MINUTES

ON FEBRUARY 6, 2023 AT 6:30 PM THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL HELD THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX. PRIOR TO THE REGULAR MEETING. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA AMENDING AND RESTATING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. PRESIDING OVER THE HEARING WAS MAYOR BILLY CHAVIS. ALSO PRESENT FOR THE HEARING WERE COUNCILPERSONS DAVID BARBER, CYNTHIA FULLER, GEORGE SUMMERSON AND LEANNE TROUTMAN. MAYOR CHAVIS BEGAN THE HEARING BY ASKING IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THOSE IN ATTENDANCE (SIGN IN SHEET ATTACHED). MAYOR CHAVIS THEN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION OF THE ORDINANCE. THERE WERE NONE. MAYOR CHAVIS THEN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE. THERE WERE NONE. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED IN ORDER TO BEGIN THE REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING.

PRESIDING OVER THE MEETING WAS MAYOR BILLY CHAVIS. ALSO PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE COUNCILPERSONS DAVID BARBER, CYNTHIA FULLER, GEORGE SUMMERSON AND LEANNE TROUTMAN. MAYOR CHAVIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND BEGAN BY PROVIDING THE INVOCATION. MAYOR CHAVIS THEN READ THE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS. COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS READ. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN THEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2023 MEETING. COUNCILPERSON BARBER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

TO BEGIN THE MEETING, MAYOR CHAVIS ASKED TOWN CLERK, PAM HYMAN, TO CONDUCT THE 2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL , SC AMENDING AND RESTATING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE AS READ. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. NEXT ON THE AGENDA, MAYOR CHAVIS ASKED TOWN CLERK, PAM HYMAN, TO DISPLAY AND INTRODUCE TO EVERYONE THE NEW UNIFORMS FOR THE TOWN'S SANITATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. MRS. HYMAN HELD UP ONE OF THE NEW UNIFORMS AND ADVISED EVERYONE THAT, IF THEY SEE SOMEONE DRESSED IN THIS ATTIRE, THEY CAN NOW BE RECOGNIZED AND IDENTIFIED AS A TOWN OF HOLLY HILL EMPLOYEE. THE NEW UNIFORMS CONSIST OF A DARK GRAY PAIR OF PANTS AND A BRIGHT YELLOW SHIRT WITH A SILVER REFLECTIVE SAFETY STRIPE. THE SHIRT, AND JACKET IF WORN, ALSO HAS THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL'S LOGO ON A PATCH ON THE FRONT CHEST AREA AND THE EMPLOYEE'S NAME EMBROIDERED ON THE CHEST AREA AS WELL.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, TOWN CLERK PAM HYMAN HAD NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

IN THE POLICE DEPARATMENT, CHIEF JOSHUA DETTER PROVIDED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT. CHIEF DETTER THEN STATED HE HAS COMPLETED THE PAPERWORK FOR THE USDA GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE NEW TRUCKS' BUILD IS DONE. COUNCILPERSON BARBER THEN ADDED THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL SHORT ON PATROL VEHICLES RIGHT NOW DUE TO HAVING TO WAIT SO LONG FOR THE NEW ONES TO BE OUTFITTED BUT FEELS THE DEPARTMENT IS STAFFED WELL AT THIS TIME.

IN PARKS AND RECREATION, COUNCILPERSON FULLER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

IN THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT, COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON HAD NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

IN PLANNING AND ZONING, DAVID TEAGUE REPORTED THE COMMITTEE HAS NOTHING TO BRING BEFORE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME BUT DOES STILL HAVE A FEW ONGOING ITEMS THAT WILL SOON BE READY FOR COUNCIL'S REVIEW.

IN THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, MRS DIANE BERGEN STATED THE BOARD MET LAST MONTH AND, DURING THAT MEETING, MADE AN ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2023. SHE WILL MAKE SURE TO HAVE COPIES AVAILABLE TO DISTRIBUTE SOON.

IN CODE ENFORCEMENT, GAYLE AUSTIN STATED THE SHIPPING CONTAINER SITUATION THROUGHOUT TOWN HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY. SHE REPORTED THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 12 MOVED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY AND SHE IS STILL WORKING ON HAVING ABOUT 9 MORE MOVED. MS. AUSTIN ADVISED SHE IS ALSO FOCUSING ON GETTING JUNK CARS REMOVED FROM PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT TOWN AS WELL.

IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN STATED SHE HAD REACHED OUT TO ANDREW WHITE OF ENVIROLINK AND THERE WAS NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

AT THIS TIME, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. COUNCILPERSON BARBER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. AFTER A BRIEF TIME IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO CONCLUDE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RESUME THE REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

THE FLOOR WAS THEN OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS (SIGN IN SHEET ATTACHED). MRS. DIANE BERGEN BEGAN BY EXPRESSING HER DISSATISFACTION WITH LAST MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING FEATURING SHERIFF RAVENELL. MRS. BERGEN EXPLAINED SHE FELT THAT MEETING WAS A POOR DISPLAY OF PROFESSIONALISM AND THE MATTER BROUGHT BEFORE THE OPEN FORUM WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER HANDLED BY AN OFFICE MEETING BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS INSTEAD OF PUBLICLY AIRED BEFORE RESOLUTIONS TO THE MATTER WERE EVEN OFFERED. MRS. BERGEN ALSO OFFERED A FEW COMMENTS REGARDING THE TOWN'S BROADBAND SERVICES AND AVAILABILITY BEFORE ENDING HER TIME TO SPEAK. MR. THURMON PHILLIPS, JR. THEN SPOKE BRIEFLY TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGARDING THEIR VIEWS OF THE PLANS FOR THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL AND PROGRESS OF SUCH THUS FAR. AT THIS TIME, THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE SIGNED IN TO SPEAK AND THE FLOOR WAS CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

MAYOR