

December 19, 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
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 was one member in the audience, and two members of the media present. 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 Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2017 and the Special Council Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2017, carried unanimously.

2. **Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to have Third Reading and Ratification, Ordinance 2017-05, An Ordinance Amending Section 10-20 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island to Revise Business License Fees, carried unanimously.**

3. **There was no motion to approve Second Reading, Ordinance 2017-06, An Ordinance to Amend Sections 3-7 C. of the Ordinances for the Town of Sullivan's Island Pertaining to Dog Permits and Badges, no motion was made.**

4. **Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Howard, Authorizing Sewer Line Replacement in Areas of Poe Avenue and Florence Street, carried unanimously.**

5. **Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Langley, for Approval of Tree Fund up to \$10,000 for Improvements at Stith Park as Requested by the Tree Commission in Accordance with Z.O. Section 21-166, carried unanimously.** Councilmember Church explained the improvements include replacement of hedges along Middle Street and plantings around the bandstand as well as trimming of the trees at both Stith and Poe Park and also aeration in roots for the trees at Stith Park.
6. **Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Howard, Approving and Supporting the Town Safety Policies, carried unanimously.**
7. **Motion was made by Councilmember Langley, seconded by Councilmember Smith, Authorizing the Purchase of Parking Citation Software and Equipment with Hospitality Funds, carried unanimously.**

III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

1. Administrator's Report

General Correspondence-

- Cheryl McMurry, 2501 Atlantic Avenue- Request for more aggressive coyote population management.

Equipment Storage Building- Staff has begun investigating construction options and design for equipment storage. Anticipated time to RFP or RFB is early March/April 2018.

Post Hurricane Irma Update-

1. The FEMA debris contractor has completed operations on Sullivan's Island with exceptions of marine debris stored at the boat landing and SCDOT R-O-W on the causeway.
2. Beach Path Erosion- The Town may want to consider re-nourishment of eroded beach path sand for the Station 29 and 31 Street beach paths.

Resignation- Samuel Stith/Maintenance Department has tendered his resignation effective December 8, 2017.

DHEC State Beachfront Jurisdictional Lines- Applied Technology Management has reviewed the proposed jurisdiction lines at Breach Inlet and the Central Reach of Sullivan's Island and has prepared an appeal notice to DHEC on behalf of the Town.

Stormwater Management-

1. South Carolina Emergency Management Division: The Town Attorney and Administrator are currently reviewing the design contract from Thomas and Hutton for FEMA Phase 1 of HMGP Application 4241-0049-121 for stormwater improvement in the amount of \$99,459.
2. South Carolina Department of Transportation- The SCDOT is currently installing stormwater infrastructure on Station 22 Street between I'On Avenue and Pettigrew Street.

2018 Park and Recreation Development Funding- The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission has distributed the FY2018 funding request. Submissions are due by January 4, 2018. Staff recommends replacing the bench and portion of sidewalk in Stith Park near the bandstand.

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

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.

Comptroller Blanton presented the November Financial Report. The Town has received approximately 60% of the revenue budgeted for building permit revenue in the first four months of this fiscal year. During November, the Town received \$24,000 from FEMA for the reimbursement of expenses related to debris removal from Hurricane Matthew. At the first of the year, staff will begin working with FEMA for reimbursement of expenses related to Hurricane Irma. The Sewer Fund has received reimbursement for the engineering studies for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. As of November 30th, the Town has received over \$58,000.

During the month of November, two police vehicles were replaced. The vehicles were planned replacements. The cost of the vehicles was approximately \$80,000. The cost for electricity for the Town Hall/Police Station is more than expected. We believe it has some to do with the lights, but mostly because of the need to keep the temperature inside Town Hall level. All other expenses appear to be as expected at this time.

Administration Committee – Councilmember Reese absent. Monthly report rendered.

Water and Sewer Committee – Councilmember Smith. Monthly reports rendered.

Committee Meeting – The next Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

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

Recreation Committee – Councilmember Church.

Moultrieville Bicentennial- December 16, 1817- Battery Gadsden commemoration at Fort Moultrie

2018 Farmers Market- The 2018 Farmers Market season will be April 12-June 28 from 2:30-6:30 p.m.

Public Facilities Committee – Councilmember Howard. Monthly report rendered.

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

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to receive Legal Advice from the Town Attorney regarding review of litigation of Lasso v. Town of Sullivan’s Island 2016-CP-10-6404, carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Church, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to come out of Executive Session at 6:58 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 Smith, seconded by Councilmember Langley, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles