

**Special Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
231 East Hayne Street
Monday, March 6th 2017 5:00 PM**

(These minutes are subject to approval at the regular March 2017 meeting)

City Council met on this date with all council members and the mayor present. Interim City Manager/City Attorney Terry Clark and City Clerk Sophie Spivey were also present. Notice of the meeting was sent to the media 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 Brad Burnett at 5:00 p.m.

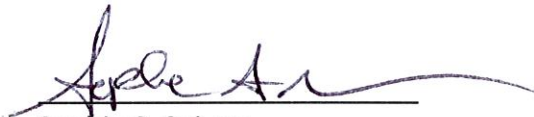
- II. **Change of date for Municipal Elections-** Interim Manager Terry Clark discussed the previous request by Henry Laye of the Spartanburg Election Commission that was made at the previous council meeting. Mr. Clark told council that Mr. Laye had called back after that meeting and said that we would have to have our own election commission again should we choose not to change our election dates to the odd year. The council discussed their concerns. Some members were against this change and said they did not like being forced by the county to do this. All members were concerned that there would be fewer voters turning out for the odd year elections. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to agree to change to the odd number year elections and to shorten the current terms by one year, thus making the newest elected members 3 year terms and 2018 election would be moved to the 2017 year. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 votes of yes and one non-voting member. The non-voting member was Councilwoman Norman. Mr. Clark will prepare the ordinance that must be passed in order to make this change.
The mayor also asked everyone to read the grant information provided by Alyson Leslie for the next meeting.

- III. **Executive Session-** A motion was made by Councilman Durham to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. This was seconded by

Councilwoman Norman. The motion passed unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 5:21 PM.

- IV. Regular session-** A motion was made by Councilman Smith to reenter regular session. It was seconded by Councilman Kennedy. The motion passed. Regular session was reconvened at 6:00 PM A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to have Interim Manager Terry Clark to contact former city manager Lee Bailey to discuss meeting with council to negotiate an offer. The motion was seconded by councilman Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Adjourn-** A motion was made by Councilman Durham to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilman Kennedy. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:07p.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie S. Spivey', written over a horizontal line.

Sophie S. Spivey
City Clerk/Treasurer