

Wiley Johnson, Mayor

*Council Members:*

Bob Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Walter Bailey  
Aaron Brown  
Christine Czarnik  
Kima Garten-Schmidt  
William McIntosh



*Town Administrator*  
Colin L. Martin

*Town Clerk*  
Beth Messervy

*Town Attorney*  
G.W. Parker

Town of Summerville  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
April 11, 2019

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jackson and Councilmembers Aaron Brown, Walter Bailey, Christine Czarnik, Kima Garten-Schmidt, and Bill McIntosh. Mayor Johnson was absent. A quorum was present. Town Administrator Colin Martin, Town Clerk Beth Messervy, and Town Attorney G.W. Parker were also present. Public and press were duly notified.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019 by Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jackson. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rabbi Rosenbaum, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Christine Czarnik.

**MISS SUMMERVILLE 2019**

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jackson welcomed the newly crowned Miss Summerville 2019, Brittney Evans, and congratulated her on representing the Town with her new title.

**PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION**

A proclamation for Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance was read aloud and presented to The Charleston Jewish Federation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were accepted into record.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to approved the combined minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning and Development Committee, Public Safety Committee, Public Works Committee, and Finance Committee meetings from April 11, 2019. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were accepted into record.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS- Items on April 11, 2019 Council Agenda**

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jackson called for any comments from the public related to items on the Town Council April 11, 2019 agenda.

Jane Orenstein, identifying herself as the Chairperson of the Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Committee, stated that while she personally is not against the Summerville-Dorchester Museum, she does not support the current Board and the way that they run the business.

Kristine Schaffer stated that she has volunteered for the Museum and has tried to help the Summerville-Dorchester Museum before. She urged Council to help the Museum by giving them advice in the business aspect.

Dr. Ed West, a volunteer historian with the Summerville-Dorchester Museum, informed Council that the museum needs up-front money in order to continue to keep its doors open. He stated that the museum cannot afford to do any large fundraising events.

Jim Grate, President of the Summerville-Dorchester Museum Board, addressed Ms. Orenstein's concerns about administrative structure and a budget. He also stated that the Museum did turn in an application in 2017 for 2018 HTAX funds; he explained that Town staff told the Museum that they had to hold the application for the next funding cycle, but staff never submitted it for 2019 funds. He also gave a brief history of the actions of the Museum since he joined the Board.

Adrianna Barkey, Board member for the Summerville-Dorchester Museum, informed Council that the current Board is not responsible for the financial trouble that the museum is in. She listed a variety of programs that the Museum offers, and stated that the Museum is working hard to keep its doors open. She also stated that she is looking for corporate sponsors.

Ella Bennett, volunteer coordinator for the Museum, stated that the museum Boards in the past were not properly trained on how to run a museum. She also stated that the Town should support the museum.

Pat, the Volunteer Coordinator and Board Member of the Summerville-Dorchester Museum, stated that the Museum is staying open because of the volunteers that work there. She urged Council to visit the Museum.

Teresa Burditt, a paid staff member of the Summerville-Dorchester Museum, stated that people do not know that the Museum is available to visit. She also stated that the volunteers work hard to keep the museum up to date.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jackson closed this part of the meeting.

### **PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Town Attorney G.W. Parker gave an update on the Hoover v. Town of Summerville lawsuit and stated that consideration of a quit claim deed to Hoover Summerville, LLC was moot at this point in time. Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to postpone the second and final reading of an ordinance to grant a quit claim deed to Hoover Summerville, LLC for an unopened portion of Gum Street Extension, preserving unto the Town a perpetual easement for drainage and public utilities until the May Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to give first reading to an ordinance to rezone TMS # 145-00-00-014, at Gahagan Road and Garbon Road, approximately 2.15 acres, and owned by Wesley R. Cherry from PUD, Planning Development District, to R-3 Single Family Residential (attached buildings). The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to give first reading to an ordinance to establish the standards for the placement of small wireless facilities in covered areas in the Town of Summerville, and for other purposes. Some discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Ms. Czarnik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to table the consideration of an application from the Summerville Dorchester Museum for Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax funds until the May Council meeting. Mr. Brown stated that Council needs more time for consideration. Mr. McIntosh agreed with Mr. Brown and stated that using HTAX funds for operational expenses is not what the Town has done in the past. Ms. Czarnik expressed her appreciation for Council considering the application. Mr. Bailey stated that the Town could not fund the operational expenses to keep the museum open. The idea of one large event for fundraising was suggested. The motion to postpone carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for Stormwater Management Services with Dorchester County. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to accept the revised Town of Summerville Organizational Chart. Town Administrator Colin Martin explained the changes made since March 2017. Some discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT (Open):**

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Jackson called for any comments from the public. There being none, this part of the meeting was closed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Town Attorney G.W. Parker stated that the legal matter related to Croft, et al v. Town of Summerville, et al did not need further discussion in Executive Session, and that no action was needed of Council. Therefore, Council did not enter into Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59p.m. on motion of Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Respectfully submitted:

APPROVED:

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Beth Messervy, Town Clerk

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William W. Johnson, Mayor

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