

MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 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; Utility Superintendent Lewis Saxton; Fire Chief Roy McClain; 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 Knight.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Alex Alexander was recognized by Mayor Angel for attending tonight's meeting. He recently purchased a home on Dogwood Circle and formerly lived at The Renaissance.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Angel recognized Roy McClain and presented him a small token of appreciation for going above and beyond during Lewis Saxton's recent medical leave. He said he knows how much Lewis means to the community. The Town realizes what a huge undertaking it was for Roy to fill in for Lewis while he was out. Lewis Saxton expressed his gratitude for the hard work performed by both Roy and Carlton Brock during his absence.

VI. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

A. A motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the minutes of our Regular Town Council meeting from July 17, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

B. A motion was made by Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Mock to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee meeting from July 24, 2017. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Council Member Knight and seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the minutes of the Civic Events Committee meeting from August 8, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ending July 31, 2017—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.

VII. LEGISLATION

VIII. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Pool Update

Although the projected opening date of the pool was the first week of June, Mayor Angel stated it still isn't finished. Although the project is almost complete, the original contractor isn't meeting deadlines. Erskine College is considering hiring another contractor to finish the project. The original contractor was given every opportunity to finish and had a timeline that wasn't followed. The original contractor is still due money, but that balance will be used to hire another contractor. Buck Stove gave Erskine a quote that's within budget and could complete the project in one to two weeks. Greg Haselden has apologized, but hopes to open the pool soon. Attorney Agnew said his certified letter he sent to the contractor was returned. Council Member Mock asked Attorney Agnew how much the contractor has been paid. Attorney wasn't sure--it was Erskine's call. Council Member Storey asked if the rumor he heard about leaks in the pool are true. According to Mayor Angel, Parker Christie said they've found no evidence of leaks. He added that evaporation from the recent heat has reduced the water level.

2. PARD Update

When Mayor Angel first spoke to Rep. Gagnon about the PARD grant, he was told Upper Abbeville Recreation Department would get the full amount. However, we would get a portion next year. Since then, Rep. Gagnon said he's working on us getting \$12,000-\$13,000. We will need to resubmit our PARD budgeted items after June, 2018. Council Member Knight asked if there's hope to get equipment this fall. Mayor Angel said we will determine that when the Park Committee meets. Sam Leaman with Upper Savannah Council of Governments will help with the PARD grant process and getting signatures. Council Member Knight said she'll get the Park Committee together.

B. Council Reports/Comments

1. Council Member Jackson--Fall Festival on 9/30/17 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Council Member Jackson said she and Hillard Allen went together to buy items for the raffle. Some of the items for the raffle are 50" TV, Yeti tumblers, charcoal grill, RCA Voyager III Tablet, Amazon Echo Dot, and prizes donated by sponsors. She presented a Fall Festival handout and reviewed the following:

- Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
- Fall for Due West T-Shirts will be Available for \$15
- Erskine's Rotaract and Dixie Interact Clubs Will Volunteer at the Festival
- Space Rental Fees: Craft, Miscellaneous and Yard Sale Spaces Without Power \$20/With Power \$30; and Food Vendors \$35
- Festival Banner and Signs Will Go Up Two Weeks Prior to Event
- Community Wide Scarecrow Contest. Prizes will be Awarded at the Festival for: Most Creative, Most Colorful, Funniest and Scariest

Council Member Storey asked if Council Members can buy raffle tickets and keep prizes if they win. Attorney Agnew stated that raffles are legal in South Carolina. However, he'd advise against Council Members buying raffle tickets. If you win, you'd have to claim on State Ethics. A gift over \$25 has to be reported to State Ethics per Council Member Mock. Mr. Krumwiede replied that you can give money directly to the festival.

C. David Krumwiede--Town Administrator

Mr. Krumwiede covered the following items:

- Dunn & Associates anticipates their RIA grant's engineering work should be completed in the Spring of 2018.
- He will be working with Upper Savannah Council of Governments on the comprehensive plan. The startup of the Abbeville County 1% capital projection sales tax will begin soon. Mayor Angel said we added \$550,000 last year for a new community center. He encouraged us to include again this year along with the park. Council Member Knight asked about including the park. Mr. Krumwiede recommends leaving the park off the list. He said we need to do two things and need things that will sell. Attorney Agnew said they're going to look at projects closely. He asked us to consider what are the priorities of the Town because a lot of people are grasping a piece of the pie. Even if you're working on a short time span, you don't want to be at the bottom of the list. He thinks we need to form an ad-hoc committee. Council Member Jackson volunteered to be on the committee. However, Mr. Krumwiede said that could be a conflict if she's on the committee. Attorney Agnew added that projects do not have to be in Town. Could be the animal shelter---it would be way up on the list. Mayor Angel said as far as priorities, they did by townships last year. Started out at \$4.5 million and then revised to \$8-9 million. Our project came in around \$4.5 million. Mr. Krumwiede feels the clause last year that raising taxes scared people.
- Abbeville County Accommodation Tax Committee's handout was distributed. Council Member Jackson said the deadline is 9/15/17. We need to come up with requests with dollar amounts and we would have to write a report.

D. Paul Agnew--Town Attorney

Attorney Agnew mentioned a recent FOIA request from a company soliciting payroll information in an electronic format. Because we do not have the format requested and keeping with the FOIA laws, we should respond that we cannot provide the file format they requested. Attorney Agnew brought up going into executive session about the election. However, Mr. Krumwiede said we cannot because it's not on the agenda at this time.

E. Fire Department--Report Provided

Chief McClain said the Department is going good with call numbers staying same. Over the past year, calls are lower than recent years. There was an overturned vehicle at College and Alexander recently. The ladder truck is back in service. He still doesn't have the bill or know the cost. If the Town needs more projects to consider, he's got plenty for the Fire Department and feels sure the Police Department does too. Mayor Angel said we can look into this.

F. Police Department—Report Provided

Chief Maxwell said the Department has been busy. There was a recent overturned vehicle Chief McClain mentioned with minor injuries. Chief introduced Patrolman Justin Smith who was hired last month. Patrolman Smith was raised around Slabtown and comes from the Honea Path Police Department. We are glad to have him working the night shift, he's doing an outstanding job, and we hope he'll be with us for a while. He hasn't been shy with 11 incidents in 30 days including 7 arrests. Four incidents were drug related and one was a weapons charge.

G. Utilities Department--Report Provided

Superintendent Lewis Saxton reported a lot of work has been going on. As far as the generator, they're waiting on a switch gear. He's glad to be back to work. Mayor Angel asked if they're expecting the generator work to be completed by January. If we can get the contractor to complete their work, we can finish our part Lewis Saxton responded.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Upcoming Summer Movie Night Starting at 8:30 p.m.

- **September 15th--Rogue One: A Star Wars Story**

The Civic Events Committee plans to have a Star Wars' costume contest. Winner's prize will be a new Fall Festival t-shirt.

2. *United Abbeville Meeting on 8/29/17 at 6:30 p.m., Abbeville High School Cafeteria*

Mayor Angel encourages everyone to attend.

3. *Town Hall Will be Closed 9/4/17 for Labor Day*

4. *Civic Events Committee Meeting on 9/11/17 at 6:00 p.m.*

5. *MEO Institute Session on 9/26/17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at USCOG*

6. *Regional Advocacy Meeting on 9/28/17 at 11:00 a.m., Greenwood Arts Center, 120 Main St., Greenwood*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, a motion was made by Council Member Mock and seconded by Council Member Jackson to adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR

CLERK/TREASURER