

MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 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; 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 Knight

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Paul Jackson, Editor of the Village Observer

V. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Councilmember Knight and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the minutes of our regular Town Council meeting from April 18, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending April 30, 2016—No changes were noted. A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Bradley to approve financial reports as information. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. LEGISLATION

A. ORDINANCE NO. 02-2016

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 02-2016 -- AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C., AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF THE PURCHASE OF A 500KW GENERATOR FROM CATERPILLAR WITH RELATED COMPONENTS AND WARRANTY THROUGH BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (BB&T). THE AMOUNT FINANCED SHALL NOT EXCEED \$360,000, ANNUAL INTEREST RATE SHALL NOT EXCEED 1.99%, AND THE FINANCING TERM SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE YEARS FROM CLOSING.

Councilmember Knight inquired about expenses already incurred on the 500KW generator. The only expenses so far have been for consulting per Mr. Krumwiede. Councilmember Mock asked if our Duke Energy contract was for 10 years. Mayor Angel replied it was a 13 year contract.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bradley to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 02-2016. Councilmember Arnold seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 03-2016

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 03-2016 -- AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, BOTH FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND THE ENTERPRISE FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mayor Angel reviewed the following budget assumptions:

- Implement bi-weekly payroll for all employees. Employees will be able to sell at least one week of sick-leave or vacation time to implement the transition.
- All full-time employees employed for at least 6 months with the Town will receive 2% salary increase effective July 1, 2016.
- A line item will be created in the General Fund and Utilities Budget called "Depreciation." A separate fund will be established for Depreciation monies not spent during the budgeted year.
- A category will be created in the General Fund Budget called "Municipal Court."
- A line item will be created in the General Fund Budget called "Special Events."
- Pursue RIA Grant for Phase II for the new pump station to reroute sewer line under Erskine's baseball field.

Mr. Krumwiede added the health and life insurance premiums are unpredictable due to state increases. Mayor Angel stated that the depreciation was one of the strategic goals to replace assets. A special called council meeting will be held on June 14, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. to go over budget amendments necessary for the FY2015-16 budgets.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bradley to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 03-2016. Councilmember Arnold seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. *Park Ribbon Cutting*

Mayor Angel said the Park's Ribbon Cutting went exceptionally well and he thanked those involved in organizing the event. There were approximately 75 children and adults in attendance. Senator Floyd Nicholson attended and spoke. Mayor Angel feels that the park will be a good place for area residents to get to know each other.

2. *Walk Due West*

Mayor Angel said people are continuing to walk every day at different times. He said that Dr. Angel had the idea of meeting at different places to begin. The designated places are: Monday–Town Hall; Tuesday–The Renaissance; and Thursday–Washington Street Park. Not as many people have been showing up on Wednesdays and Fridays.

3. *School's Out! Shout Out!*

Mayor Angel stated that School's Out,! Shout Out! is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2016, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Flyers will be going out this week. "Minions" will be the free movie. The Mayor expects to have a good time.

4. *Palmetto Pride--Great American Cleanup*

The Mayor said that the original date of the cleanup was April 22nd, but was postponed due to rain until April 25th. It went fantastic with approximately 30 people showing up and around 28 bags were collected. The Mayor appreciates the local organizations such as The Boy Scouts, Due West Robotics, and Due West Lion's Club participating. Attorney Agnew said he can tell a difference when he is out walking.

5. *Depot Gang--O'Dell Store*

Mayor Angel said the "Depot Gang" recently cleaned up at O'Dell's Store. They cut the grass and moved a sign. The "Depot Gang" is a self-proclaimed group started by Hillard Allen. The group wanted to clean prior to Erskine's upcoming graduation.

6. *Dixie Softball--State Finals*

Mayor Angel noted that the Dixie High School's Softball Team is currently playing in the finals. The last home game started at 6:00 p.m.

7. *Facebook Update*

Mayor Angel said that the Town's Facebook page has over 700 likes. There was a good response (likes / shares) on the Washington Street Park Ribbon Cutting, Dixie High School Baseball games and Dixie High School Softball games. Our Facebook posts are reaching thousands of people.

B. David Krumwiede—Town Administrator

No further comments.

C. Paul Agnew—Town Attorney

No further comments.

D. Fire Department—No Report provided

Assistant Fire Chief Matthew Busby stated that the Fire Department has one fireman, Caleb Pate, that is graduating from Erskine. Mayor Angel said he attended a dinner that was held for Caleb and enjoyed it.

E. Police Department—Report provided

Chief Maxwell expressed appreciation for the work done on the park and said that everyone should be commended. He said that people have talked to him about their interest in the park.

Chief Maxwell said the Police Department usually has less than ten incidents, but had fifteen this month. It's not unusual for the numbers to go up this time of year. Chief stated that the new body cameras are in and showed one to council. The cameras were \$300.00 each and paperwork has been submitted to hopefully receive reimbursement from the State. Mayor Angel is currently reviewing the body camera policy.

Councilmember Knight expressed thanks for Lt. Gambrell helping out with a stroller that was left behind at the park ribbon cutting. Sgt. Busby was able to return it to the owner.

F. Utilities Department—No Report provided

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

MAYOR PRO-TEM

CLERK/TREASURER