

Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
June 12, 2017

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of council to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Cook, Jones and Washington. Also in attendance was Chief Lin Shirer.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2017, council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2017, special called council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Account Statement for May, 2017 was reviewed by council.
- A motion was made to appoint Anne B. Culler as Town Clerk by Councilmember Cook. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington and upon vote was approved unanimously.
- Discussion regarding the MEC was delayed to next Council meeting at which time Councilmember Jones is to have recruited the third member.
- Councilmember Jones made a motion to adopt a FOIA schedule of fees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and was upon vote was approved unanimously.
- Council held the first reading of Ordinance 2017-02, an Ordinance amending the Town of North Official Zoning Map dated 2015, as was recommended by the Planning Commission. Mayor Carson made a suggestion that the fee for legal advertising associated with rezoning be paid by the town instead of the property owners since the zoning errors were made under the previous administration. Councilmember Cook recused herself from the conversations since she owns one of the properties in question. Councilmember Jones agreed with the town paying the fee. The decision was met with applause from the public audience. The second reading of Ordinance 2017-02 will be held at the next Town Council meeting.
- The Council held the second reading of Ordinance 2017-01, an Ordinance adopting the Town of North 2017-2018 fiscal year budget. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-01 was made by Councilmember Cook. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington and upon vote was approved by Carson, Cook and Washington. Councilmember Jones abstained from voting.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Councilmember Jones made a motion to move into executive session. Motion was seconded by Cook and approved unanimously. Council went into executive session to discuss contractual matters related to licensed wastewater operator. Council returned at 7:48pm, no decisions were made and no votes were taken during executive session. Upon returning Councilmember Jones made a motion to accept the proposal by EA Services, LLC as the licensed wastewater operator. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and upon vote was approved unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mayor Carson introduced Mr. Robert White of the GPS newspaper. Mr. White will be attending future Town Council meetings and covering them in his newspaper. Mr. White will be adding community and church news for the North area to his paper.
- Councilmember Washington spoke about the new light that was installed at the Drew-Owen Park.
- Mayor Carson recounted attending the senior walk at Dover Elementary.
- Mayor Carson also spoke about attending an Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce meeting. She announced that North was chosen to host a business expo for the Western portion of Orangeburg County. Councilmember Cook is going to connect with the Chamber of Commerce to work on the business expo that will be held this fall.
- Mayor Carson recognized and thanked Councilmember Washington for his work and dedication at Drew-Owen Park. Councilmember Washington and Mayor Carson will be partnering to add a sand box and ping pong table at Drew-Owen Park funded by a Palmetto Pride grant.
- Mayor Carson announced that there will be a Community Yard Sale held at the North town square on July 8th. Individuals will be able to set up starting at 7am and will need to bring their own tables. The sale will be from 8am until noon.
- Councilmember Jones addressed the need for houses in the area to have visible house numbers for safety reasons.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- There were no written requests for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- There were no public comment requests per the sign in sheet.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business Councilmember Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday July 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B Culler
Town Clerk

APPROVED: June 12, 2017, MINUTES

Mayor Patty Carson: _____

Council Members:

Jeff Washington: _____

Julius Jones: _____

Daniel Jackson: _____

Deborah Cook: _____