 5:00 p.m. and include Christmas music from the Wando High School Chorus, food, and perhaps an appearance from a special visitor.

**2. Mayor's Report**- Mayor O'Neil spoke about the Fort Moultrie Quarter Launch & Coin Exchange. The event will be held on November 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Fort Moultrie (1214 Middle Street).

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

**4. Boards and Commissions Reports** – No items to report.

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

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

Committee Meeting- A Finance Committee Meeting will be held on November 21, 2016 at 9 a.m. to review the projected revenues and expenses related to capital improvement projects.

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

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Water and Sewer Landscaping Buffer Planting- **Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Langley, for Approval of tree funds for the planting of the landscape buffer at the Waste Water Treatment Facility, carried unanimously.**

New Fence for Water Utility Site at Station 17 and Middle St.- The bids will be discussed during the Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

**Public Safety Committee** – Councilmember Clark. Monthly reports rendered.

**Recreation Committee** – Councilmember Church.

**Committee Meeting Minutes- Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to Approve the Committee Minutes from October 26, 2016, carried unanimously among the Recreation Committee Members.**

**Island Club- Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Middaugh, to Approve Repairs and Improvements to the Island Club up to \$60K, carried unanimously.**

Battery Gadsden Cultural Center – On November 17, 2016 from 6-7 p.m., the Honorable Joseph Riley, Jr. will be speaking about his remarkable Lowcountry life and close ties to Sullivan’s Island at Sunrise Presbyterian Church. On December 15, 2016 from 6-7:30 p.m., Mary Alice Monroe will have a book signing as well as a Christmas themed party.

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

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

Invasive Species Program- Jeff Jackson of Lowcountry Roots explained his three (3) Phase Proposal to remove invasive species from the Accreted Land.

1. Tallow treatment- primarily of mature seed-bearing trees in the seasonal wetlands. Methods used will be hack and squirt on the larger specimens, stump application on the larger saplings, and spray on the seedlings. Chemicals used will be Habitat Aquatic Herbicide.
2. Miscellaneous removal via chemical and physical removal- target plants would include tallow, privet, china berry, lantana, elaeagnus. Methods would be hack and squirt, stump treatments, spray treatments and physical removal. Chemicals used would be Round-Up Super concentrate.
3. Wisteria treatment- The area of Chinese wisteria on Station 16 is approximately 175 feet by 240 feet, or nearly 1 acre in size. It presents a challenge due to the fact that the old granite boulder/rip rap seawall bisects the area. The Town is proposing using a gyro-trac on the portions not involving the rip rap. The area breaks down as such: 25% facing Battery Logan without rip rap, 32% involves rip rap, and final 43% without rip rap between the seawall and the forest. This portion of the work would have 3 phases: Gyro-tracing the 2 areas that do not have protruding stone, hand-cutting the wisteria to the ground in the area with stone, and then spraying in the Spring after new growth has emerged.

The total approximate cost including chemicals, tools, gyro-trac rental and labor is \$17K (\$8,600 for labor, \$1,500 for chemicals and \$7,000 for equipment).

**Motion was made by Councilmember Middaugh, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to Approve Jeff Jackson's 3 Phase Proposal for Management of Invasive Species in the Accreted Land for Approximately 17K, carried unanimously.**

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

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to go into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss timeline and contractual obligations for the 2014 ice storm grant application HMGP4166-0042, carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to come out of Executive Session at 8:09 p.m., carried unanimously. Mayor O'Neil stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.**

**VI. ADJOURN**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles