

MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Members Terry Arnold

STAFF PRESENT: David Krumwiede, Town Administrator; Attorney Paul Agnew; Patti Chasteen, Clerk/Treasurer; Lewis Saxton, Utility Superintendent; Police Chief David Maxwell; and Roy McClain, 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 Bradley.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
Mayor Angel recognized Due West resident Pamela Knox to tonight's Council Meeting.

V. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS
A. A motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Council Member Bradley to approve the minutes of our regular Town Council meeting from March 20, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
B. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending March 31, 2017—The monthly financial statements were not available for the Council Meeting.

VI. LEGISLATION
A. Ordinance No. 01-2017
First Reading on Ordinance No. 01-2017 – AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL APPENDIX A, PARAGRAPH, "NONRESIDENT RATES" IN ITS ENTIRETY; CLASS 8 RATES, CONTRACTORS, SECTION 8.1A "NOT HAVING PERMANENT PLACE OF BUSINESS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY" IN ITS ENTIRETY, AS STATED IN ORDINANCE NO. 04-2016 AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE UNDER NAICS CLASSIFICATION 531110 "LESSORS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND RENTAL DWELLINGS," SHALL APPLY TO LESSORS OF TWO (2) OR MORE RENTAL DWELLINGS.

Ordinance No. 01-2017 and Ordinance No. 04-2016 were included in Council packages with areas highlighted that are included above. Council Member Bradley inquired about the last sentence about "two or more rental dwellings" and asked if that is standard. Mr. Krumwiede answered yes. After checking with municipalities in our region, two is standard in our area.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Jackson. The motion passed unanimously to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 01-2017.

VII. REPORTS
A. Mayor's Report
1. *Sample Business License Applications*
Mayor Angel directed Council to two sample business license applications with highlighted areas included in Council packages as follows:
• ***Sample #1 - Residential Apartments, NAICS #531110, Rate Class 7 & \$80,000 Gross Receipts***
Using nonresident rate, total fee due would be \$338.40. Using resident rate, total fee due would be \$169.20.

- **Sample #2 - Food Service Supplier, NAICS #722310, Rate Class 1 & \$1,500,000 Gross Receipts**
Using nonresident rate, total fee due would be \$3,245.60. Using resident rate, total fee due would be \$1,622.80.

Mayor Angel asked if Council had any questions. Council Member Bradley asked if this is same application sent to businesses, if there was a supplemental schedule sent, and an explanation of gross income. Mr. Krumwiede confirmed it's the same application, a supplemental page was sent, and we have to take their word on gross income. Council Member Bradley then asked why should they give us information requested on supplemental schedule, if there's a liability, and who stops by to ask subcontractors if they've got a license. Mr. Krumwiede replied that they're coming here to make a profit and nobody likes to pay. However, they know they've got to pay. Police Department, Mr. Krumwiede, Lewis and Roy help when subcontractors are seen in Town. Attorney Agnew added that State law gives the Town the right to get tax returns. Council Member Knight said subcontractors pay business licenses to the county also. No--that's a building permit per Mr. Krumwiede. Council Member Bradley said one concern he has is going from \$15 to thousands and how do we address. Mr. Krumwiede said the Town needs to stay with the ordinance, adopt a base document and then go talk to businesses with concerns. The Town hasn't increased business license fees since 1962. The main reason the Town felt an urgent need to take action to increase to 2017 prices is because of recent legislative matters where authority could have been taken away from us. Majority of municipalities have ordinance and we are still one of the lowest. Council Member Bradley said he isn't suggesting that we do anything. However, he voted for something he didn't know he was voting for. Mr. Krumwiede added that our expenses keep going up and we have no property taxes. Many municipalities are having financial issues. Council Member Jackson said she is a novice--the new kid on the block. She didn't fully understand the ordinance either. The Renaissance's business license went from \$15 to over \$1,700 over night. Every time I get someone to move in now, I know our expenses are going up. By the license going up as quickly as it did, they did not budget for the huge increase. Mr. Krumwiede sees it leveling out. He assured her we like The Renaissance and the Town gives them a lot of services. She acknowledged that they realize how much the Town does for them. Mr. Krumwiede continued that we want the Town to survive. The State is raising retirement 2%, insurance premiums are increasing, and employees like receiving periodic increases also. Mayor Angel has offered The Renaissance help by making quarterly payments. They'll be more prepared their next budget. Council Member Knight believes a quarterly payment is a fair option. However, Mr. Krumwiede commented that we could only do a payment option for business licenses due in excess of \$1,500. Attorney Agnew added we take for granted what we have and he thinks we made right move. In the City of Abbeville, he has been paying a large amount for his business license for many years. Council Member Bradley appreciates the work of Mayor Angel, Mr. Krumwiede and Attorney Agnew during this business license transition. He heard the word survive used. Therefore, he encourages no budget increases during the upcoming budget planning.

2. Peace Officers' Memorial Day Proclamation--May 15, 2017

Mayor Angel read the proclamation for Peace Officers' Memorial Day. The day recognizes officers that have lost their lives in the past year. Flags will be flown at half staff. The Mayor expressed his heartfelt appreciation to Chief Maxwell and the entire Police Department for everything they do.

3. School Board Update

Mayor Angel attended the last School Board meeting. He included in last month's council packages newspaper articles regarding consolidation updates. At this time, he feels the Board is moving forward with a committee focusing on long term planning.

4. Pool Update

According to an update from Buddy Ferguson, the pool fundraising goal is now fully funded. All pledges should be returned by 5/1/17. Additional donations received will go toward items like pool furniture. Although demolition work has begun, work on the pool cannot begin until DHEC approves. Opening date of the pool is anticipated to be on target for June, 2017. Mayor expressed his appreciation to the community and corporate sponsors for their financial support.

B. Council Reports/Comments

Council Member Knight passed out suggested park rules to Council. She requested Attorney Agnew to review and let us know if there's anything that needs to be changed. The fence is up--chained link in the back and split rail posts in the front. The fence was paid for by the Lions Club. Mayor Angel stated play elements will be added for younger kids. Mr. Krumwiede mentioned there's one tree that will need to be removed in the park. He and Lewis will look at a drainage problem in one area of the park. He will try to put park rules in an ordinance.

C. David Krumwiede--Town Administrator

Mr. Krumwiede announced the MASC's Annual meeting will be this summer. Council Member Jackson stated an interest in attending. Attorney Agnew mentioned he saw where Mayor Angel and Council Member Jackson both graduated from the Municipal Elected Officials Institute.

D. Paul Agnew—Town Attorney

No further comments.

E. Fire Department—Report Provided

Fire Chief McClain said the Department is going good. Higher on the medical calls last month. They also assisted with a serious vehicle accident last month.

F. Police Department—Report Provided

Police Chief Maxwell said they're doing a lot of required information technology changes. They've went live with another CAD system with the County's 911 system with the cost being absorbed. When officers receive calls, it helps tremendously to have important information already in our system. The Department has been busy this month with 17 different investigations. One was a home invasion resulting in one arrest and two outstanding warrants. He's not trying to scare Council and doesn't feel residents are in danger--this is not typical for Due West. So far, the month of April has went smoother.

G. Utilities Department--No Report

Superintendent Saxton said he has no date scheduled yet for the required short-term power outage for the generator, but we need to meet soon to plan the date. We will be required to have the generator running by January, 2018. He is meeting with the gas line company tomorrow. The Annual Spring Cleanup will be April 24-27. Mayor Angel said the storms last week were not as bad as predicted for our area. He praised our Utility guys for doing a good job keeping our power on.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Town Council Budget Work Session with Departmental Committees

Mayor Angel announced that we are not prepared to have the budget work session. He should've moved the Council Meeting forward instead of back to allow more time for preparation. He would like to have a called Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 1, 2017.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Annual Spring Cleanup April 24th through April 27th

Mayor Angel has added this to the Town's Facebook page if residents would like to share the event.

2. Great American Cleanup on Friday, April 21st

The Civic Events Committee, Dixie High School, Erskine College, and Lions Club will be meeting soon to finalize plans for the cleanup. Although Earth Day is on April 22nd, it was decided to have the cleanup on April 21st.

3. School's Out Shout Out on Friday, June 9th

Instead of having the first School's Out Shout Out on Saturday, Mayor announced the Civic Events Committee decided on Friday (June 9th) to coincide with RYLA being on Erskine's campus. In addition, this could possibly be a good day for the pool ribbon cutting. More definite information will follow.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MAYOR

CLERK/TREASURER