

MINUTES

ON DECEMBER 6, 2021 THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL HELD THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING. PRESIDING OVER THE MEETING WAS MAYOR WILLIAM JOHNSON. ALSO PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE COUNCILPERSONS LEANNE TROUTMAN, CYNTHIA FULLER AND DAVID BARBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JOHNSON. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY MAYOR JOHNSON. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN READ THE ITEMS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS READ. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

MAYOR JOHNSON BEGAN BY STATING THE NUMBER OF NEW COVID-19 CASES ARE CONTINUING TO RISE AND THAT GUIDELINE CHANGES COMING FROM THE STATE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED AND MOVING FORWARD, TO PLEASE CONTINUE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND/OR WEAR FACE COVERINGS. HE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO BE SAFE AND MINDFUL OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN STATED THE TOWN STILL HAS NOT MADE A DECISION ON THE SMALL BUILDING BY THE DEPOT. THE COST OF THE ASBESTOS REMOVAL WILL BE SIGNIFICANT BUT NECESSARY REGARDLESS OF RENOVATION OR REMOVAL.

THE 2021 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH THE NEW LOCATION IN FRONT OF THE TOWN HALL. THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

LITTER CONTROL WAS PUT ON HOLD FOR THE HOLIDAYS BUT WILL RESUME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR BY LT. MATTHEW BOWEN.

MAYOR JOHNSON THEN ADVISED THE COUNCIL HE IS STILL RECEIVING CALLS FROM DEVELOPERS INQUIRING ABOUT SEWER AVAILABILITY FOR NEW HOUSING. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE TOWN IS STILL UNABLE TO EXPAND ANY SEWER SERVICES AT THIS TIME, ONLY WATER. HE STATED IT MAY BECOME POSSIBLE, IN THE FUTURE, TO GET THE SEWER SERVICE CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT HAPPENING IN OUR TOWN. HE REPORTED THERE ARE THREE NEW HOUSES BEING BUILT ON CAROLINA AVE., ONE NEW HOUSE ON BENNETT CIRCLE AND TWO NEW BUSINESSES OPENED IN TOWN. THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT HAVE ANY NEW UPDATES OTHER THAN WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED.

AS FAR AS THE ARP RESCUE FUNDS, MAYOR ELECT BILLY CHAVIS WILL DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD IN DECISION MAKING FOR MONIES TO BE SPENT. THE BEAM COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY WOULD LIKE TO GO LIVE, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT YET APPROVED. THE TOWN WANTS TO KNOW THE COST AND GET MORE INFORMATION FIRST. DIANE BERGEN STATED THAT THE COMPANY WANTS TO BE ON THE TOWER AND REWRITE A CONTRACT .PAM HYMAN HAS THE INFORMATION AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS FURTHER AND MAKE A FINAL DECISION.

NEW BUSINESS

JUDGE AVINGER SWORE IN BILLY CHAVIS AS MAYOR, CYNTHIA FULLER AS COUCILPERSON AND, AT THIS TIME, GEORGE SUMMERSON WAS ABSENT AND UNAVAILABLE TO BE SWORN IN. MAYOR CHAVIS AND COUNCIL THEN VOTED TO ELECT A MAYOR PRO-TEM. COUNCILPERSON CYNTHIA FULLER WAS ELECTED AS THE NEW MAYOR PRO-TEM.

AT THIS TIME, MAYOR BILLY CHAVIS TOOK A MOMENT TO ANNOUNCE HIS APPRECIATION TO MS. SARAH ANDERSON, DR. WALTERS AND HIS FAMILY FOR HELPING WITH HIS CAMPAIGN.

IN THE **ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT** THE FIRST READING OF BUSINESS LICENSE STANDARDIZATION ACT 2020 ACT NO 176 FIRST 3 PAGES WAS READ BY PAM HYMAN. BY APRIL 2022, ALL BUSINESS LICENSES SHOULD BE STANDARDIZED THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THE 2ND READING AND ADOPTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SET FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 @ 6:00 PM.

HIRING A TOWN ATTORNEY AND A GRANT WRITER ARE NEEDED TO UPDATE BY-LAWS AND TO HELP THE TOWN MOVING FORWARD. INFORMATION IS BEING RESEARCHED TO SEE WHAT WOULD BENEFIT THE TOWN MORE, PAYING THE ATTORNEY AND GRANT WRITER BY THE HOUR OR BY RETAINER/SALARY.

CLERK PAM HYMAN PRESENTED MAYOR AND COUNCIL WITH FOUR DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR THE USE OF SOME OF THE RESCUE FUNDS TO

PAY A ONE TIME ESSENTIAL WORKERS PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES THAT WORKED THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. A MEETING IS SET FOR DECEMBER 8, 2021 @ 6:00 WITH MAYOR CHAVIS AND COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE OPTIONS AND MAKE A DECISION.

PARKS AND REC

COUNCILPERSON CYNTHIA FULLER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT. THE PARD GRANT WAS APPROVED AND THE TOWN WILL BE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF THE BLEACHERS AT FOLK PARK. .

IN THE **AIRPORT DEPARTMENT**, COUNCILPERSON BARBER REPORTED THERE ARE NO ISSUES. THE EAA IS PLANNING TO SPONSOR A CHILI COOK OFF IN OCTOBER 2022. BARBER CONCLUDED BY STATING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE AIRPORT IS LOOKING GOOD AT THIS TIME AND THE MEMBERS HAVE NO COMPLAINTS.

IN THE **POLICE DEPARTMENT**, CHIEF DETTER SHARED THE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL. BULLET PROOF VESTS WILL BE COMING FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF DETTER STATED THE OFFICERS WILL BE SIZED FOR THEM SOON. THE PURCHASE OF NEW RADIOS ARE NEEDED TO HANDLE ALL THE DATA AND INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY. CHIEF DETTER WAS GIVIN A QUOTE FROM KENWOOD THAT ALSO OFFERS 3 EXTRA RADIOS AT THE COST OF \$ 80,426.00. MAYOR CHAVIS ASKED FOR A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE NEW RADIOS. COUNCILPERSON LEANNE TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE NEW RADIOS AND COUNCILPERSON DAVID BARBER

SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. CHIEF DETTER THEN REPORTED THE TWO NEWLY PURCHASED POLICE VEHICLES ARE STILL BEING COMPLETED. DETTER FINISHED BY STATING THE OFFICER OUT ON WORKERS COMP IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO WORK DECEMBER 8, 2021.

IN THE **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**, RENTAL UNIFORMS NEED TO BE ORDERED FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES BECAUSE OSHA GUIDELINES STATES THAT EMPLOYEES SHOULD WEAR BRIGHT AND CAUTIOUS UNIFORMS. TOWN CLERK PAM HYMAN CONTACTED TWO COMPANIES CINTAS AND UNIFIRST. SHE RECEIVED QUOTES FROM EACH COMPANY FOR UNIFORMS FOR FOUR EMPLOYEES. THE QUOTES INCLUDE 11 SHIRTS AND PANTS AND 2 JACKETS PER EMPLOYEE. EACH QUOTE WAS APPROXIMATELY \$10 PER WEEK PER EMPLOYEE. MAYOR CHAVIS AND COUNCIL WILL MAKE A DECISION ON UNIFORMS AT A LATER DATE.

THE STATUS ON THE WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE IS THAT IT NEEDS TO BE PAINTED. THE ESTIMATE FOR PAINTING THE OUTSIDE WOULD BE AROUD \$110,000.00 AND THE COST WOULD GO UP IF PUT OFF TOO LONG DUE TO THE NEED FOR SANDBLASTING. THE INSIDE COULD GO ANOTHER 8 TO 10 YEARS. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH JAMES MYZELL AND RYAN JONES THEN WILL FOLLOW UP WITH COUNCIL.

BEING NOTHING FUTHER ON THE AGENDA, THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THIS MEETING.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCILPERSON DAVID BARBER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

MAYOR