

Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
April 9, 2018

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

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Council was unable to approve the minutes from the March 12th, 2018 meeting since there were not enough Councilmembers present that had attended that meeting.
- Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1st, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote, the minutes were approved by both Councilmembers Cook and Washington.
- Councilmember Cook amended the February 27th, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes to remove the statement that she had looked into acquiring land and drilling another well. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the amended February 27th, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

- Chief Shirer was unable to present the Police Report due to the handling of an incident.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cherise Arrendale presented a check in the amount of \$3,270 for the Connected Communities Grant to the Mayor's Youth Council. Cherise is the strategic initiatives and communications manager of Central Carolina Community Foundation. The foundation serves 11 counties and focuses on helping people love where they live. The Mayor's Youth Council plans to use the grant to beautify the Southwest intersection at the stoplight in town.
- Council reviewed the account statement for March 2018. Mayor Carson noted an increase due to the receipt of a property tax check.
- Council reviewed proposals submitted for Solid Waste Collection. In January the Town made a Request for Proposal for residential and commercial solid waste collection. Three proposals were received. The Mayor and Town Clerk reviewed these proposals, selected two to present before Council. The names of the companies were removed from the proposals to ensure there was no bias. The Mayor stated that company A would pick up trash on Mondays and company B would pick up on Wednesdays. The Mayor also stated that the contract would be for five years. After discussion Councilmember Washington made a motion to accept contract B. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the contract was accepted unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson stated that a Budget Workshop needed to be scheduled since the first reading will be held at the June Council meeting.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Washington announced that grant money from the County of Orangeburg has been received to make improvements to the basketball court. New basketball goals and a new fence will be added.
- Councilmember Cook stated that she picked up litter bags, gloves and orange vests from the County. Orangeburg County is holding a litter cleanup campaign in April. The County will pick up the bagged litter and is looking for volunteers. Councilmember Cook also added that she had not heard any developments about a fresh market opening in the area. Mayor Carson then suggested they work on planning a farmer's market in the Town Square.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Councilmember Cook made a motion to go into executive session at 7:27pm. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. Council returned from executive session at 7:40pm. While in executive session no votes were taken and no decisions were made. After returning to public session Mayor Carson nominated Mr. William Bramlett as a member of the Planning Commission. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Carson also welcomed any community members who would like to serve on the Planning or Zoning commission to volunteer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- Mrs. Wanda Whetstone had previously requested to speak before Council. Mrs. Whetstone made comments concerning town beautification, community grants and water quality reports.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- One person had signed the sign in sheet but the topic was not on the agenda or a previous agenda. Therefore, the comments were not received.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday May 14th, 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: _____