



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 28, 2018 -- Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building -- County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. McCain, Chairman; James R. Byrd; Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Eugene R. Baten, Charles T. Edens, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, and Chris Sumpter.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Johnathan Bran, Mary W. Blanding, Keysa Rogers, Valerie Brunson, Lorraine Dennis, Corey Tomlin, Deputy McLeod, Allen Dailey, George McGregor, Helen Roodman, and Joe Perry.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item, Adrienne Sarvis

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Approximately 24 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman James T. McCain called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Councilman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Chairman McCain asked Council members to move item #1 under New Business to immediately after approval of Council's minutes of August 14, 2018.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the agenda as amended by moving Item #1 under New Business to immediately after approval of Council's minutes of August 14, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Chairman McCain called for a motion on the minutes of August 14, 2018.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of August 14, 2018, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Recognition Of Sumter County Heart Walk Top Fundraising Participants.

Mrs. Lorraine Dennis, Sumter County Assistant County Administrator, stated that the goal for the Heart Walk Campaign was \$15,000; she also emphasized that the County does not give a match of funds as collected by the employees as the other local large industries do for their employees. Therefore, whatever is collected by the employees from Sumter County is what is given. Mrs. Dennis thanked all the employees for their dedicated hard work during the Heart Walk Fundraising Campaign and a special thanks was given to the Top Fundraisers. Although all the departments participated, the following people were recognized for their outstanding fundraising.

- Brianna Jones (\$4,787.79) – recognized as the top walker for 2018 – Register of Deeds Office – Red Heart Hustlers. \$7,437.79.

- Kimberly Billie -- Caring Hearts - Sumter County \$8,085
- Angela Geldings - Treasurers - \$8,406
- Velda Seigler -- Heart Recreators -- \$756
- Keysa Rogers -- Hearts on Firer -- \$1,979
- The total raised by Sumter County Government was \$28,508; therefore, Sumter County was awarded the Top Fundraiser Group and received the Cup. The employees that were in the two groups for raising funds were given a gift for their efforts.

Council members thanked the employees for their efforts.

ACTION: Received as information.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:

Planned Development/Rezoning Requests

- (1) **OA-18-05 -- Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (County) - 18-897 -- Second Reading/Public Hearing -- Amend Relevant Portions Of The Sumter County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance To Adopt The Wateree Watershed Maps And Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Revisions That Become Effective September 28, 2018; And, To Update The Ordinance To Make Corrections And Clarifications Noted In The 2017 South Carolina Department Of Natural Resources Community Assistance Visit (CAV) And The Community Rating System (CRS) Cycle Visit. (Council Hold A Public Hearing Prior To Actions On Second Reading Of This Proposed Ordinance Amendment.)**

Mrs. Helen Roodman stated that this is second reading for this ordinance. She said that this ordinance will allow for an Amendment to relevant portions of the Sumter County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Also it will allow for the adoption of the Wateree Watershed Maps and the Flood Insurance Study revisions. She also stated that this ordinance would allow for corrections and clarifications noted in the 2017 S. C. Department of Natural Resources Community Assistance visit. Sumter County participates in the CRS which allows for the Sumter County Citizens to receive a discount on their flood insurance premiums. CRS is on a scale of ten to one with one being the best rating; Sumter used to be a class nine; now Sumter is a class seven which is a better rating. Through the revisions, adoptions and enforcement of higher regulatory standards has caused the rating to be better.

This ordinance, if adopted will allow Sumter County to remain complaint with the National Flood Insurance Program and FEMA's minimum requirements. Ms. Roodman stated that the only thing that was missing from the previous ordinance was section 430; which is an NFIP minimum requirement.

Councilman Byrd asked about the email from Mr. Earl McLeod and his suggestions. Mrs. Roodman said that the Planning staff can add #3 and #4 to the ordinance; but trying to define inhabitable state. Council asked for Mrs. Roodman to incorporate those suggested changes in the language which would be in line with what is required with NFIP and bring it back to Council for third reading.

After all comments, the Chairman convened a public hearing. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading as presented.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (1) **18-898 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Ohana Circle To The Adjoining Property Owners.** *(Council Will Take Action On Second Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)*

Mr. Johnathan Bryan presented this ordinance to Council for public hearing and second reading (listed under Old Business). Mr. Bryan stated that this property adjoins property owned by Charles and Tammy Coleman and they are fine with the transfer of property to them. It was also noted by Mr. Bryan, that the ordinance will provide for ingress and egress for property owners that live behind the Coleman's.

After all comments, the Chairman called for a public hearing. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this ordinance. No one spoke to this public hearing; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading as listed under Old Business.

- (2) **18-893 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Forest Drive Cul-De-Sac To The Adjoining Property Owners.** *(Council Will Take Action On Second Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)*

This public hearing and briefing was also conducted by Mr. Johnathan Bryan. He stated that this particular Cul-De-Sac is a paper street, and was placed on the tax map, but has never been paved or developed as a street. Mr. Carl Croft was presented on behalf of this ordinance and he owns most of the adjoining property. There is one other property owner and a discussion has not occurred with the property owner; although Mr. Bryan has called him for an appointment, but the property owner was unable to make the appointment.

Mr. Bryan will try again to get in touch with the other property owner prior to third reading. However, Mr. Croft is interested in all of the Cul-De-Sac if the other property owner is not interested.

After all Comments, the Chairman called for a public hearing. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this ordinance. No one spoke to this public hearing; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading as listed under Old Business.

- (3) **18-894 -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Part Of Winston Road To The Adjoining Property Owner.** *(Council Will Take Action On Second Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)*

The County Attorney also presented this ordinance for second reading and public hearing. He stated that a man name Kenny Jackson, who lives on the portion of Winston Road that has been recently paved recently, complains that the dirt part of Winston Road is used by people for illegal dumping under the power lines which crosses the field. Also, Mr. Jackson stated that there is a nuisance of four-wheel traffic and other nefarious activities in this area. Mr. Bryan contacted the son who owns property on the unpaved area of Winston Road; however, Mr. Bryan has not heard from them.

Vice Chairman Byrd asked if Al Payne was contacted about this property; Mr. Payne attended the Fiscal Tax and Property Committee meeting on August 14, 2018, when this property was first introduced to Council. Mr. Payne is related to the people that own this property. Councilman Byrd asked that Mr. Payne is contacted about this property because Winston Road is a "cut-through" for some people that use this road. No one was present on behalf of this ordinance.

After all Comments, the Chairman called for a public hearing. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this ordinance. No one spoke to this public hearing; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading as listed under Old Business.

(4) 18-895 – An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Part Of Earle Street To The Adjoining Property Owners. (Council Will Take Action On Second Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

Johnathan Bryan also presented this ordinance for second reading and public hearing. He stated that the ordinance would allow for the transfer of part of Earle Street to the adjoining property owners. This is the part of Earle Street from Manning Avenue to South Harvin Street. Letters have been written to the adjoining property owners. Mr. Bryan heard from the people that own Honey Chicken and they do not object to the ordinance. However, Mr. Toney Cuttingham called, and he asked questions, but did not object. The other property owners did not respond – Antonio Owens and Karen Owens Blanding.

After all Comments, the Chairman called for a public hearing. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition of this ordinance.

The following people spoke.

- Toney Cuttingham stated that he has a concern that if the road is closed, then who would clean the road or do work on the road. Mr. Cuttingham stated that he is disabled and would not be able to handle additional property. He added that he does not need any extra property.
- Antonio Owens said that he owns the property at 915 Earle Street. He stated that if Council is going to give the neighbors the property, will he be able to fence in his portion of the property? The Chairman informed Mr. Owens that he would be able to fence in the property because it would then belong to him.

After all comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading as listed under Old Business.

(5) 18-896 -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Alpenglow Court To The Adjoining Property Owner. (Council Will Take Action On Second Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)

Mr. Bryan presented this ordinance for second reading and public hearing. He stated that Alpenglow Court is a paper street. It exists on the tax map. However, it was never developed; it just exists on paper.

After all Comments, the Chairman called for a public hearing. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition of this ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and took action on second reading listed under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

(2) Update Concerning Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority (SWRTA) and Sumter County Veterans Affairs Ridership Program.

Valerie Brunson, the Director of Veteran’s Affairs Department along with Mrs. Lottie Jones who is the CEO of SWRTA thanked Council for providing funds to allow Ms. Lottie Jones to use the funds as

matching grant funds to create a route for Veterans to travel to and from Bryan Dorn VA Hospital in Columbia, SC. This project has been so successful, that it is being viewed by the Veterans Affairs Director, Mr. Howard Metcalf, Director of the VA Office in Columbia, SC, as a model project for the state of South Carolina and other locations. Ms. Brunson presented the following data on the program's success.

- Total number of VA Passes issued today = 147
- Total number of VA trips provided for the fiscal year 2017/2018 = 3,726
- Total number of VA trips provided for the Mid-day route = 478 (which is included in the total trips)
- The total VA trips is 2.4% of SWRTA overall trips.

Sumter has more than 5,000 patients that are receiving all of their health care from the Veteran's Hospital. The VA Sumter Clinic does not provide special services such as cardiology, neurology, OB/GYN, dental procedures, eye procedures, and prosthetics. The Veteran must go to Columbia for these type services.

The total trips for July 2017 = 247, and the total trips for July 2018 = 407, which represents a 61% increase. Based on the above data and the comparison to the overall data this program is doing great considering it is at the beginning phase.

Ms. Brunson also announced that she has been informed that a new state-of-the-art health clinic will be built near the Wesmark Boulevard area. Santee Wateree RTA already has this location in their planning mode and will work to establish special routes for Veterans to get to the new location. Also, Richland County is allowing Veterans with SWRTA's bus pass to ride on Richland County's buses for patient network.

Councilman Baten stated that as a Veteran and a member of several Veterans' organizations, he thanked Ms. Brunson and Mrs. Jones for the work they are doing for the local veterans.

(3) Presentation By Jasmine Brown, Community Outreach Coordinator, Center For Heirs Property Preservation.

Ms. Jasmine Brown spoke on behalf of the Center for Heirs Property. She stated that the mission of the organization is "The Center for Heir's Property Preservation (CFHPP) protects heirs' property and promotes its use through sustainable forestry to provide increased economic benefit to historically underserved landowners.

After her presentation, she asked those that are interested in the agency which is a nonprofit agency to call 843-745-7055. This organization is located in Charleston, SC, but supports residents in 11 different counties which include Sumter County. The CFHPP also provides services for writing wills, information on forestry preservation, probate estates, and other information pertaining to protecting the property.

Ms. Brown stated that CFHPP is willing to come to speak at churches, organizational meetings, and other community meetings to let people know about the organization and to help with preparing wills.

ACTION: Received as information.

- (4) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss An Economic Development Matter Or A Personnel Matter, Receive A Legal Briefing, Discuss A Contractual Matter, Or Other Matter Pertaining To An Executive Session, And Take Appropriate Actions Thereafter If Required.

No Executive Session was held.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) 18-898 - Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Ohana Circle To The Adjoining Property Owners.

Mr. Bryan presented this proposed ordinance to Council as listed under Other Public Hearings. After the public hearing, Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval.

- (2) 18-893 - Second Reading --An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Forest Drive Cul-De-Sac To The Adjoining Property Owners.

Mr. Bryan also presented this proposed ordinance to Council as listed under Other Public Hearings. After the public hearing, Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval.

- (3) 18-894 -- Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Part Of Winston Road To The Adjoining Property Owner.

The County Attorney, Mr. Bryan, also presented this proposed ordinance to Council as listed under Other Public Hearings. After the public hearing, Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval.

- (4) 18-895 - Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Part Of Earle Street To The Adjoining Property Owners.

The County Attorney, Mr. Bryan, also presented this proposed ordinance to Council as listed under Other Public Hearings. After the public hearing, Councilman McGhaney asked *"if one person did not want to accept the property, what kind of ingress or egress would the person have to come out of the property."* The Chairman stated that he would follow-up on this since it is in his Council District. Mr. Cuttingham had issues as to whether or not he would be able to get out of his yard if Mr. Owens was given all the property.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval.

- (5) **18-896 - Second Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Alpenglow Court To The Adjoining Property Owner.**

The County Attorney, Mr. Bryan, also presented this proposed ordinance to Council as listed under Other Public Hearings. After all comments, the Chairman called for action on Alpenglow court

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) (Note: The Forfeited Land Commission Of Sumter County Will Meet At 5:30 p.m. On August 28, 2018.)
No report.

- (2) **Fiscal, Tax, And Property Committee Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, August 28, 2018, At 5:45 p.m. In County Council Conference Room.** (Note: This Meeting Will Begin Immediately After The Conclusion Of The Forfeited Land Commission Meeting Scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Or At 5:45 p.m.)

The Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee meet; the Committee received information on the Financials for Sumter County. No action taken.

- (3) **Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, And/Or Conferences; And Any Other Council Comments.**

No report was given.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- My Community and Me
- Cultural Arts Events
- Shaw Sumter Community Council
- Save The Date - Public Safety Complex Grand Opening
- National Anthem's Day
- Day of Remembrance

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Budget Process: The Administrator stated that the County usually spends the first part of the year from January to June working on the next year's budget. However, from September to December, the County is working on last year's Audit. The Audit process for Sumter County has begun and should conclude at the first meeting in December 2018. Mr. Mixon stated that he will keep Council and the public informed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment. The following person spoke.

- Ms. Annie Green stated that she is speaking on a concern and not a comment. She lives at 80 Mickens Street, near Highway 15, North. She stated that the street she lives on is considered as a private drive. The Public Works staff members informed her that they will try to scrape the road while they are in the area, but cannot scrape the road on a normal schedule since it is a private road. Ms. Green said that she is paying her taxes and knows that public vehicles such as the police, ambulance, and others come on the street; but the road cannot be paved or scraped.

- Lucinda Bradford - Informed Council that there is a ditch on Mickens Street and the ditch is in poor condition. The people in this community need help with the road as well as clearing and cleaning the ditch. Mosquitos are really bad in the ditch and also in the areas are Mickens Street. Ms. Bradford mentioned that when the children play outside, they are bitten by mosquitos and no one knows what kind of mosquitos they are and whether or not these mosquitos are carrying the West Nile Virus. She asked Council to please help the community. Councilman McGhaney said that she would talk with the two ladies right after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

After all business and comments from the public, upon motion by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Sumpter, and unanimously carried by Council, the meeting of Sumter County Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. McCain, Jr.
 Chairman or Vice Chairman
 Sumter County Council

Mary W. Blanding
 Clerk to County Council
 Sumter County Council

Approved: September 11, 2018

I certify that public and media notification of the above-mentioned meeting was given prior thereto as follows required by Freedom of Information:

- Public Notified: Yes
- Manner Notified: Agendas posted on bulletin board on third floor of the Administration Building.
- Date Posted: August 27, 2017
- Media Notified: Yes
- Manner Notified: Agenda Information is listed on Sumter County's Home Page, and E-mailed to The Item, The Chamber, WIS-TV, WBTW, and Time Warner Cable.
- Date Notified: August 24, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding