

MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Angel; Council Members 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; Lewis Saxton, Utility Superintendent; Roy McClain, Fire Chief; and Police Chief David Maxwell

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 Mock.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Due West Lions Club--Water Amenity for the Washington Street Park

Paul Jackson, Due West Lions Club's President, thanked Council for the opportunity to come representing the Club. The Club has a desire to fund a "Legacy Project" for the Town to commemorate the Centennial Celebration of the International Lions Club and the 20th year anniversary of the Due West Lions Club. The Club thought about the possibility of a water amenity or water fountain at the Washington Street Park. Mr. Jackson said they will get back with Council in the next few months. Council Member Knight commented that the Town would need a source of water at the Park. Mayor Angel thanked the Due West Lions Club and thinks a "Legacy Project" would be wonderful.

V. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Mock to approve the minutes of our regular Town Council meeting from September 19, 2016. Council Member Knight requested a correction to the minutes to add the Town's CPST share to include community park . The motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending September 30, 2016—No changes were noted. Mayor Angel thinks everything is in line. A motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Council Member Knight to approve financial reports as information. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. LEGISLATION

A. Ordinance No. 04-2016

First Reading on Ordinance No. 04-2016 – An ordinance to repeal Article II. Business Licenses, Town of Due West, S.C., 2012. Said Article to be stricken in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof, Attached Exhibit A, which by reference becomes part of this Article and Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Krumwiede reviewed "Exhibit A" covering rate classes for different businesses. Specific codes are covered in more detail on NAICS' website. Before the next meeting, Mr. Krumwiede will provide a schedule showing detailed rate classifications. The Town's present license is \$10-\$15 yearly--depending on gross income. Council Member Mock questioned who would enforce. Our Police Department currently enforces unofficially. Chief Maxwell said he hasn't approached anyone who required further action. He has only experience one problem with a coin operated machine license.

A motion was made by Council Member Knight and seconded by Council Member Mock. The motion passed unanimously to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 04-2016.

VII. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. *Fall Festival Update*

Mayor Angel stated the festival went well overall and the Town finished with a profit of approximately \$225. Although it was hot, the event was well attended. Employees worked hard and it's appreciated. After a meeting with the Lions Club, it was determined that changing the date of the festival was not a good idea.

2. *Accommodations Tax Request Update*

The Town had requested \$3,000 from Abbeville County's Accommodations Tax Fund. Upon approval from Abbeville County Council, the distribution of monies allocated to the Town of Due West was \$1,500. Monies from the accommodations tax are used to promote tourism.

3. *Erskine Euphemian Cannon for Sporting Events*

It has been several years since Erskine has fired the Euphemian Cannon for sporting events. They've requested firing the cannon again at baseball, softball, and soccer events.

4. *Boeing Visit to Due West Robotics*

Three people from Boeing are coming 10/26/16 to visit Due West Robotics. Boeing will be visiting around Abbeville County talking to people.

5. *Community Center*

Former Mayor Lee Logan and Freshwater Coast Community Foundation had worked with Will Ferreira from the Clemson University's Extension Program the last few months of his term to help foster community development in Due West. According to Mayor Angel, the current "pie in the sky" is to use McGee Gym. The Gym hasn't been used in several years. The 1% Proposed Capital Projects Sales Tax includes a community center in Town. Mr. Krumwiede said someone brought to his attention the County is not required to spend on the capital projects listed. Mayor Angel said it's good we are looking into it. Erskine College has been involved. Will Ferreira plans to come to the 12/19/16 Council Meeting and show pictures at the concept level.

B. Council Reports/Comments

1. *Park Update--Jeannie Knight*

Mrs. Knight announced the Park Development Committee expects more insight and ideas with two new members--Melissa Funderburk and Marty Patterson. Five park benches are to be added to Washington Street Park. Additional picnic tables and trash cans have been ordered. A ribbon cutting was held on 10/4/16 to celebrate the Born Learning Trail at the Park. It was led by the United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville counties.

C. David Krumwiede--Town Administrator

No further comments.

D. Paul Agnew--Town Attorney

No further comments.

E. Fire Department--Report provided

Fire Chief McClain said everything is going good. He has been discussing with Duke Energy the possibility of getting a brush truck before the auction. He is working with FEMA on a grant, looking at more turnout gear, and combining two older trucks for options of getting a grant.

F. Police Department--Report provided

Chief Maxwell said September has been a busy month with a couple of assault and battery charges, family offenses, and shoplifting at Dollar General. Not typical and hopes it slows down. "Clown and tiger" sightings have occurred in Town. Erskine's upcoming "Scary Party" has requested no clown outfits. Chief is afraid someone is going to get hurt. Chief Maxwell had the opportunity to attend the S.C. Police Chief's Conference and saw affects of Hurricane Matthew. MASC is taking a caravan to the Town of Nichols where 75% of residents are seniors and most don't have flood insurance. Rivers are still cresting. Keeping residents of Town of Nichols in prayer.

G. Utilities Department--Report provided

Superintendent Saxton said his department has been busy. Carlton Brock has been out with eye surgery.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. *Abbeville Area Medical Center Board of Trustees*

Bill Lesesne's resignation from Abbeville Area Medical Center's Board of Directors was announced at the 9/19/16 council meeting per Mayor Angel. We need to make an official appointment and Bobby Clarke was brought up at last month's council meeting; however, Mayor Angel asked for other recommendations. After hearing none, Mayor Angel made a motion to appoint Bobby Clarke to the Abbeville Area Medical Center's Board of Trustees and seconded by Council Member Mock. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Erskine Pool Discussion

Mayor Angel said the Town passed a resolution in August urging Erskine College to open the pool. He has been meeting with Erskine College officials. Erskine does not have the funds to renovate the pool. An estimated \$80,000 would be needed to renovate the pool. Legalities would have to be documented between the Town and Erskine with the community raising \$80,000. Erskine would maintain the pool, provide lifeguards, and chemicals. Both Town and individual memberships have been discussed with Erskine officials. To begin construction, money would have to be raised by February, 2017. Mayor Angel said they'd have to get an updated quote and it would take community involvement. The next step would be getting Paul Agnew to draft an agreement.

3. Moe's Building

Mayor Angel distributed minutes from the Special Meeting on strategic planning and identifying priorities held on 2/24/16. The price has dropped from \$115,000 to \$65,000. However, he has not pursued and doesn't currently know what the building is worth. If we want to look into or tell others, we need to have a plan. Attorney Agnew said towns can legally buy building to maintain or renovate.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. *Upstate Elected Officials Meeting on October 27th at 12:30-4:30 p.m.*
- 2. *Town Hall Closed for Veterans Day on November 11th*
- 3. *Fall Trash Pickup on November 14th-17th*
- 4. *Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving on November 24th-25th*
- 5. *Town Christmas Parade on December 2nd at 5:15 p.m.*

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. *Duke Energy Contract*

A motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Council Member Storey at 7:20 p.m. to go into Executive Session for discussion of the Duke Energy Contract. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION--POSSIBLE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON MATTER DISCUSSED

Council returned from Executive Session. A motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Council Member Jackson to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No action was taken following Executive Session

XII. 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 7:42 p.m. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

CLERK/TREASURER