

"Time Well Spent"



The City of Woodruff

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016-2017 BUDGET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
231 East Hayne Street
Woodruff, South Carolina
Thursday June 9, 2016
4:00 p.m.**

(These minutes are subject to approval at the June 28, 2016, City Council Meeting)

Present at the hearing were Mayor Kenneth E. Gist and Councilpersons William E. Arnold, James Smith, Toni Sloan and Tony Kennedy. Councilpersons Allen Durham and Mattie Norman were absent. Also present were City Manager Lee Bailey and City Attorney Terry Clark. Notice of the hearing was faxed to the media the week prior to the hearing and posted on the bulletin board at City Hall in advance in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gist at approximately 4:00 p.m. Councilperson Kennedy moved to accept the agenda as written, and Councilperson Sloan seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor Gist opened the public hearing and stated that Ms. Karen Davies was the only person who signed up to speak at the hearing.

Ms. Davies requested that funds be allotted in the budget from the Hospitality Tax funds to the Stone Soup Storytelling Festival. She informed Council that the Stone Soup Storytelling Festival held in Woodruff each year is the official storytelling festival in South Carolina. She then described the Stone Soup Storytelling Festival and gave a brief history of the festival in Woodruff. Ms. Davies also informed Council of the advantages of the festival to the City. Among those advantages were the fact that storytellers and guests come to Woodruff from all over the eastern portion of the United States, and while in the City purchase food and other services from Woodruff merchants. Finally, Ms. Davies compared Stone Soup with Pigg'in' in

the Park and Octoberfest, activities also held in Woodruff, and for which funds are provided in the budget. She stated that there are eight other Octoberfests held in South Carolina and other barbeque cook-offs are held in the state, but only one storytelling festival.

There being no other citizens requesting to speak at the hearing, and no discussion among Council members, Mayor Gist closed the Public Hearing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Smith and seconded by Councilperson Sloan. The vote to approve the motion to adjourn was unanimous.



Terry Clark
Woodruff City Attorney