

MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Angel; Council Members Susan Jackson, Jeannie Knight, Bob Mock and Tony Storey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Members Terry Arnold and Shane Bradley

STAFF PRESENT: David Krumwiede, Town Administrator; Attorney Paul Agnew; Patti Chasteen, Clerk/Treasurer; Lewis Saxton, Utility Superintendent; Police Lt. Blake Gambrell; and Matthew Busby, Assistant Fire Chief

I. CALLED MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Angel called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Angel led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Jackson.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

A. Paul Bell, CEO of The Renaissance--Erskine Pool Update

Paul Bell thanked Council for entering into a joint agreement with Erskine College to renovate the pool. Mr. Bell provided a report about the status of the Erskine Pool Project. With pledges and contributions amounting to \$93,215, it is hopeful that a contract will be signed by the end of February. This amount doesn't include the \$20,000 from Erskine's SGA. The goal is to raise \$131,500 to meet the bid that has been submitted. Work can then begin to rebuild the pool and have it reopened in late May or early June. The Due West community is enthusiastic about having the pool back in operation.

B. Carlyle Shirley, Civil Design Engineer from Dunn & Associates Engineering, Inc.

C. Terry Greenfield, Abbeville County's Veterans Service Office

Mr. Greenfield spoke to Mayor and Council regarding soliciting to raise money to help pay for expenses for rental space with a "Boot Drive" for the Veterans Memorial Foundation. Attorney Agnew read the portion of the Town's code on soliciting. He confirmed Mayor and Council must approve this request. A motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve soliciting to raise money with a "Boot Drive" for the Veterans Memorial Foundation at the intersection of Main/Abbeville Streets between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

V. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Council Member Knight and seconded by Council Member Mock to approve the minutes of our regular Town Council meeting from January 9, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending December 31, 2016—No changes were noted. A motion was made by Council Member Knight and seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve financial reports as information. The motion passed unanimously. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending January 31, 2017—No changes were noted. A motion was made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Knight to approve financial reports as information. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. LEGISLATION

VII. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Preparation and Adoption

Mayor Angel noted the upcoming FY2017-18 preparation calendar included in Council packages. He's looking at moving up the April Council meeting to 4/10/17. He will discuss this further at the next council meeting.

2. RIA Grant Update

Mayor Angel thanked Carlyle Shirley from Dunn & Associates Engineering for coming to tonight's Council meeting. S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) didn't chose our project in the fall, but our grant application will come up again in March, 2017. They've talked to Liz Rosinski from RIA and discussed options on how to improve our chances on being awarded another RIA grant. Carlyle presented a project status update. Attorney Agnew asked about easements. Carlyle stated if awarded the grant, we would have to pursue an easement near the Erskine pool. However, we don't need to pursue until we know if the Town is awarded a grant. The old line won't be removed under Erskine's baseball field, but filled with a substance to eliminate damage to the field. The sewer line would be moved to Young Street.

3. Due West Robotics Headed to World Championship

Mayor Angel announced that the Due West Robotics Club is headed to Houston, Texas, in April for the World Championship competition consisting of 108 teams. This Due West Robotics' team has been together for five years. The community has been wonderful helping them to get out to Texas. The team will be flying out on 4/18/17 and returning on 4/23/17.

B. Council Reports/Comments

Council Member Knight reported that the Due West Lion's Club is looking into funding for fencing at the Washington Street Park. Conway Shirley met recently regarding the fencing. Fencing is being considered on two sides with possibly a decorative fence on the Washington Street portion. Mr. Krumwiede stated that the Committee needs to consider safety issues and the Police Department with the fencing. He added that the balance in the Park Development Fund is approximately \$16,000 and we would have to match upcoming PARD grant funds received. Mrs. Knight added that the Park is beautiful and the trees have been planted. She thanked Jan Haldeman for her help with the tree grant. Benches are in place and tables are under the shelter.

C. David Krumwiede—Town Administrator

It's business license time. Town Hall has been busy and approximately 70 business license letters/applications have been mailed. We will need help from the Police Department with contractors by asking them to come by Town Hall. Business License Standardization Bills H3650 and H3651 are under consideration by the S.C. Legislature. It's not looking good and is an attack on our business license system by exempting categories. It could possibly take administration away from municipalities and go to the S.C. Secretary of State. We wouldn't have any control and it takes away the home rule. It would have an impact on us one way or another. In addition, the proposed fix to the State's pension system would cost both the Town and employees more money.

D. Paul Agnew—Town Attorney

Under the Town's Code of Ordinances, Attorney Agnew said residents interested in raising chickens may do so unless it's in such a manner as to create a nuisance. If it interferes with neighbors' peace or quiet, it is a nuisance. You cannot have roosters according to Mr. Krumwiede. Livestock is clearly prohibited added Attorney Agnew.

E. Fire Department—Report provided

Assistant Fire Chief Busby stated the Fire Department was staying on track and he didn't have much to pass on. Medical and fire calls have both dropped. They have two new medics. A couple of people inquired about the Fire Department at the chili supper. They are glad to see the new brush truck in service and it's functional. Mayor Angel inquired about the old brush truck. He stated Police Chief Maxwell has inquired about using the truck for animal control. Mr. Busby stated he didn't have an answer. Lewis Saxton reminded Council the repair on the old brush truck was a temporary fix. Therefore, not sure how long it will hold up before needing additional repairs.

F. Police Department—Report provided

Lt. Blake Gambrell reviewed the Police Department's Activity Summary for January, 2017. He noted the Department had 4 arrests, 2 accidents, and 13 citations during January. The Police Department has a new server for security which provides improvement in reporting.

G. Utilities Department--No Report

Superintendent Lewis Saxton stated he couldn't hand out a monthly report due to an outage this afternoon. The 100kW generator is running. SCE&G was on standby to adjust gas pressure to get it up and running. He hopes to have the slab poured later this week for the 500kW generator and delivery should be around the first of April, 2017. The unit is approximately 14-15 tons and will be brought out using an 80 ton crane. They hope to have up and running by the end of April, 2017.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. *Town Hall Closed for Presidents' Day on 2/20/17*

2. *Revised Final Fiscal Year 2015-16 Audit*

The revised audit correcting one number was included in Council packages.

3. *Reminder to Council of the Approaching State Ethics' Deadlines*

Mayor Angel reminded Council of the State Ethics' deadline of 3/30/17.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, a motion was made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Knight to adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 6:50 p.m. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

CLERK/TREASURER