

## Town Council Meeting Minutes North Town Hall October 14, 2019

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Jackson, Cook, and Jones.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mayor Carson inquired if there were any questions or discussion needed on the September 9, 2019 meeting minutes, and if not, requested approval of the September 9, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Cook motions to accept and Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously with Jones abstaining for he was not present at the subject meeting.

### POLICE REPORT:

- Lieutenant Mizell provided the incident report for the Police Department for September 2019. Each Councilmember received a copy of the report. There were 58 cases, 19 incident reports, 10 counts of auto break ins on Bedford and Stafford Avenues resulting in the arrest of two juveniles, and 1 count of Burglary. NPD also responded to 33 incidents. Lt. Mizell reminded everyone to lock your car doors and keep valuables out of sight.
- Lt. Mizell displayed and discussed with Mayor, Council and visitors, a plaque from the SC 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Law Enforcement Network awarded to the North Police Department and it will be displayed in the town hall.
- Lt. Mizell also reminded everyone that NPD would be holding check points during the upcoming weeks.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Carson presented the September 2019 Account Statement. A needed water repair on Hwy. 178 is resulting in an invoice of approximately \$20-30,000. Mayor Carson is attempting to negotiate this amount. Mayor Carson inquired if there were any questions on the statement, there were no questions from councilmembers. Mayor Carson also reminded everyone that the financial statements are on the website and available for public viewing.
- Mayor Carson presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Amendment to Utility Ordinance adopted 10.10.2016 superseding Chapter 17, Utilities, of the North Town Code; Article II, 17.228 Irrigation. The Amendment supports practices of the Town for years. Mayor Carson requested a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Councilmember Jones motions to approve, Councilmember Jackson seconds. Upon vote, the reading was approved unanimously and this utility ordinance will be added to the website.
- Mayor Carson announces Election for Mayor and two Council seats for North is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Polling locations are North Town Hall and Aiken Cooperative.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

#### 2018 COUNCIL PROJECTS:

- Mayor Carson asked for updates on Council's Projects.
- Councilmember Cook updated all the \$25,0000 Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant was submitted.
- Councilmember Cook also mentioned the cleanup along the railroad had been somewhat successful, but the area would require an additional piece of equipment to better access area. She and others are looking into options to continue the project.
- Councilmember Cook provided updates about the North Edisto RiverFest's (NERF's) success last month with close to 35 participants in the parade.

- Councilmember Cook also announced a Christmas parade for the Town held Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4 p.m., with the lineup at First Baptist Church on Stafford Avenue. If interested, contact Suzanne Reed or Debra Cook.
- Councilmember Jones provided an update that more street signs for the town had been replaced and anticipates additional signs by the end of year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Mayor Carson requests a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss contractual matters regarding Well/Pump#2. Councilmember Cook motions, Councilmember Jones seconds the motion. Upon vote, the motion is approved unanimously and Council moves to Executive Session at 7:20pm.
- Upon returning from Executive Session at 7:32pm, Mayor Carson states that no decisions were made and no vote was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- No people requested to speak per the sign in sheet.

ADJOURNMENT

- At 7:40, Councilmember Jackson motions to adjourn, Councilmember Cook seconds the motion and, upon vote, the motion to adjourn is approved unanimously.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beverly McCormick*

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Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson: *Patty Carson*

Council Members:

Julius Jones: *[Signature]*

Daniel Jackson: *[Signature]*

Deborah Cook: *Deborah Cook*

Jennifer Williams: *N/A*