



**City of Fountain Inn
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM**

Due to the Covid-19 surge the Council meeting was held via Zoom.

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor George Patrick (GP) McLeer, Jr., Mack Blackstone, Phil Clemmer, Anthony Cunningham, Anjeanette (AJ) Dearybury, John Mahony and Jay Thomason

Others present Shawn Bell, David Holmes, Eduardo Noriega, Naomi Reed and Sandra Woods

Call to Order – Mayor McLeer

E – 2021-001 Emergency Ordinance

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve E-2021-001.

Mayor McLeer stated E-2021-001 allows the city to continue to conduct meetings virtually.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye	Councilmember Cunningham - Aye
Councilmember Thomason - Aye	Councilmember Blackstone - Aye
Councilmember Dearybury – Aye	Mayor McLeer - Aye
Councilmember Clemmer - Aye	

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Invocation – Mayor McLeer

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum – No one signed up to speak.

CAFR Presentation

David McCallister with Manley Garvin auditing firm presented the 2020 Audited Financial Statements to Council.

The CAFR is available for viewing at www.fountaininn.org.

Consent Agenda – There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

December 10, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Preliminary November 2020 Financial Report

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 7/0

City Administrator’s Report – Shawn M. Bell
(Attached)

Unfinished Business

Z 2020-003 Rezone 41.5 acres TMS# 0328000100400 from R-15 to R-10

Mr. Bell stated Z 2020-003 would rezone 41.5 acres TMS# 0328000100400 from R-15, Residential District to R-10, Residential District. The Planning Commission voted unanimously (5-0) in favor of the rezoning at the December 7, 2020 meeting.

The project engineer, Melanie Giles of Bluewater Civil Design, spoke on the proposed rezoning. She stated that the rezoning and subsequent annexation of adjacent property along Bryson Drive was for a single-family subdivision.

Currently TMS# 0328000100400 does not have road access to Bryson Drive but is already within city limits.

One local citizen provided public comment at the 12/7/2020 hearing, citing traffic concerns and preservation of the local African American history in the Bryson area.

Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Clemmer.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye
Councilmember Thomason - Aye
Councilmember Dearybury – Aye

Councilmember Cunningham - Aye
Councilmember Blackstone - Aye
Mayor McLeer - Aye

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Councilmember Clemmer – Aye

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

AX 2020-007, AX 2020-008, AX 2020-009

Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Mahony to approve AX 2020-007, AX 2020-008 and AX 2020-009 on second reading.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye	Councilmember Cunningham - Aye
Councilmember Thomason - Aye	Councilmember Blackstone - Aye
Councilmember Dearybury – Aye	Mayor McLeer - Aye
Councilmember Clemmer – Aye	

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Z 2020-004 Rezone .16 acres TMS# 904-06-01-025 P/O from R-12 to NC, Neighborhood Commercial District.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously (5-0) in favor of the rezoning at the December 7, 2020 meeting.

The property owner, Swaranjit Singh, spoke on the proposed rezoning. He stated that the portion of the property has always been used as commercial space. The former use was a liquor store, since relocated on South Main Street, and is now half-occupied by a beautician.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Dearybury to approve Z 2020-004 as presented on second reading.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye	Councilmember Cunningham - Aye
Councilmember Thomason - Aye	Councilmember Blackstone - Aye
Councilmember Dearybury – Aye	Mayor McLeer - Aye
Councilmember Clemmer – Aye	

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

New Business

First Reading – Ordinance 2021-001 Animal Care

Shawn Bell stated that this ordinance will amend Chapter 5, Animal Control, Section 5-6, by specifying the care to be provided to animals and to prohibit tethering unless certain conditions exist.

Based off recent ordinance changes from the City of Greenville and Greenville County, a resident of Fountain Inn has asked City Council to consider similar ordinance changes for Fountain Inn regarding animal care. The citizen has gathered community support for the ordinance changes via an online petition.

The proposed ordinance specifies that animal owners must provide sufficient wholesome food; clean fresh water, proper shelter, and protection from the weather; veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering; and humane treatment. It also makes it unlawful for a person to tether an animal while outdoors unless certain conditions are met.

Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Blackstone to approve Ordinance 2021-001 Animal Care as presented on first reading.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye

Councilmember Thomason - Aye

Councilmember Dearybury – Aye

Councilmember Clemmer – Aye

Councilmember Cunningham - Aye

Councilmember Blackstone - Aye

Mayor McLeer - Aye

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

First Reading – Ordinance 2021-001 CNINGA Territory Agreement

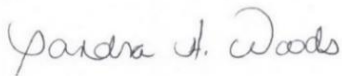
Shawn Bell stated that this ordinance allows the city to enter into a territorial agreement with Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority concerning the provision of natural gas in Laurens County and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. Motion by Councilmember Clemmer, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve CNINGA Territory Agreement as presented on first reading.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye	Councilmember Cunningham - Aye
Councilmember Thomason - Aye	Councilmember Blackstone - Aye
Councilmember Dearybury – Aye	Mayor McLeer - Aye
Councilmember Clemmer – Aye	

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Dearybury to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Sandra H. Woods, CMC
Municipal Clerk