

MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL
103 MAIN STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Angel, Councilmembers Terry Arnold, Shane Bradley, Susan Jackson, Jeannie Knight, Bob Mock and Tony Storey

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: David Krumwiede, Town Administrator; Attorney Paul Agnew; Patti Chasteen, Clerk/Treasurer; Michelle Knox, Assistant Clerk/Clerk of Court; David Maxwell, Police Chief; Lewis Saxton, Utilities Superintendent; 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 Councilmember Bradley.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Angel noted that there were no visitors present.

V. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Arnold to approve the minutes of our regular Town Council meeting from February 8, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending February 29, 2016—No changes were noted. A motion was made by Councilmember Mock and seconded by Councilmember Knight to approve financial reports as information. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. LEGISLATION

VII. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. The Fiscal Year

Mayor Angel stated that the department heads are preparing their budgets now. Mayor Angel stated that there have been changes to the departmental committee members. The committee members are as follows:

- *Fire Department* Councilmembers Arnold and Jackson
- *Police Department* Councilmembers Mock and Storey
- *Public Works* Councilmembers Knight and Bradley

Mayor Angel said department heads should feel free to contact the committee members concerning budgets. He would love to see a 5-10% scale back on budgets using that money to go towards Civic Events, sewer improvements, and capital improvements. Any money saved in the budget could go back into things like these. Mayor Angel said that along with budgets, he would also like department heads to complete an inventory replacement plan (example provided). Lewis Saxton asked what price minimum the Mayor would like listed. Mayor Angel and Town Administrator Krumwiede agreed that \$5,000.00 would be appropriate.

2. Goals Planning Update

Mayor Angel stated that the minutes from the Goals Planning Meeting were included in the Councilmembers' packages and that the minutes need approving. A motion was made by Councilmember Mock and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the minutes of the Goals Planning Meeting from February 24, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Angel stated that it was a great meeting, with department heads and councilmembers attending. Jeff Shacker of MASC came and discussed establishing goals. They brought up and discussed items of interest/goals for the future. Councilmembers voted on "Must Do", "Should Do", and "Could Do" goals.

3. Civic Events Committee Update

Mayor Angel stated that the Civic Events Committee met two times over the last month and that these minutes need approving. A motion was made by Councilmember Knight and seconded by Councilmember Bradley to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee meeting from February 29, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Councilmember Knight and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee meeting from March 15, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Angel stated that in the meetings, the Committee discussed past events and adding more events between April 4, 2016 and December 12, 2016. He appreciates the work the Committee is doing. The Committee wants to include The Renaissance and Erskine College in the events. He stated that Dr. Alanna Angel came up with the idea of "Walk Due West" and submitted information to "The Village Observer". Flyers will be hung at Due West Family Medicine, Town Hall, and The Commercial Bank.

According to Mayor Angel, April 22nd is Earth Day/Great American Clean Up. In the past, around 20 people have participated. The Mayor wants to have more community involvement and service organizations included. Dr. Jan Haldeman can assist with trying to get trees for the town. Attorney Agnew stated that he appreciates the Town having a clean-up day. When walking around town, he picks up trash and places it in the little green cans that are kept up by the Town.

Mayor Angel stated that "Schools Out, Shout Out" will be held on June 10, 2016. The movie "Minions" will be shown. On September 9, 2016, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will be shown. The date of September 9th, will allow for Erskine students to be able to attend with school back in session.

4. 1% Committee Update

Mayor Angel stated that the 1% Abbeville County Capital Projects Sales Tax Committee is trying to set up a referendum. If the 1% tax goes through, there should be approximately \$9.6 million available to the areas of the County over an 8 year period. The Committee did not want requests for things such as vehicles or police equipment. According to the Mayor, the following things have been submitted to the Committee: 1) Park; 2) approximately \$275,000.00 for purchasing and renovating the building next door to Town Hall; and 3) approximately \$550,000.00 for a 5,000 sq. ft. community center.

5. Park Update

According to Lewis Saxton, the area is ready for the playground equipment that may be installed around March 30th. Lewis said the ditch has come a long way. The neighbors are working with them. The DOT donated 2 more layers of rip rap. The next project is the fence between the park and the apartments. Lewis wants to get more things done before the fence is installed. When the equipment is delivered, the Mayor said people will know what is going on. Lewis said that people should thank Bob Gettys when they see him on the street. Bob has stepped up and helped with the park. Mayor Angel thanked Lewis and Carlton for their hard work.

6. Earth Day--Great American Cleanup (April 22nd)

Mayor Angel stated posters are up about the Great American Clean Up on Earth Day (April 22nd) will be held between 4:30-6:30 p.m. People should meet at the ARP Church parking lot.

In addition, the Town's annual spring trash pick-up will be held April 11th-14th. Lewis Saxton said a few residents have been putting their trash out early and making the Town look bad. In the future, we may wait until a later time to announce dates.

B. David Krumwiede--Town Administrator

Mr. Krumwiede stated that Duke gave \$10,000.00 towards the park. Mayor Angel said the timing was good and will help with the fence installation.

C. Paul Agnew—Town Attorney

Attorney Agnew stated that everything is quiet and good.

D. Fire Department—Report provided

Assistant Fire Chief Matthew Busby stated that things are running smooth. Councilmember Arnold asked about the brush truck. Matthew stated that the pump messed up and Lewis fixed it. He hopes it will hold up. The motor seems to be working better than it was before the issues.

E. Police Department—Report provided

Chief Maxwell stated that he recently attended the Lion’s Club Law Enforcement Appreciation supper and participated in Diamond Hill Elementary School’s Career Day speaking to 3rd and 4th graders. Chief Maxwell also stated that he recently lost 25% of his road crew with Sgt. Charles Parker leaving. On the upside, stated that he has hired Lt. Blake Gambrell. Lt. Gambrell will start on March 22, 2016.

Chief Maxwell stated that Mayor Angel had mentioned an article to him concerning high school mascots being put on police vehicles. A Dixie High School Hornet decal is currently in the works. It will be placed on SRO Sgt. Clamp’s vehicle and show support to the school.

F. Utilities Department—Report provided

Superintendent Lewis Saxton gave an update on Roy McClain who is currently out on medical leave. Roy will go back to his back doctor the middle of April to receive an update on when he can return to work. Roy also has outpatient gall bladder surgery scheduled for March 24, 2016.

In the last month, Lewis noted they had issues with some power poles being pulled down by a logging truck. In addition to the poles, three meter bases were pulled off of houses. Attorney Agnew asked if the situation could have been dangerous. Lewis and Chief Maxwell both responded that it could have been. Mayor Angel stated that Lewis, Carlton, Chief Maxwell, and Sgt. Parker worked until around 11:00 p.m. on the situation. Lewis noted that 4 firemen supported he and Carlton in digging a 6 x 24 foot pole hole. Lewis added that an insurance claim was submitted and reimbursement has already been received.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Councilmember Knight noted that her address needs to be updated on the Town's Departmental Committee list.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, a motion was made by Councilmember Bradley and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 6:40 p.m. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

CLERK/TREASURER