

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE
MANNING CITY COUNCIL**

Thursday, August 3, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Breedin Assembly Room
City Hall

Members Present:

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

- I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:** Mayor Johnson welcomed all present and stated that the media was notified:
- II. Invocation:** Councilmember Ervin Davis.
- III. Pledge:** Councilmember Clayton Pack.
- IV. Interview of Candidate for Finance Director Position (Closed Session)**

Mayor Johnson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to interview an applicant for the position of Finance Director and asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Evans and was seconded by Councilmember Pack to enter into Executive Session to interview a candidate for the position of Finance Director. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Following Executive Session, the following action was taken:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pack and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Gordon to direct the Administrator to do the final background checks and hire a Finance Director for the City of Manning. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

- V. Discussion of hiring an Attorney.**

Mayor Johnson stated that the city has an attorney, William Johnson of Johnson, McKenzie & Robinson, LLC. However, Mayor Johnson stated that the contract with the Sumter- Clarendon

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Consortium is ready for review and Atty. Johnson recommended that the city hire another attorney to handle this matter since he represents Manning, Summerton and Turbeville in the matter.

In addition, Mayor Johnson stated that he had spoken to Mr. Jim Darby of Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Government and has asked the Administrator to hire Mr. Charles Boykin of Boykin of Boykin, Davis, Hawkins & Caldwell to review the contracts with the Sumter-Clarendon Consortium on the city's behalf and to make a recommendation concerning the contract.

Mayor Johnson asked the Administrator to send the information to Mr. Boykin as soon as possible once received.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Witherspoon and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Gordon to hire Charles Boykin of Boykin, Davis, Hawkins & Caldwell to represent the City of Manning concerning the Sumter-Clarendon Consortium, to review the contract and to make a recommendation to Council.

Councilmember Davis asked why would the city hire another attorney.

Mayor Johnson stated that Mr. Johnson has asked all three municipalities (Manning, Summerton and Turbeville) to hire another attorney to review the contract since he represents all three municipalities. There was no further discussion. All favored the motion.

Following, Mrs. Adger stated that Clarendon School District II had placed signs at the various highway entrances into the city noting that the city is a "Character Education" city and has asked to place a sign on the grounds of the Administration Building. Mrs. Adger asked direction from Council on where to place the sign.

Council consented that the sign could be placed at a visible spot on the grounds of the Administration Building.

VI. Adjournment

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Witherspoon and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Gordon to adjourn. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Time: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daun Davis
Interim City Clerk