

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

**Monday, April 17, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
Manning City Hall**

Members Present:

Mayor Nelson
Mayor Pro-tem Pack
Councilmember Dukes
Councilmember Georgia
Councilmember Gordon

Members Absent:

E= Excused; U= Unexcused

Councilmember Davis - E
Councilmember Welle - E

- I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:** Mayor Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Nelson stated that Councilmembers Davis and Welle had an excused absence and were not feeling well.

News Media: Bobby Baker, *The Manning Times*.
Jim Hilley, *The Item*.

- II. Invocation:** Ms. Robin Kelly, Associate Minister, Macedonia Baptist Church, Manning, SC.

- III. Pledge:** Councilmember Diane Georgia.

IV. Approval of Agenda:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Georgia and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to approve the agenda. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

V. Minutes:

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of City Council, March 21, 2017.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-tem Pack and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting of City Council March 21, 2017. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Minutes of a Special Called Meeting of City Council, March 28, 2017.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Dukes and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pack to approve the minutes of a Special Called Meeting of City Council March 28, 2017. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Minutes of a Special Called Meeting of City Council, April 6, 2017.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Gordon and was seconded by Councilmember Dukes to approve the minutes of a Special Called Meeting of City Council April 6, 2017. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

VI. Citizens' Comments: None.

VII. Committee Reports: None.

VIII. Presentations:

1) Manning High School Junior Varsity Basketball Team.....Mayor Julia A. Nelson

The team was not able to attend the meeting tonight and will be recognized at a later time.

**2) A Draft of the City of Manning Comprehensive Plan Update.....Susan Landfried
M.U.P., Planner, Santee-Lynches RCOG**

Ms. Landfried stated that on March 23, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Next, Ms. Landfried presented an overview of the updated plan, the process, what was done and what the plan included. Following her presentation, Ms. Landfried asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any significant land use changes. Ms. Landfried stated that other than the annexations that have occurred in the commercial corridor where Wal-Mart is located, there have not been any significant land use changes.

In addition, Mayor Nelson stated that there are transportation concerns; not only a state-wide issue, but a nation-wide issue where very few funds have been dedicated to transportation needs and a better job could be done in that area of funding. Mayor Nelson also stated that a better job could be done with workforce development, letting people know what opportunities are available through various agencies such as Santee-Lynches.

Mayor Nelson thanked Ms. Landfried for the presentation. Mr. Tanner thanked Ms. Landfried for the presentation also. Mr. Tanner stated that there is a lot of information included in the comprehensive plan and encouraged Council to carefully

review it and to contact Ms. Landfried with any questions before final adoption of the ordinance.

IX. Finance Director's Report: Mayor Nelson stated that Mrs. Prince's father recently passed away and that the Finance Report will be distributed at a later date.

X. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Nelson thanked everybody for helping to keep litter down. Mayor Nelson thanked Council for working hard on this and asked the community to be more concerned about litter and to help keep trash off the ground.

XI. Administrator's Report:

Public Works Budget Workshop- Initially scheduled for today, the Public Works Committee has been re-scheduled. Mr. Tanner stated that he would like to have budget workshops the next two Monday evenings; One for the Public Works Department and then one for the Public Safety Department.

FEMA Project- The city received a check from FEMA in the amount of \$36,000 to close out our FEMA Project for the Emergency Protective Services' overtime incurred and equipment use during Hurricane Matthew.

Pocotaligo Project- Mr. Tanner stated that he has submitted a Letter of Intent to Duke Energy Foundation requesting funding for the Pocotaligo River Walk. He will know within the next month whether the city can submit a full application.

Rural Infrastructure Grant- Mr. Tanner stated that he has been answering questions recently concerning the city's application for a Rural Infrastructure Grant to replace the waterline on Hwy. 261. He will know in a couple of weeks if the application will be funded.

MASC Annual Meeting- The registration worksheets have been distributed to Council and are to be completed and returned to Ms. Davis as soon as possible.

Easter Egg Hunt- Mr. Tanner thanked Ms. Trebil for the successful Easter Egg Hunt last Thursday evening. It was a good event with a large crowd.

Departmental Reports: Included in Council's Packet.

XII. New Business:

A. Ordinance No. 2017-01 (First Reading). An Ordinance to Adopt the 2017-2027 City of Manning Comprehensive Plan as required by the South Carolina Local Government Planning Enabling Act of 1994, As Amended.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-tem Pack and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to approve the ordinance for first reading. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

B. Appeal of Clarendon County from the decision/action of the Planning Commission affecting property located at 234 Commerce Street, Tax Map # 169-10-02-060-00, General Commercial (GC).

Mr. Tanner stated that Clarendon County is building a new facility at 234 Commerce Street, formerly the Althea Gibson Center. There will be a morgue located on that property. Mr. Tanner stated that on March 13th, representatives from the Clarendon County Administration offices came before the Planning Commission for a review of their site plan. There is a Sally Port included on the site plan that would be used to bring in bodies to the morgue. Originally the site plan included a chain link fence, enclosed with black privacy slats through the face of the fence.

The Commission approved the plan and asked for an enclosed car port instead of the fence. The applicant asked for alternatives from their engineer. The representatives met again with the Planning Commission on March 23rd and proposed a privacy fence with a fabric providing a 98% blockage on the inside, at a height of 8 feet that would be completely enclosed when unloading the vehicles. The decision of the Commission at that time asked them to add the fully enclosed car port. The applicant came back before the Commission with another alternative on April 10th, which would have been the installation of a solid vinyl fence with a lockable gate that would be completely enclosed when removing bodies from vehicles. The Commission still asked for a fully enclosed carport. Clarendon County has appealed that decision stating that it would be cost prohibited for them. Mr. Tanner stated that Clarendon County's Administrator, Mr. David Epperson was in the audience and that he would like Council to consider allowing them to move forward with the vinyl fence option.

Mr. Epperson stated that he has been before the Planning Commission multiple times with reasonable options and has asked architects to look at the plan. It would cost an additional \$32,000 to include a fully enclosed sally port and the plans would have to be re-designed. Mr. Epperson stated that he felt that it is unreasonable and would like to propose a vinyl fence option completely covering the sally port. No one from the street, from behind or on the sides could see what goes in inside the fencing. Mr. Epperson asked Council to consider to overrule the Commission and approve the vinyl fence option with a height of 8 feet. In addition, Mr. Epperson stated that the facility would be renovated to house the Department of Social Services offices. The current slab there would be used to build a gym or multi-purpose room. That is where the building will be divided into two offices: one for the Coronor's office and one for the Department of Correction and Parole.

Mayor Nelson stated that she has personally observed that most funeral homes in town don't have any covering nor a car port and also noted that an 8 foot fence would be high enough.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-tem Pack and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to overrule the Planning Commission's decision and to allow the vinyl fence option that is 8 feet high. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

XIII. Councilmembers' Comments:

Mayor Pro-tem Pack

Mayor Pro-tem Pack noted that he was reflecting and remembering his accident from two years ago and stated that he was thankful to be here and able to attend the meeting.

Mayor Nelson

Mayor Nelson thanked the Councilmembers for their support of Mrs. Mary Prince by attending her father's funeral services.

XIV. Executive Session:

1) Administration Department: A legal matter concerning property acquisition.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Georgia and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter concerning property acquisition. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Time: 6:59 pm

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Georgia and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to return to Open Session. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Time: 7:12 pm

XV. Possible Action following Executive Session for items discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken following Executive Session.

XVI. Adjournment:

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

Time: 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Daun Davis, Administrative Services Coordinator/Clerk