

**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**North Town Hall**  
**January 8, 2018**

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Washington, Cook and Jones.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Council Meeting. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer

- Chief Shirer was not present at the Council Meeting; therefore, the Police Report was not given.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Carson introduced Gary Robinson and Bill Clark. Mr. Robinson is co-chair of the One Orangeburg County K-16 Program and is also the vice president of Bootstraps Mentoring Foundation. Mr. Clark thanked Council for their great relationships with both the North High/Middle School and Dover Elementary. He also thanked Chief Shirer and his staff for the great job they've done working with the faculty, staff and students. Mr. Robinson works with cities, counties and the school district through these programs to help Orangeburg County become a better place to work, play and live. The K-16 taskforce purchased a volunteer management system. The system allows people to go into a school and check in that they are there to mentor. Students can also use it to check in when they are volunteering. The volunteer management system also has a mobile phone app that allows people to see what type of events that they can volunteer for. The app makes it possible to track volunteers and volunteer hours at schools to see how well the program is doing. Mayor Carson thanked Mr. Robinson and Mr. Clark.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to accept the Conterra Lease agreement. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and upon vote it was approved unanimously.
- At the December Council Meeting Council voted to approve a water tank maintenance program contract with a company called Southern Corrosion. Mayor Carson stated that the annual invoice would be \$17,350 and that the water tank maintenance program was not in the budget. Mayor Carson then asked Council to determine how to pay for the added expense. Mayor Carson suggested only raising the water bills a flat \$2 and the Town could subsidize the remainder. Councilmember Cook made a motion to accept a flat \$2 fee for all customers to subsidize payment of the monthly water tank maintenance. Mayor Carson seconded the motion. Mayor Carson, Councilmember Washington and Councilmember Cook voted in favor of the motion and Councilmember Jones opposed the motion.
- Council reviewed the account statement for December 2017. Mayor Carson reported that the Town had received penny sales tax funds.
- Mayor Carson put together a RFP (Request for Proposal) for garbage collection for Council to review. The RFP will be posted to the Town Webpage and proposals will be due by March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Council will select a contractor in the April or May regular council meeting.
- In the December Council meeting, during executive session, Council discussed the removal of a Planning Commission member. Mayor Carson made a motion to remove the Planning Commission member. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion. Councilmember Jones was opposed. Councilmember Washington abstained from voting. The motion did not pass; therefore, the Planning Commission member will remain on the Planning commission.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson scheduled an Ordinance Workshop for January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12 in the morning.
- Mayor Carson mentioned that at the last Council Meeting they had discussed cleaning the CSX tracks from one end of town to the other. Councilmember Jones spoke with the deputy administrator and he

cannot get a definite answer. The deputy administrator will have to speak with the person in charge of cleaning up the towns. Councilmember Jones also spoke with Bill Staley about hazard mitigation.

- Mayor Carson reminded Council that their SEI reports are due March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Cook announced that she and the Planning Commission are still working on the Empty Buildings tour for March 2018. She also spoke with Scott Slatten to attend a grant writing workshop on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm.
- Councilmember Washington announced that he spoke with a group of people that are interested in opening a grocery and laundry mat at the old Piggly Wiggly site.
- Mayor Carson announced that she and Councilmember Washington applied for a grant to fix up the Town's basketball court.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- Mrs. Barbra Cooper made a written request to speak with Council. She stated that she and several other residents live in an area called the North Fork subdivision. The residents of that area are requesting that water and sewer lines be extended out to that area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- There were no public comment requests per the sign in sheet.
- Mr. Gary Robison was allowed to make one comment since he was on the agenda. He announced that a food hub just outside of town on Hwy 178 towards Orangeburg will be opening in February.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler  
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Members:

Jeff Washington: \_\_\_\_\_

Julius Jones: \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel Jackson: \_\_\_\_\_

Deborah Cook: \_\_\_\_\_