

MINUTES OF NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN HALL MEETING
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL
CONWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016 – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Blain-Bellamy, Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Timbes, Council Members Randle L. Alford, Thomas J. Anderson II, William M. Goldfinch IV, Ashley Smith, and Larry A. White

STAFF: Bill Graham, City Administrator; Vicky Lefler, Deputy City Administrator; Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; Adam Emrick, Planning Director; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Reggie Gosnell, Police Chief; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Foster Hughes, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director; Reggie Jenerette, Solid Waste Director; Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Official; Lynn Smith, Human Resource Director; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Timmy Williams, Grounds and Maintenance Director; and Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Ropp and others

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blain-Bellamy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mayor Blain-Bellamy recognized Mayor Pro Tem Jean Timbes, who gave the invocation.

Mayor Blain-Bellamy introduced the members of Conway City Council. The City Administrator introduced staff members present and gave a brief synopsis of their respective areas of responsibility.

Chief Gosnell addressed the recent home invasion and kidnapping that took place within the City limits as well as the police officer shootings around the nation. He gave an update on actions the Conway Police Department is taking as a result of recent events and changes that the public will see in police response.

Following Chief Gosnell's report, Mayor Blain-Bellamy welcomed comments from those in attendance. Public comments were recorded on poster paper and, at the close of the public comment period, the posters were displayed on one wall. To help the City evaluate and set priorities, those present were given three stickers each to designate which of the issues mentioned were of the highest priority to them. (Due to a previous commitment, Council Member Anderson left the meeting at approximately 7 p.m.)

The following is a list of the issues presented:

- Criminal activities
- Improvement in communication with citizens

- 4-Way stop intersection on Elm Street (new)
- Speeding on Elm Street
- Ivy Glenn Subdivision concerns
- Litter and community appearance
- Neighborhood Associations
- Additional street lights
- Police patrols in all neighborhoods
- Crime Hotline (in addition to 911)
- Encourage residential development in targeted areas

Forms were available for attendees to provide their comments in writing if they preferred. Sign-up sheets were also provided for those who wished to offer their volunteer service.

Mayor Blain-Bellamy thanked those present for attending this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this _____ / ^{5th} _____ day of August, 2016.



Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk