

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
May 9, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Wiley Johnson, Councilmembers Christine Czarnik, Aaron Brown, and Bill McIntosh. Councilmembers Walter Bailey, Kima Garten-Schmidt, and Bob Jackson were 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, May 9, 2019 by Mayor Johnson. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Deacon McClellan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Charlie Barrineau with the Municipal Association of South Carolina presented Council with an award for all members of council completing the Municipal Elected Officials Institute courses for the second year in a row.

2018 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

David Irwin with Mauldin and Jenkins presented the findings of the annual financial audit. He reported that the Town had a clean and unmodified audit and that there were no audit findings this year. He reviewed the audit report with Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were accepted into record. Mayor Johnson abstained from the vote, as he was not present at that meeting.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to approve the combined minutes of the Planning and Development Committee and the Finance Committee minutes from May 6, 2019. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were accepted into record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Items on May 9, 2019 Council Agenda

Mayor Johnson called for any comments from the public related to items on the Town Council May 9, 2019 agenda.

Jane Orenstein stated that a big fundraiser is what the Summerville-Dorchester Museum needs to do in order to raise money to keep them open. She suggested “Open House Summerville,” including house and church tours.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed this part of the meeting.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to approve on 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. Some discussion followed regarding the timeline of the court case that relates to the proposed ordinance. Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to postpone the second reading to the June Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Czarnik made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to approve on second and final reading of 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, Planned Development District, to R-3, Single Family Residential (attached buildings). The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Czarnik made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to approve on second and final reading of an ordinance to establish the standards for the placement of small wireless facilities in covered areas in the Town of Summerville. Russ Cornette, the Town Engineer, reported that the Town has not received any applications thus far to install a small cell wireless facility. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve on second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 32, Zoning, Article V, Special Use Permits, to add Section 32-213 Conditional Use Permits – Halfway Houses, of the Town of Summerville Code of Ordinances as amended during first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the PUD for Palmetto Place, owned by NVR, Inc., located off of Gahagan Road and Grand Palm Lane. Amendments include but may not be limited to the following: allow model

homes which may be used as a sales office for the marketing and sales of the townhome units. Parcels affected by this request include: TMS# 379-00-00-300 through 379-00-00-365, 379-00-00-065, and 379-00-00-171 through 379-00-00-189, approximately 18.77 acres. (Council District 3). The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to appoint William Salisbury to the Town of Summerville Grievance Committee to replace Doremus Alston, who no longer works for the Town. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to approve the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Mayor Johnson stated that his answers regarding the Charleston Trident Urban League. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to substitute the Summerville Dorchester Museum's application for 2019 funds with their application for 2018 funds and to approve \$22,250 be distributed to the Museum. Some discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Johnson asked the Town Administrator and Town Attorney to look at the lease agreement between the Town of Summerville and the Summerville-Dorchester Museum in regards to who is responsible for the upkeep of the exterior of the building. Mayor Johnson stated that he would like the Town to make any exterior repairs if necessary. Mr. McIntosh stated that he joins in the Mayor's request.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Open):

Mayor Johnson called for any comments from the public.

Bob Mendes with the Jazzcape Junior Jazz Foundation reported that the organization would be hosting free lessons with free instruments to underserved children at the Rollins Edwards Community Center.

Adrian Kwist spoke against the plans for the house at 211 West Richardson Avenue to be converted into office space. He stated that there should be a public hearing for this type of change. He also proposed that the developer look at the old automobile dealership on Main Street near the Highway 78 intersection.

John Nicholas Hayes stated that he would like Council to enact an anti-bribery ordinance as provided by South Carolina state law. He detailed his experiences with bribery.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Town Attorney G.W. Parker explained the topics to be discussed in Executive Session: legal matter related to right of way condemnation process for North Maple Street project; personnel matter related to actions of appointed officials and elected officials.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Czarnik, to enter into Executive Session at 6:49pm. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council reconvened at 8:04pm in Chambers. Town Attorney GW Parker explained that no action was taken on legal matter related to right of way condemnation process for North Maple Street project; personnel matter related to actions of appointed officials and elected officials.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m. on motion of Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Respectfully submitted:

APPROVED:

Beth Messervy, Town Clerk

William W. Johnson, Mayor