

William C. Collins, Mayor

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Terry Jenkins, Mayor Pro Tem
Walter Bailey
Aaron Brown
Kima Garten-Schmidt
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William McIntosh



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Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Bill Collins, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Jenkins, and Council members Aaron Brown, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Bob Jackson and Bill McIntosh. Walter Bailey was absent. Also present were Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services & Clerk-Treasurer, and G.W. Parker, Town Attorney. Members of the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting and were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mayor Collins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY BUILDING

Mayor Collins announced the first item on the agenda was a public hearing on proposed uses for the National Guard Armory building and called forward Parks and Recreation Director, Doyle Best to give a brief presentation. Mr. Best presented a conceptual plan that proposes a multi-purpose facility that would include a basketball/volleyball court, several multi-purpose rooms that could be used for meetings or classes, a fitness area and a kitchen area. He added that this proposal would include programs for all ages. Mayor Collins called for any comments from the citizens. Debbie Crawford of 154 Berwick Drive stated that she is happy with the proposal and felt the town was on the right track. Gene Ott, Executive Director of the Dorchester Senior Citizens Center stated that they are currently filled to capacity and need more space to expand their center. She noted that they already have a portion of the armory complex and that the recently adopted vision plan calls for an expansion of the Senior Center. Sonya Hanchard of 209 Boone Street stated that she is concerned that there are no opportunities for people in other age groups and supports the proposed use of the armory. Rob Gross of 113 Antebellum Way stated that he supports the idea of a community center since we do not currently have that type of facility and many organizations have to meet and spend money in other jurisdictions. Dexter Mack of 904 W. 2nd North Street, President of the District 1 Civic Association and President of the Summerville Chapter of the NAACP, supports using the facility as a community center. Marti Turny of 301 Bellerive Lane reported that the Senior Citizens Center has the funding to pay for upgrades to the facility adding that taxpayer dollars would have to be used if it was used

for other purposes. John Calvert, a senior citizen, just started using the Senior Citizens Center. He noted that it is very overcrowded. He would like the facility to be used by both the youth and the senior citizens. Christina Clemmons of 203 Sheffield Lane is an employee of the senior citizens center and has family members who use the center. She complimented the center and their programs and added that their ability to expand and improve their programs is limited only by the square feet of their building. Bessie Simmons of 403 Parkwood Drive felt that the facility should accommodate both groups. A resident of 209 Boone Street grew up in Summerville and said there was nothing available for the children. She believes the youth of the community would benefit greatly from a community center. Louis Smith stated that he is a senior citizen but knows that we need something for the youth and hopes we can work out a compromise for this facility. Diane Thomas of 105 Chalcott Place asked when the community center might be completed because there is a need now for the seniors. There being no further comments on the armory proposal, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Collins called for any other comments from the public. Louis Smith reported that he had a town hall meeting with the Summerville Police Department and was proud of the officers who were present. He announced there would be a community gathering with the Police Department on October 2nd. Heyward Hutson, representing the Preservation Society, thanked the Mayor for responding to his FOIA request but he wanted more details on the proposed boutique hotel project. He stated that the town has not gone through all the necessary steps and followed the codes and ordinances. He is concerned the town is violating its tree ordinance. He also stated that he requested a public hearing on the project and still wants the town to conduct a public hearing. Faith Croft reported that she never had any idea about the proposed hotel and is concerned because it is going right next to her property. Mary Becker moved to Summerville from San Francisco and stated that she is concerned about the historic homes being torn down. There being no further business, the Mayor declared the public comments portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting and the August 22, 2014 Special Council meeting (budget workshop) as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve the Spetember 8, 2014 Finance Committee report and the September 3, 2014 Public Works Committee report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Ms. Wallace reported that no petitions for annexations were submitted.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the Planned Unit Development ordinance for The Villages owned by Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the Town of Summerville Building Code Ordinance to include an appendix relating to signs and patio covers and the adoption of the International Code on swimming pools and spas. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Garten-Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to annex Briarwood Lane right-of-way owned by Dorchester County. The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to award the bid and issue a purchase order to Treat & Woodman, LLC in the amount of \$124,782 for the Street Department building up fit and expansion to be paid from municipal impact fees. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to enter into executive session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss contractual matters related to residential garbage collection. Council returned to public session at 8:35 p.m. and reported that no action was taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. on motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Jenkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor