

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MANNING CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, October 19, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Breedin Assembly Room
City Hall

Members Present:

Mayor Johnson
Mayor Pro-tem Gordon
Councilmember Davis
Councilmember Georgia
Councilmember Pack
Councilmember Welle
Councilmember Witherspoon

- I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:** Mayor Johnson welcomed all present and stated that the media was notified. Next, Mayor Johnson acknowledged the following:

News Media: Cathy Gilbert- *Manning Times*.
Bobby Baker- *The Item*.

- II. Invocation:** Councilmember Ervin Davis.

- III. Pledge:** Councilmember Gregory Witherspoon.

IV. Approval of Agenda:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to amend the agenda to table Item IX, Public Hearing, numbers 1 and 2 and also Item XII, Old Business, items A and B because the sponsors for the annexation petition have asked to table the request until the next Council meeting. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

V. Minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council, September 21, 2009.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Georgia and was seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council, September 21, 2009. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

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VI. Citizens' Comments: None.

VII. Committee Reports: None.

VIII. Mayor's Report: Included in Council's packet as information.

IX. Public Hearing:

- 1) A petition for annexation of a portion of property owned by Gerald L. Alsbrook, etal, Tax Map # 169-00-02-010-00.

The sponsor has requested that the petition be tabled until the next Council meeting.

- 2) A petition for annexation of a portion of property owned by Marion S. Riggs, Tax Map # 169-00-03-003-00.

The sponsor has requested that the petition be tabled until the next Council meeting.

X. Public Presentation

Mayor Johnson proclaimed October 23-31, 2009 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Manning. Mayor Johnson read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Carolyn Grant, Prevention Specialist, Clarendon Behavioral Services. Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Grant and Clarendon Behavioral Services for all they do to bring awareness of substance abuse and the preventive measures needed to live healthy drug-free life styles.

XI. Finance Director's Report:

Mrs. Prince stated that the Finance Report was in Council's packet as information and asked Council if there were any questions. There were no questions. Next, Mrs. Prince reported the following:

REVENUE		
YTD GF Revenue	300,370	8%
YTD UF Revenue	496,013	25%

EXPENDITURES

	<u>YTD Spent</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
GF	\$884,651.00	23%
YTD SPENT	\$449,421.00	23%

Mrs. Prince stated that the following:

- In the General Fund, expenses over revenue reflected a shortfall of \$584,280.10. The Utility Fund Revenue reflected a profit of \$46,091.99.
- The shortfall in the General Fund is because there were no real property taxes collected year-to-date.
- The City has collected 23 percent of court fines.
- The City has received \$8,130.16 from Clarendon County which represents the City's One Percent Fire Fund.
- The City has received \$421.83 from the Municipal Association of South Carolina for the collection of telecommunication taxes and \$177.20 for the collection of business license insurance premiums.
- Fixed services (consisting of hydrant, solid waste, water and sewer) are at 25%.
- We have collected approximately \$3,800 in penalties from water payments which is down by \$1,000 from last month. This consisted of 595 delinquent account of which 52 were commercial accounts.

Finance Report for the month ending September, 2009

General Fund unrestricted:	<u>\$1,393,122.00</u>
Total unrestricted GF	1,393,122.00
General Fund restricted:	\$ <u>133,272.00</u>
Total restricted GF	133,272.00
Interest Earned (GF):	\$ 1,515.00
Utility Fund unrestricted:	\$ <u>900,184.00</u>
Total unrestricted UF	\$ 900,184.00
Utility Fund restricted/reserved:	\$ <u>1,114,020.00</u>
Total restricted/reserve UF	1,114,020.00

Interest Earned (UF)	\$ 2,067.00
Special Fund:	\$ <u>69,716.00</u>
Total Special Fund	\$ 69,716.00

Mrs. Prince asked if there were any further questions. There were none.

XII. Administrator's Report:

- 1) **Paxville Waterline Project** –Construction began today with clearing and staking. The work for digging a pit for the boring should begin in about two weeks and should be completed within 90 days.
- 2) **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade-** The EPAC Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 27th at 10:30 to make recommendations to SC DHEC for approval. The committee will also adopt the Regional Wastewater Master Agreement as part of their plan.
- 3) **A & K Mulch Waterline-** Mrs. Rhodes stated that the Administrative Review Committee has been working on this project and the County has received a grant to construct the line.
- 4) **Administrative Review Committee-** Mr. John Truluck, Director, Clarendon County Development Board will be presenting information to Clarendon County Council on November 9th at 5:30 p.m. on all the projects Clarendon County and the City of Manning have currently in the works. Manning City Council is invited to the meeting.
- 5) **Main Street Manning-** The Merchant's round table meeting will be held October 20th at 8 a.m., at Sub Station II. Mrs. Rhodes stated that the merchants have asked Councilmembers to attend these meetings.
- 6) **Department of Energy Grant-** Mrs. Rhodes stated that she has been working on a grant for the Police and Fire Department for retrofitting buildings to make them more energy efficient. Progress Energy will assist with the application that is due on October 26, 2009.
- 7) **Police Vehicles-** The Police Department has received all seven vehicles that were ordered.
- 8) **Municipal Association Administrator's Forum-** This meeting was held October 9, 2009. It was noted that the Tax Assessor's offices would like to meet all the elected individuals in the surrounding areas to have discussion on legislative Act 388 concerning the point of sale legislation that will be taken up in January, 2010. Mayor Johnson asked everyone to contact their Senator to tell them to vote "No" against H3272. Mayor Johnson stated that if the bill is passed, it would be very detrimental to local governments, cities, counties and school

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districts. Mayor Johnson stated that if the bill passes in its current form, it would be very difficult for the city to provide the current services to its citizens and the city would not be able to raise revenue to keep the same level of services. Mrs. Rhodes stated that representatives from the Municipal Association will be present at a meeting on November 12th, 6:00 p.m., F.E. DuBose Auditorium.

10) Pocatigo Boardwalk- Approximately 250 feet of the boardwalk has been repaired.

A) Departmental Reports: Included in Council's report as information.

XIII. Old Business:

A. Ordinance No. 2009-08 (Second Reading). An ordinance to annex a portion of County Tax Map No. 169-00-02-010, owned by Gerald L. Alsbrook, et al., located on Silver Road, Pursuant to Section 5-3-110, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976 as amended).

This has been tabled until the next Council Meeting.

B. Ordinance No. 2009-09 (Second Reading). An ordinance to annex a portion of County Tax Map No. 169-00-03-003, located on Silver Road, Pursuant to Section 5-3-110, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976 as amended).

This has been tabled until the next Council Meeting.

C. Ordinance No. 2009-10. (Second Reading). An Ordinance To Make Certain Findings and Determinations; To Adopt Certain Definitions; To Prohibit The Wearing of Certain Attire; to Provide For Enforcement, Violations and Penalties; And Provide For A Public Education Program.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pack and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to approve the ordinance for second and final reading. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Mayor Johnson stated that he would hope that the ordinance would serve as a means to help the citizens to instill pride in their appearance and to understand the appropriate type of clothing to wear in public. Mayor Johnson noted that the wearing of "saggy" pants as defined in the ordinance would be prohibited and that there would be no tickets issued for the first six months.

XIV. Councilmembers' Comments:

Councilmember Welle

Councilmember Welle asked Chief Shaffer if there were any incidents reported in District 6 for the month of October that were not included in Council's report.

Chief Shaffer stated that District 6 was quiet for the month of October.

Councilmember Pack

Councilmember Pack asked if there was a curfew for the children for trick-or-treating during Halloween .

Mayor Johnson stated that the curfew is 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Gordon

Mayor Pro-tem Gordon spoke about the Habitat Village and stated that the citizens are happy that sidewalks are being constructed along the streets in the area. Mrs. Rhodes stated that foundation is being poured, the houses are being built, driveways are being poured and a large portion of sidewalks on Dickson Street are being installed.

Councilmember Davis

Councilmember Davis stated that SC Department of Transportation is doing an excellent job of trimming the trees along the right-of-way along N. Brooks Street.

XV. Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Witherspoon and was seconded by Councilmember Welle to adjourn. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Time: 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daun Davis
Administrative Services Coordinator/Clerk