

**Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
231 East Hayne Street
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes are subject to approval at the March 29, 2016 City Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with all members present except for Mayor Pro Tem Durham. City Manager Lee Bailey, City Clerk Courtney Greene, Police Chief Alan Biedsoe, Community/Economic Developer Alyson Leslie, and City Attorney Terry Clark were also in attendance. Notice of the meeting was faxed to the media the week prior to the meeting and posted on the bulletin board at City Hall in advance according to the Freedom of Information Act.

- I. Call to Order** –The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gist at approximately 5:30 p.m. Councilperson Smith made a motion and a second was made by Councilperson Kennedy to accept the agenda as written. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.
- II. Approval of Minutes**– Mayor Gist asked for a Motion to approve the minutes for the January 20,2016 regular scheduled City Council Meeting and the February 15,2016 Retreat Meeting. A Motion was made by Councilperson Norman and a Second was made by Councilperson Smith. The vote was unanimous.
- III. Old Business**- None.
- IV. New Business**-
 - A. A citizen requested to appear before council for a zoning variance.** Ms. Adrieone Moates came forward and gave a five minute presentation. Ms. Moates explained that she purchased the property located at 209 West Georgia Street and has become financially invested in this project based on information that was provided by the former city manager. She wants to open a business entitled “The Gathering”. The purpose of this business is to provide an environment for people to come together to play games, watch television, and socialize. It will be kid friendly until 6 p.m. and open six nights a week. Alcohol will be served, excluding liquor. The hours will be Monday-Wednesday: 11 am to 12 am, and Thursday-Saturday: 11 am to 2 am. Ms. Moates stated that the 2006 and 2009 zoning ordinance that established a revitalization district did not state their purpose. These ordinances state that a billiard/bar is not allowed and 1/3 of her

property falls within the revitalization district. Ms. Moates is distraught because she has already become financially invested in this project based off of information she obtained from the former city manager, Ms. Tillerson. Moates met with City Manager Lee Bailey and Community/ Economic Developer Alyson Leslie on January 27, 2016 and was told that she would not be able to purchase a business license due to the ordinances passed dealing with the revitalization district. Mayor Gist stated that 2006 was ten years ago and that the city needs to reconsider things if they want to grow. Councilperson Norman asked how the city allowed her to spend money on this business if it was not allowed, and Moates exclaimed that the previous city manager told her if she opened as a private club and operated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization her business would be allowed. Councilperson Smith made a remark about having security and about how safe the environment would be. Mayor Gist then passed his gavel to councilperson Sloan and appointed her as mayor pro tem. Councilperson Sloan then asked for a motion to approve the zoning variance for this business. A motion was made by Mayor Gist to approve the request for a variance for the uses states by Ms. Moates and a second was made by councilperson Kennedy. The zoning variance passed with 4 voting for and 2 voting against. Mayor Gist, Councilperson Sloan, Councilperson Norman, and Councilperson Kennedy voted for and councilperson Smith and councilperson Arnold voted against. Mayor Pro Tem Sloan then passed the gavel back to Mayor Gist.

- B. Allow the City Manager to List Two Parcels for Sale-** City Manager Lee Bailey came forward and requested that the city list the property at 210 S Church Street and 246 S Pearson Street for sale. He has spoken with a real estate agent and has been given the requesting amounts of \$90,000 for the S Church Street Property and \$60,000 for the S Pearson lot. Bailey explained that the S Pearson Street property would be listed as a vacant lot and would be demolished should someone place an offer for the property and want it to be demolished. Mayor Gist asked for a motion to approve the listing of the two properties. A motion was made by councilperson Kennedy and a second was made by councilperson Smith. The vote was 5 to 1 with 5 voting for and 1 voting against. Mayor Gist, Councilperson Arnold, Councilperson Smith, Councilperson Kennedy, and Councilperson Sloan voted for and councilperson Norman voted against.
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance to Establish Fees and Cost for the Use of Municipal Property by Members of the General Public-** Mayor Gist read the ordinance in its entirety and then asked for a motion to be approved. A motion was made by councilperson Sloan and a second was made by councilperson Kennedy. The vote was unanimous.
- D. Request for Funding for Office Material & Supplies of the Office Space Located at 121 South Main St-** City Manager Lee Bailey came forward and stated that the city no longer uses this office and we recently moved out for economic reasons. City Manager Bailey stated that he needed to know if the council was going to continue to fund the office supplies and materials for that office space from this point forward. Mayor Gist asked for a motion to be approved for the funding of the supplies, materials, and equipment for 121 South Main Street. No motion was made and the request for the continued funding of office supplies, materials, and equipment for 121 South Main Street was denied.

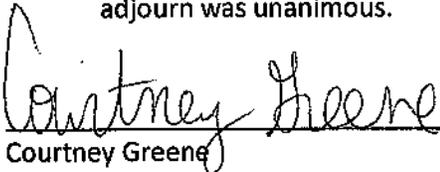
V. Other Business –

- A. Department Reports-** Police Chief Alan Bledsoe came forward and spoke about the digital traffic sign that was used on Main Street the week of January 29-February 6. The sign has radar, camera, GPS tracking device if the sign were to get stolen, and a laser to monitor the speed of cars that are passing by. In a seven day period it was reported that 55,000 cars passed through Woodruff. The sign categorizes the speeds of cars in the

following areas: Moderate for cars that are going the speed limit, medium for cars that exceed the speed limit by 10 mph, and high for cars that exceed the speed limit by 20 mph. The sign is 49% effective in slowing people down. The sign is programmable so it can display messages. Mayor Gist asked how much this sign would cost if the city were to purchase it. Bledsoe stated that the cost for this sign would be \$5,200. City Manager Lee Bailey stated that the funds would be divided between the three main departments and that he is trying to work the funding for this sign in the 2016-2017 budget.

- B. Financial Report-** City Manager Lee Bailey came forward and informed council that the city is continuing to receive tax money. He is encouraging all departments to pay close attention to their budget.
- C. City Manager Updates-** City Manager Lee Bailey informed council that one sewer employee was involved in a wreck while driving a city truck. The wreck was not his fault and he was not injured. The truck however, was a total loss. Bailey informed council that the landscaping for McKinney Park is set to start within the next week.

VI. Adjourn- Mayor Gist asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:29. A motion was made by councilperson Kennedy and it was followed by a second from Councilperson Smith. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.



Courtney Greene
Clerk/Treasurer
City of Woodruff