

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MANNING CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, December 18, 2006
6:30 p.m.

Breedin Assembly Room
City Hall

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Johnson-E

- I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:** Mayor Pro-tem Gordon welcomed all present and stated that the media was notified and that Mayor Johnson had an excused absence. Mayor Pro-tem Gordon acknowledged the following:

News Media: Eric Gould, Manning Times

Others: Larry Williamson, Manning Zoning Board of Appeals
Dr. Ramsey
Mr. and Mrs. Underwood
Mr. and Mrs. Johnson

- II. Invocation:** Councilmember Davis.
- III. Pledge:** Councilmember Witherspoon.
- IV. Minutes:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council, October 16, 2006.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Evans and was seconded by Councilmember Witherspoon to approve the minutes. During the discussion, Councilmember Georgia

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noted the following correction: Page 6 Item # VIII, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to waive impact fees on a small portion of Palmetto Air Plantation in lieu of impact fees being assessed on the back portion of the properties lying therein. There being no further discussion, all favored the motion with the necessary correction.

V. Approval of Agenda:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to amend the Agenda to go into Executive Session concerning a legal matter.

Following Executive Session, no action was taken.

VI. Citizens Comments:

Carl B. Ramsey.....Overgrown Lot

Mayor Pro-tem Gordon asked Dr. Ramsey to come forward with his concern.

Dr. Carl B. Ramsey, 426 Old Georgetown Road

Dr. Ramsey stated that he was coming before Council about overgrown shrubbery belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Underwood encroaching onto his property. Dr. Ramsey stated that the shrubbery in the rear of his property belonging to the Underwoods was growing onto his property and asked that Council enforce their ordinance concerning overgrown lots to ensure that Mr. and Mrs. Underwood remove the overgrowth from his property.

Following, Mayor Pro-tem Gordon asked Mr. Underwood to come forward to speak.

Mr. Eddie Underwood, 521 Manchester Drive

Mr. Underwood stated that the rear of his property faces the Old Georgetown Road and that his intention was to build a buffer on the rear of his property for privacy. Privacy in the rear of his yard would help to discourage passers by from stealing his personal equipment and other items.

Mayor Pro-tem Gordon asked Council for any discussion concerning the request.

Councilmember Evans stated that she understood Dr. Ramsey's concern. Councilmember Evans read Section 30-32 , Section E of the Code of Ordinances concerning overgrown lots and the duties of the owners of properties. After discussion,

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Councilmember Evans stated that this issue was more of a private issue to be worked out in a legal manner. Council consented that each property owner needed to clean his own lot.

VII. Committee Reports: None

VIII. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Pro-tem Gordon stated that the Mayor's Report was included in Council's packets as information.

IX. Finance Director's Report. The Finance Director gave the following report for November 2006:

General Fund Unrestricted:	\$1,266,650.00
Total unrestricted	\$1,266,659.00
General Fund Restricted:	\$ 57,914.00
Total restricted	\$ 57,914.00
Interest Earned- General Fund:	\$ 6,429.00
Utility Fund Unrestricted:	\$1,096,452.00
Utility Fund Restricted/Reserved:	\$1,262,344.00
Interest Earned- Utility Fund:	\$ 4,883.00
Special Fund:	\$ 40,970.00

Financial reports are unadjusted totals due to incomplete audits for 'FY 04/05 and 06/06. As of November 30, 2006 expenditures in all departments should be 42% into the budget year. The year-to-date balance spent for each department follows:

General Fund

Legislative-	49%	Judicial-	35%
Administration-	29%	Non-Departmental-	13%
Police-	42%	Fire-	34%
Street-	36%		

YTD Spent overall in General Fund- 36%

Utility Fund

Utility- 34%

- X. Administrator's Report.** The Administrator gave the following report:
- **Personnel-** Have one promotion, one new hire, and one separation.
 - Promotion- Eddie Gleaton from Receptionist to Utility Worker I effective January 3, 2007.
 - Tina Mack- New hire as Customer Service Representative effective January 3, 2007.
 - Separation- Donnie Drose, Sergeant, Police Department-offered a position as a Narcotics Investigator with the Sherriff's Department; his last day will be December 25, 2006.
 - **Council Materials-** Council Rules of Procedure, Robert's Rules of Order and a booklet on Conducting Effective Meetings requested during Council's Retreat in October 2006 have been placed on the table.
 - **Departments-** Over the past six months, the various departments have worked hard and have done a good job. Their cooperation has been sincerely appreciated.
 - **Clarendon County Chamber Retreat-** Will be held January 19 through January 21, 2007 in Charleston, SC. Deadline for submitting registration forms is November 30, 2006. Mrs. Davis will submit registration forms by November 27, 2006.
 - **Weekly Packets-** Have been placed on the table.
 - **Drop-In-** Invited Council to City Hall for a drop-in on December 21, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. thru 5:00 p.m.

XI. Old Business:

- A. Ordinance No. 2006-07 (Second Reading). An ordinance granting South Carolina Electric & Gas Company/SCE&G the right, power and authority to lay, maintain, and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to conduct gas business in the City of Manning, South Carolina.**

Mayor Pro-tem Gordon asked the Administrator to read the ordinance in title only.

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

XII. Councilmembers' Comments:

Councilmember Evans

Councilmember Evans stated that she had a presentation for the Mayor that would have to be postponed until the next meeting.

XIII. Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pack and was seconded by Councilmember Witherspoon to adjourn. All favored.

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daun Davis
Interim Clerk