

**Town Council Meeting Minutes  
North Town Hall  
September 9, 2019**

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Cook, Jackson, and Williams. Mayor Carson let other Councilmembers know that Councilmember Jones would not be present due to a family emergency.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mayor Carson inquired if there were any questions or discussion needed on the August 12, 2019 meeting minutes, and if not, requested approval of the August 12, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Cook motions to accept and Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**POLICE REPORT:**

- Chief Lin Shirer provided the incident report for the Police Department for August 2019. Each Councilmember received a copy of the report.
- Chief Shirer also provided information about the upcoming Back to School Bash hosted by the Orangeburg County Sheriff Office (OCSO) and North Police Department (NPD) on September 14, 2019, at Drew-Owen Park from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be food and games along with backpacks and school supplies given out, but children must be present to receive the items.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mayor Carson presented the August 2019 Account Statement and inquired if there were any questions on the statement. There were no questions. Mayor Carson also reminded everyone that the financial statements are on the website.
- Mayor Carson read Resolution 2019-04, A Resolution committing the Town of North to provide a local match for a MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant. Councilmember Cook is working on this. Mayor Carson stated that we are applying for this. Councilmember Cook, with Scott Slatton's assistance, revised and prepared the documents for submission. Councilmember Cook mentioned that the Town may not get the \$25,000 and the Town would have to match with 5%. Mayor Carson asked for a motion to adopt this, Councilmember Cook motioned to adopt, Councilmember Jackson seconds the motion, and upon vote, the motion to accept was unanimous.
- Mayor Carson presented the 1<sup>st</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 past practices of the Town. Mayor Carson asks if there are any questions regarding this matter. Councilmember Williams questions if this will be mandatory for residents. Mayor Carson states that it is not mandatory for those who do not have irrigation systems. Mayor Carson motions for council to accept, Councilmember Cook seconds the motion with all councilmembers being in favor.
  - Mayor Carson, Councilmembers Cook and Jackson, met with Suzanne Reed regarding the upcoming North Edisto RiverFest event and provided more detailed information about the event. Some deadlines have been extended due to lack of participation. Volunteers are still needed (all hours) for the games throughout the day for the kids. There is no charge to participate in the Parade. The Grand Marshall, Danny Brown, from Live PD is scheduled to be at the event. The NERF Fishing Tournament is the highlight of the event. The NERF Pageant was held at the at the Civic Center and our Queen is the daughter of Rusty and Tavia Fogle of R & J Drugs.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Carson briefed everyone on successful contract negotiation for a School Resource Officer (SRO).
- Mayor Carson briefed that our Online Payment System had been enhanced to provide detailed usage amounts to customers via the web.

2018 COUNCIL PROJECTS:

- Councilmember Cook advised that she was working on a grant for Economic Development and Mayor Carson requested a copy.
- Councilmember Cook provided update for the railroad cleanup and that she is working with an individual to get started.
- Councilmember Williams indicated that she is trying to figure out the Opportunity Zone but there are not any opportunities left. Mayor Carson advised that the Department of Commerce has two grant deadlines of September 16<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Carson recommended Councilmember Williams pursue these opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)


- No people requested to speak per the sign in sheet, and no topics were not listed.

ADJOURNMENT

- At 7:55, Mayor Carson mentioned there are no public comments. Councilmember Cook motions to adjourn, Councilmember Jackson seconds the motion and upon vote, the motion to adjourn is unanimous.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Beverly McCormick  
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson: 

Council Members:

Julius Jones:  *N/A*

Daniel Jackson: 

Deborah Cook: 

Jennifer Williams:  *ABSENT*