



Regular Council Meeting
231 East Hayne Street
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
5:30 p.m.

(These minutes are subject to approval at the regular November 2020 meeting)

City Council met on this date with the following council members: Durham, Kelley, Arnold, Sloan, Norman, Dickard and Mayor Gist in attendance. City Manager Lee Bailey City Clerk Bekki Phillips and City Attorney Terry Clark 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. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to accept the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting September 29th, 2020 minutes as written. A second was made by Councilman Arnold. The vote passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda of the October 27th, 2020 City Council Meeting**
 - A. A motion was made by Councilman Durham to accept the agenda as written. A second was made by Councilwoman Sloan. The vote passed unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business-**
 - A. **Second Reading of Ordinance 20-031 Approving the Execution and Delivery of an Inducement and Incentive Agreement in Connection with the Development of a Residential Subdivision Containing 100.80 Acres and Shown as Parcel Number 4-18-00-020.00. Presenter: Lee Bailey; City Manager.** Mr. Bailey stated that there were NO changes since the first reading. Mr. Bailey stated that this ordinance pertains to a housing development that will be located on the corner of Hwy 101 and McElrath Road. The development will consist of 350 or more homes and they will need 2 pump stations. The incentive agreement will state that the City will reimburse the developer for the 2 pump stations once 25 certificates of occupancy have been issued. The total cost will be roughly \$40,000-\$70,000. A motion to approve Ordinance 20-031 as written was made by Councilwoman Sloan. A second was made by Councilman Dickard. The vote passed unanimously.
- V. **Citizen Request to Appear**
 - A. Domenica Cesare stated that she was not informed of the second reading of the Pet Ordinance until it was too late to sign up to speak. Ms. Cesare also stated she was very frustrated and disappointed with City Council's resolutions. She feels that it does not do justice in treating a pet in a humane way. She stated that it is very inhumane to keep pets tethered. She recommended that everyone watch the movie "Hache".

VI. New Business

- A. Approval of a Drainage Easements for the Purposes of Constructing and Maintaining a Ditch for Storm Runoff Located on Parcels 4-25-15-121.02 & 4-25-15-121.00. Presenter: Lee Bailey; City Manager.** Mr. Bailey stated that this will be the second phase of resolving the drainage problem on Lakewood Drive. Mr. Bailey has received a verbal agreement with the property owners to allow the City to install a ditch to convey storm water from Irby Street to the creek. Mr. Bailey mentioned that he has sent a request to Spartanburg County to allow us to use road fee money to perform the work and they have agreed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sloan to approve the drainage easements as written. A second was made by Councilman Durham. The vote passed unanimously.
- B. Presentation of FY 19-20 Annual Financial Audit. Presenter: Matt Phillips. CPA, McKinley Cooper.** Mr. Phillips presented the audit to Mayor Gist and Council. Mr. Phillips stated the City is good financial standing and he thanked staff for help through the process. Mr. Phillips gave the City the highest mark.

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 Councilman Arnold. The vote passed unanimously.
- C.** City Manager Lee Bailey gave his city manager updates. Mr. Bailey shared that the City will have an event for Halloween there will be a Candy Drive-Thru in the City's new parking lot with City Staff and Council handing out candy. The City was awarded the Hometown grant by MASC that the City will use that for the Block 224 project. Regarding Block 224, it looks like the deadline of December 1st is still good.

- VIII. Adjourn-** A motion was made by Councilman Durham to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilwoman Sloan. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Attest:


Bekki Phillips
City Clerk