

Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
May 14, 2018

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Councilmembers 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 March 12th, 2018 Council meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Council was unable to approve the minutes from the April 9th, 2018 meeting since there were not enough Councilmembers present that had attended that meeting.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the May 3rd, 2018 budget workshop meeting minutes. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the May 8th, 2018 budget workshop meeting minutes. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Lieutenant Curtis Mizell (report attached)

- The 2018 Memorial Day Buckle Up South Carolina Campaign will be held from May 21st to June 3rd.
- The North Police Department will be sponsoring 4th of July fireworks. Donations are welcomed toward the purchase of the fireworks.
- Councilmember Cook questioned Lt. Mizell about what action can be taken when you see an unrestrained child in a vehicle. Lt. Mizell answered that you could call the North Police Department or if you are outside of North, call *HP.
- Mayor Carson read an email from a resident thanking the North Police Department for keeping his property safe while he was away.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council reviewed the account statement for April 2018. Mayor Carson noted an increase in the Police Reserve Account due to the receipt of grant money for police vehicle.
- Mrs. Annie Charley and Mr. Will Bramlett were sworn in by Mayor Carson as Planning Commission members. Both volunteered to serve our community. Mr. Bramlett has completed his 6 hours of Planning Commission training and Mrs. Charley will do so in the fall. Mayor and Council stated that they are looking forward to working with both of the newly appointed Planning Commission members.
- Council held the first reading of Ordinance 2018-01, an Ordinance to adopt the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget. No vote was taken. Mayor Carson stated that the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget included funds for a request to the county for a resource officer for the school. Mayor Carson scheduled a budget workshop for May 31st 2018 at 6pm.
- Council also reviewed the schedule of fees. The schedule of fees was discussed in a previous budget workshop and will be posted in the front office. Mayor Carson announced that upon proof, residents over 65 years of age will receive a \$1 discount on garbage service. Councilmember Cook made a motion to accept the schedule of fees. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion and upon vote the schedule of fees was approved unanimously.
- Council held the first reading of Ordinance 2018-02, an Ordinance to establish the standards for the placement of small wireless facilities in the town of North, SC; and for other purposes. Mayor Carson introduced Bill Taylor of the Municipal Association, who attended the meeting to further explain the ordinance. Mr. Taylor explained that the Municipal Association recognizes that telecommunications companies are moving towards small, streetlight sized, towers as opposed to tall towers. The Town has jurisdiction as to the placement of those towers. Telecommunications companies are utilizing these smaller towers to expand their coverage. The Municipal Association considered what the best way was

to regulate the placement of those towers and what municipalities could charge for the use of their existing poles. The Municipal Association worked with the telecommunications companies to make arrangements that would make both the telecommunications companies and municipalities happy. Mr. Taylor recommended using the ordinance modeled by the Municipal Association if regulating the placement of these small wireless facilities. Mayor Carson noted that a public hearing and seconded reading of Ordinance 2018-02 would be held before the Ordinance would be adopted.

- Council also held the first reading of Ordinance 2018-03, an ordinance adopting the MASC model business license ordinance. Bill Taylor explained the main differences between the town's current business license ordinance and MASC model business license ordinance. The MASC came up with a model business license ordinance to address several issues. One issue being that business licenses in different municipalities are due at different times, thus causing a greater burden on businesses. Another issue that the MASC model business license ordinance addresses is the inclusion of businesses annexed into a municipality. Adopting the MASC model business license would also ensure that rate classes would be more consistent for businesses. The Municipal Association adjusts the rate classes every year based on the IRS profitability ratios for each business type. Power is still held by the Mayor and Council to set the rates. Bill Taylor also announced that Municipal Association is working to create portal for business license renewals to be paid online. Mayor Carson noted that the public hearing and second reading would be held before Ordinance 2018-03 would be adopted.
- Council reviewed the current event permit application being used when individuals requested to use town property, such as the park. Attached with the permit is information for obtaining general liability insurance for those events. The Municipal Association highly recommends requiring individuals to obtain general liability insurance before letting them use town property. Council did not vote to approve the event permit but is adding it to the agenda for next month's regular meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson announced that the annual Alzheimer's Bike Ride will be stopping by Town hall on July 14th.
- Mayor Carson also announced that she and Angele Sackel attended a SCWARN meeting. SCWARN is a Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) of utilities helping other utilities in case of emergencies.
- Mayor Carson also stated that Southern Corrosion removed abandoned antennas from the water tank and added a safety climb.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Cook reminded everyone of the upcoming farmer's market and yard sale event on the town square being held on June 2nd. The event will be advertised in the GPS newspaper. Councilmember Cook encouraged the public to attend and spread the word about the event. Depending on how the event goes, another may be held later in the year.
- Councilmember Jones stated that he is having trouble getting the railroad to agree to clean up the brush by the tracks in town.
- Councilmember Cook also stated that an area of North Road has been cleaned up by the County. She also stated that she still has bags available for litter pickup and is looking for volunteers.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 11th, 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: _____

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