

Regular Council Meeting  
231 East Hayne Street  
Tuesday, May 31, 2022  
5:30 p.m.

(These minutes are subject to approval at the regular June 2022 meeting)

City Council met on this date with the following council members: Kelley, Norman, Arnold, Sloan, and Mayor Gist in attendance. City Manager Lee Bailey, City Attorney Terry Clark and City Clerk Bekki Phillips were also present. Notice of the meeting was sent to the media days prior to the meeting and posted on the bulletin board at City Hall in advance of the meeting according to the Freedom of Information Act.

- I. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gist at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes-**  
A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to accept the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting and Public Hearing on April 26th, 2022, as well as the Public Hearing Meeting April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes as written. A second was made by Councilwoman Kelley. The vote passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of the Amended Agenda of the May 31st, 2022, City Council Meeting** A motion was made by Councilwoman Norman to accept the agenda as written. A second was made by Councilman Arnold. The vote passed unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business-NONE**
- V. **Citizens Request to Appear**
  - A. **Cara Forde- 484 Bill Parsons Rd. -**Ms. Forde expressed that a lot of people don't know about City meetings and what goes on at the meetings until minutes are posted or until they read about it in the Woodruff Times. Ms. Forde is asking the town to start planning correctly and take educated steps to preserve the small town feel of Woodruff and focus on fixing what is here. Encourage small businesses to open in existing buildings. Ms. Forde expressed concerns of the limited food supplies here in South Carolina as well as in Woodruff at the local Food Lion. Ms. Forde referenced the City's website and asked Mayor and council to work to keep the small-town charm and maintain a safe environment for local people and local businesses.
  - B. **Karyn Page-Davies- Stone Soup Storytelling Institute & The Bid Whist Society of South Carolina-** Ms. Davies shared with Mayor and council interesting things going on at Muse 134. Ms. Davies stated that they have a new art exhibit remembering and honoring the Mad Artist from Spartanburg currently and on June 10<sup>th</sup> will host a reception. On June 24<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>, they will be hosting a card game (Bid Whist Tournament). They will be celebrating different cultures during this time with food and dance.
- VI. **New Business.**
  - A. **First Reading of Ordinance 22-001-FY Budget. Presenter: Lee Bailey; City Manager.** Mr. Bailey stated that there are still a lot of moving parts before finalizing the budget next month for final reading and public hearing. Mr. Bailey Stated that he is still waiting on some Capital item pricing to come in before finalizing as well. In the proposed budget he stated that you will see the a few of the highlighted items; a new police officer, 3 new police cars, new website design, 18.1 % healthcare increase, new employee in the street department, increase in gasoline cost, and new Christmas decorations. A motion was made by Councilman Arnold to accept first reading of Ordinance 22-001-FY as written. A second was made by Councilwoman Sloan. The vote passed unanimously.
  - B. **First Reading of Ordinance 22-021 to Amend Article III, Section II, pertaining to a Conditional Use Permit as Defined by the City of Woodruff Zoning Ordinance and Other Matters Related Thereto. Presenter: Lee Bailey, City Manager.** Mr. Bailey Stated That this is very close to the same changes that council made last month, but staff has made a few other modifications to the list of businesses that would require a conditional use permit. These changes are needed to help us comply with state law and future


business in the area. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to accept first reading of Ordinance 22-021 as written. A second was made by Councilwoman Norman. The vote passed unanimously.

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**VII. Business Updates.**

- A. The reports were received by council. The Mayor and Council had no comments regarding the reports.
  - B. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to accept the financial report as written. A second was made by Councilwoman Kelley. The vote passed unanimously.
  - C. City Manager Lee Bailey gave his city manager updates. Mr. Bailey wanted to inform Mayor and council that the grant for sewer project for Hwy 101 is out for bid and bids should be in by the end of June.
  - D. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to enter Executive Session. A second was made by Councilwoman Kelley. The motion passed unanimously. Executive session was entered at 5:51 PM. A motion was made by councilman Arnold to exit executive session. A second was made by councilwoman Norman. A motion was made by councilwoman Sloan to re-enter into regular council meeting. A second was made by councilwoman Kelley. The vote passed unanimously. Regular session was re-entered at 6:54 PM.
- VIII. Adjourn-** A motion was made by Councilman Arnold to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilwoman Norman. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Attest:

  
Bekki Phillips  
City Clerk