

## MINUTES

ON MARCH 6, 2023 AT 6:30 PM THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL HELD THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX. 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. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS POSTED. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COUNCILPERSON FULLER THEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023 MEETING. COUNCILPERSON BARBER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

TO BEGIN THE MEETING, MAYOR CHAVIS GAVE READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. THIS RESOLUTION IS IN REGARDS TO THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL, SC ENTERING INTO A 5 YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR THE OCCUPANCY AND USE OF THE OLD HOLLY HILL LIBRARY. IT IS THE TOWN'S INTENTION TO USE THE FACILITY FOR A BROADCASTING TRAINING FACILITY FOR THE YOUTH OF THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE RADIO BROADCASTING INDUSTRY OR RELATED FIELDS. THE OLD LIBRARY WILL BE SET UP AS A RADIO STATION OF SORTS AND FACILITATE THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO PROVIDE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION. COUNCILPERSON BARBER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MAYOR CHAVIS THEN ASKED TOWN CLERK, PAM HYMAN, TO CONDUCT THE 1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL , SC TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES; TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAMS; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. CLERK HYMAN FURTHER EXPLAINED THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW ORDINANCE IS REQUIRED TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN WHICH THE TOWN ALREADY PARTICIPATES. THE MASC IS RENAMING AND RESTRUCTURING THE PROGRAMS THEREFORE MAKING IT NECESSARY TO UPDATE ANY PAST PARTICIPATION ORDINANCES TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAMS. COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE AS READ. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, TOWN CLERK PAM HYMAN REPORTED TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE NOTICES FOR BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR THE 2023/2024 BUSINESS YEAR WERE MAILED OUT LAST WEEK. THE NOTICES WERE TO NOTIFY ALL CURRENT BUSINESSES TO RENEW THEIR LICENSE WHEN THEIR CURRENT LICENSE EXPIRES ON APRIL 30, 2023.

IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF JOSHUA DETTER PROVIDED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT. CHIEF DETTER THEN STATED USDA GRANT FOR THE F150 TRUCKS HAS FINALLY BEEN APPROVED AND THE MONEY SHOULD BE IN THE TOWN'S DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNT BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. CHIEF REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE F150'S BUILD IS COMPLETE AND THE SECOND ONE SHOULD BE IN LINE TO GO IN THE SHOP NEXT WEEK. CHIEF DETTER THEN ADVISED OFFICER MURPHY WILL BE RETURNING TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. HE FINISHED BY STATING THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP THE NEW METHOD OF PAYING TICKETS AND WATER BILLS IS ALMOST COMPLETE AND SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL SOON. COUNCILPERSON BARBER THEN ADDED HE HIS HAPPY TO HEAR THE NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ON THE NEW VEHICLES AND HAVING OFFICER MURPHY RETURNING TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE STATED IT WILL BE NICE TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT FULLY STAFFED AGAIN AND IS PLEASED WITH HOW THINGS ARE GOING 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 REPORT AT THIS TIME.

IN THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, MRS DIANE BERGEN STATED THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 20TH. SHE STATED THE MEETING WILL BE CONSIST OF A MIX OF BUSINESS AND TRAINING. SHE ALSO REPORTED SHE HAS RECEIVED 2 APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND WILL BE REVIEWING THEM IN ORDER TO MAKE A DECISION ON RECOMMENDATION TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

IN CODE ENFORCEMENT, GAYLE AUSTIN REPORTED THERE WERE 8 BUILDING PERMITS AND ASSOCIATED BUSINESS LICENSES SOLD LAST MONTH AND APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THEM WERE DUE TO BEING CAUGHT TRYING TO OPERATE WITHOUT THE REQUIRED PERMITS AND LICENSES. SHE ALSO REPORTED AT LEAST 12 NONCOMPLIANT SHIPPING CONTAINERS AND 13 CARS HAVE BEEN REMOVED ALREADY. SHE STATED THERE ARE STILL ABOUT 6-8 CONTAINERS LEFT TO BE ADDRESSED AND SHE IS STILL WORKING ON NONCOMPLIANT CARS AS WELL.

IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN STATED SHE HAD REACHED OUT TO ANDREW WHITE OF ENVIROLINK AND HE REPORTED TO HER THAT EVERYTHING APPEARS TO BE IN GOOD STANDING 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 BARBER MADE A MOTION TO CONCLUDE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RESUME THE REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. UPON CONCLUSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE THE TOWN'S CURRENT MUNICIPAL JUDGE, CHASITY AVINGER, FROM HER DUTIES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

THE FLOOR WAS THEN OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS (SIGN IN SHEET ATTACHED). MR. DAVID TAWES EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS REGARDING THE COLLAPSING OF THE ASPHALT ON OLD STATE ROAD. HE STATED HE SPOKE TO SCDOT WHO PUT THE BLAME AND RESPONSIBILITY OF REPAIRS ON THE TOWN OF HOLLY HILL. MAYOR CHAVIS ADVISED THE TOWN IS ALREADY IN COMMUNICATION WITH SCDOT IN REGARDS TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REPAIRS TO THE ROAD AND THE TOWN WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE PROPER STEPS. MR. TAWES THEN SPOKE ABOUT HIS CONCERNS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BEHAVIOR AND CONCLUDED WITH HIS OPINION OF THE RADIO STATION IDEA FOR THE OLD LIBRARY BUILDING. MR. BOBBY STRONG WAS ALSO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS BUT DECLINED WHEN CALLED UPON.

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

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