

**Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
September 11, 2017**

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Council members Cook, and Washington.

- 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 August 14th, 2017 Public Hearing. Mayor Carson seconded the motion. Upon vote Councilmember Cook and Mayor Carson were in favor of approving the minutes. Councilmember Washington refrained from voting since he was not present for the Public Hearing.
- Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the August 14th, 2017 Council Meeting. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the amended minutes were approved unanimously. The August 14th, 2017 Council Meeting minutes were amended to correct the head of the Christmas Committee's last name from Suzanne Cook to Suzanne Reed.
- Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve the September 8th, 2017 Special Called Meeting minutes. Mayor Carson seconded the motion. Upon vote Councilmember Washington and Mayor Carson were in favor of approving the minutes. Councilmember Cook refrained from voting since she was not present for the entire September 8th, 2017 Special Called Meeting.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

- Chief Shirer addressed concerns that the Police were utilizing a “dummy” car. Chief Shirer stated that all Town of North Police cars are manned and the Police are not using a “dummy” car.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Account Statement for August, 2017 was reviewed by Council. Mayor Carson stated that there were still penny sales tax receipts to submit.
- Council also revised the Cleaning Fee on the Water and Sewer System Fees Sheet to include water and sewer usage. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the revision. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and upon vote the revision was approved unanimously.
- Due to inclement weather Suzanne Reed was not in attendance to give an update on the 2017 Christmas at the North Pole, however Councilmember Cook was able to give an update. Mrs. Reed has received several phone calls and over 2,000 Facebook views for the event. Council suggested that as a Town of North Function, the business license fee be waived for the vendors at the 2017 Christmas at the North Pole event. Instead a onetime vendor fee will be charged to the vendors wishing to participate in the event. After discussion, Councilmember Washington made a motion to charge a \$35 vendor fee to food vendors and a \$25 vendor fee to all other vendors. Councilmember Cook also noted that Christmas Committee member Clarence Donaldson is working on securing a band and Grand Marshalls for the Christmas Parade. The Christmas Committee is hoping to get home town gone Pro NFL football stars Freddie Martino and Chartric Darby as the Grand Marshalls of the Christmas Parade and then ask them to stay after the parade to sign autographs. After further discussion and a quick comparison of other town's vendor fees for similar events the Council made another motion to revise the vendor fees for the 2017 Christmas at the North Pole event. Councilmember Washington made a motion to charge a \$50 food vendor fee and a \$20 vendor fee to all other vendors. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote it was approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Cook and Mayor Carson announced that the Town is applying for the Hometown Economic Development Grant. The Grant is for \$25,000 to restore and/or repair structures in the downtown area in an effort to revitalize the area and attract and retain businesses. In order to receive the grant the Town would have to provide a local cash/in-kind match of \$1,250 equaling the minimum of a five percent local match required by the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Council voted on

Resolution 2017-04, committing the town to providing the matching funds needed to receive the Hometown Economic Development Grant. Councilmember Cook made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-04. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and upon vote the Resolution was passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson announced that the Annual Turkey Give Away is being held at the Town Square on November 12th at 1pm.
- Mayor Carson also commented on the County Wide Litter Pick Up initiative. She stated that she would request from the County free orange vests and orange trash bags in order to help with the initiative.
- In addition, Mayor Caron announced that she has received a Palmetto Pride Grant for the purchase of new Trash Receptacles.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Council had no announcements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Mayor Carson recommended that Council not go into executive session and therefore discussion of proposed contracts regarding the elevated tank maintenance program were held in public.

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 Washington and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday October 10th, 2017 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: _____