

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

**Monday, June 20, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
Manning City Hall**

Council Present:

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

Members Absent:

E= Excused; U= Unexcused

Councilmember Welle- E

- I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:** Mayor Nelson welcomed all present and especially acknowledged Mr. Rob and Barbara Hussey, who were in attendance.

News Media present: *Konstatin Vengerowsky, The Item.*

- II. Invocation:** Councilmember Rev. L. Ervin Davis, Sr., Pastor, First Servant's Church, Manning, SC.

- III. Pledge:** Mayor Pro-tem Pack.

- IV. Approval of Agenda:**

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

- V. Minutes:**

Minutes of a Special Called Meeting/Budget Workshop of City Council, May 9, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pack to accept the minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Minutes of a Budget Workshop of City Council, May 16, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pack to accept the minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of City Council, May 16, 2016.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-tem Pack and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to accept the minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

VI. Citizens' Comments: None.

VII. Committee Reports: None.

VIII. Public Presentation:

1) LMA Softball and Baseball Teams.....Mayor Nelson

Mayor Nelson presented Coach Maria Rowland and the members of the Laurence Manning Lady Swampcats Softball team a Certificate of Recognition for being the 2016 SCISA State Champions.

Mayor Nelson presented Coach Barry Hatfield and the Laurence Manning Swampcats Baseball team a Certificate of Recognition for being the 2016 SCISA State Champions.

IX. Finance Director's Report: Included in Council's packet as information. Mrs. Prince stated that 11 months of the budget year has been completed at 82% with 8% remaining.

Report for month ending April 30, 2016

REVENUES

Type of Fund	Percent Collected
General Fund	86 % \$3.8 million
Utility Fund	128%

EXPENDITURES

Type of Fund	Percent Spent
General Fund	\$3.8 million
Utility Fund	\$2.8 million

Bank Balances and Notes Payables Balances

General Fund Unrestricted	Balances
Checking (A/R, A/P, Payroll, Cemetery)	\$ 3.8 million
Interest Earned (A/R, A/P, Payroll, Cemetery)	\$ 2,900
GENERAL FUND RESERVE	
Police, Juror, Drug, Equitable, Fire, Farmers Market, Reserve	\$ 136,000
Fire Station Extension CD	\$50,000
UTILITY FUND UNRESTRICTED	
Checking (A/R & A/P)	\$ 2 million
Interest Earned	\$ 1,600
UTILITY FUND RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS CD's	\$ 1.9 million
UTILITY FUND NOTES PAYABLES BALANCES	\$ 11.8 million
Special Fund Reserve	
Checking (Victim's Right, USDA Construction)	\$ 116,000

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

X. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Nelson stated that the citizens in the Bellwood area were pleased with the new sidewalk on West Huggins Street and indicated that some have indicated that they would like more lighting in that area. Mayor Nelson stated that this was discussed at Council's budget hearing and that Council would look into getting more lighting in that area.

Next, Mayor Nelson stated that she and Mayor Pro-tem Pack traveled to Nevada for a Retail Development Strategies Conference. The trip was successful and several contacts were made during the conference. In addition, Mayor Nelson stated that further contacts

will be made and that they are hoping for good things to come. There is some interests that they are currently working on. Mayor Nelson stated that she has received many positive comments and feedback from citizens and those in retail on the city's plan to get this initiative started and on pursuing more businesses to Manning.

Mayor Nelson received a request from John Mathis of Jeffords Insurance Agency, to see if the police department could install a security camera in the area to cover the City Hall parking area and the businesses behind the parking lot. Mayor Nelson stated that she would ask Mr. Tanner and Chief Shaffer to see what could be done.

Mayor Nelson thanked Council for approving the purchase of a legislative vehicle for the Mayor's travel. The city would no longer need to reimburse her for mileage for use of her personal vehicle for city business.

XI. Administrator's Report:

Fleming Neighborhood Project- Phase 1 of the Fleming project has been completed. Everything went well and the contractor did a good job. Phase 2 of the project may have to be re-bid due to abnormalities in the bids on the 5 additional homes. One of the homes included in the bid has already been torn down by the property owner.

Mr. Tanner stated that the State is coming out with a funding source through the NIP program to demolish homes. Another round of funding will come out in the fall and Mr. Tanner stated that he would like the city to be included.

A Community meeting will be held to develop a Neighborhood Crime Watch on July 21st at the Police Department facilitated by the Santee-Lynches COG. The city will need to notify the community.

Mill St. Streetscape project- The DOT bid the project last Tuesday. Bids came in \$100,000 over budget. Mr. Tanner stated that he will update Council on how the city will move forward.

Rural Infrastructure Grant- A Close-Out Monitoring of the Rural Infrastructure Grant will be held on June 21st. This is the grant for the painting of the downtown water tank and the upgrade of the water lines in West Manning. Problems with overspray on some vehicles are still being resolved.

Ladder Truck- The new fire truck is expected to come in this week.

Mr. Tanner stated that he received an email on a proviso in the state budget. If the proviso passes, there is a possibility of the city getting reimbursed for part of the city's cost of the flood. FEMA pays for 75 percent of the cost. However, the State may reimburse the city for the remaining 25 percent that was incurred. Mr. Tanner encouraged Council to thank the legislators.

The Annual Red, White and Blue Festival we be held on July 1st at the Farmers Market/Red Barn area.

Mayor Nelson stated that the Municipal Association will be offering a grant for economic development. Mayor Nelson stated that this may fit right in with the city's Retail Development Strategies. The grant may go up to \$25,000.

1) Departmental Reports: Included in Council's packet as information.

XII. Old Business:

A. Ordinance No. 2016-01. (Re-Consider Second Reading) An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2015-05 (Amended and Restated General Bond Ordinance), Enacted September 21, 2015, and Ordinance No. 2015-06 (2015B Series Ordinance), Enacted November 16, 2015, to Amend Provisions Regarding the City's Use of a Third-Party Trustee, Registrar, Paying Agent, or Any Combination of the Three.

Mr. Tanner stated that last month, Council had second reading on the ordinance. However, after consulting with the attorney, there were some slight language changes not included in Council's package. Our attorney recommended that Council re-consider second reading with the changes as long as it is a consensus of Council. Mr. Tanner stated that the ordinance does away with the trustee element and that the city would no longer be sending money to a trustee. Payments will be made directly from the city.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pack to approve and re-consider second reading of Ordinance 2016-01. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

B. Ordinance No. 2016-03 (Second Reading). An Ordinance to Amend the Ordinance to Raise Revenue and Levy Taxes for the City of Manning, South Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

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

XIII. New Business:

A. Council Appointments to Boards (replacement needed):

Municipal Election Commission
Beatrice Simon

Fill unexpired Term
June 30, 2017

Mayor Nelson stated that she was notified by Beatrice Simon that she had resigned from the Municipal Election Commission effective May 20, 2016.

Mayor Nelson nominated Mrs. Glyn Oliver Bethune, a resident of the city and a retired educator from New York. There were no other nominations.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to appoint Mrs. Glyn Oliver to the Municipal Election Commission to fill an unexpired term of June 30, 2017. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

B. Council Re-Appointments to Boards:

Planning Commission

Louise Murray

Term to Expire

June 30, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to re-appoint Mrs. Louise Murray to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2020. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal

James Zimmerman

Term to Expire

June 30, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pack to re-appoint Mr. James Zimmerman to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal for a term to expire June 30, 2020. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

C. Approval to transfer \$8,000 from Fuel line item # 010-550-00040-00610 to Uniforms and Accessories line item # 010-550-00020-00350 to purchase new backup weapons for officers.

Mr. Tanner stated that there is a surplus in Police Department's fuel line item and that Chief Shaffer has requested Council's approval on the budget transfer to purchase back up weapons. Mr. Tanner asked Chief Shaffer to explain.

Chief Shaffer stated that he does not have enough back up weapons for the 20 officers in his department. Chief Shaffer stated that he would like to purchase Glock 43 (9MM) weapons and ankle holsters. Each weapon costs \$350 and the holsters cost about \$60. Mayor Nelson commended Chief Shaffer for having surplus in the fuel line item. Chief Shaffer noted that the fuel prices have fallen, which led to the surplus.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-tem Pack and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to approve the transfer of \$8,000.00 from the fuel line item 010-550-00040-00610 to the Uniforms and Accessories line item 010-550-00020-00350 to purchase new backup weapons for officers. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

XIV. Councilmembers' Comments

Councilmember Davis

Councilmember Davis stated that he had questions for Chief Shaffer concerning cameras throughout the city. Councilmember Davis asked Chief Shaffer how the cameras are monitored and if they were available to officers in their cars. Chief Shaffer stated that his officers are capable of accessing them from their cars. In addition, Chief Shaffer stated that he also has a computer system at the Police Department that captures all the video. Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Tanner to check on placing cameras in dark areas. Councilmember Davis said that cameras are a good deterrent for crime.

Councilmember Georgia

Councilmember Georgia asked Mr. Tanner for an update from Council's last meeting concerning citizens asking about the paving of streets, namely Breedin Street, Alfred Henry Drive, Toccoa Drive, Oakland Ave, and Alice Ave. and pot holes in her district. Mr. Tanner stated that he will check with the State to see if all of those streets are on the list and their timeline for paving.

Mayor Pro-tem Pack

Mayor Pro-tem Pack asked Chief Shaffer about monitoring people speeding in neighborhoods with kids playing in the streets. Mayor Pro-tem Pack noted that this was occurring on West End Street and Rudy Road.

XV. Adjournment:

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

Time: 7:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Daun Davis
Administrative Services Coordinator/Clerk