

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
229 MAIN STREET
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY – APRIL 15, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Alys C. Lawson and Council Members Barbara Blain-Olds, William M. Goldfinch IV, Jean M. Timbes and Larry A. White; **ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Irby L. Koon and Council Member Thomas J. Anderson II

STAFF: Bill Graham, City Administrator; Michael Hardee, Finance Director; Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Official; Foster Hughes, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director; Reggie Gosnell, Police Chief; Jerry Barnhill, Public Works Director; Freddie DuBose, Public Utilities Director; Rick Baker, Fire Chief; Michael Leinwand, Planning Director; and Vicky Lefler, City Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Ropp, Eddie Hill, County Councilman and Mrs. James Frazier, Pat Hartley, Carol Latus, William Caddell, Ben Burroughs, Richard Kizer, John Dennis, and others

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Lawson recognized Chaplain Eddie Hill of the J. Reuben Long Detention Center. Chaplain Hill expressed appreciation to Council for its financial support of rehabilitation programs for Detention Center inmates. Before giving the invocation, he asked those present to remember in prayer victims of the bombing that occurred earlier this day in Boston. After the invocation, City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve the agenda contents. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Ordinances for final reading

1. **Final reading of Ordinance# ZA-2013-04-15 (A) Accepting the petition of Alvie Shawn Godwin and Rachel Godwin to annex approximately 1.4 acres located at 3945 Long Avenue Extension (TMS# 111-00-01-011) and to zone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation**
2. **Final reading of Ordinance# ZA-2013-04-15 (B) Accepting the petition of Patsy H. Richardson to annex approximately 1.5 acres located at 454 Maplewood Circle (TMS# 110-00-02-080) and to zone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation**
3. **Final reading of Ordinance# ZA-2013-04-15 (C) Accepting the petition of Patricia Skipper to annex approximately 1.5 acres located at 3931 Long Avenue Extension**

(TMS# 111-00-01-054) and to zone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation

- 4. Final reading of Ordinance# ZA-2013-04-15 (D) Accepting the petition of Forrest Beverly to annex approximately 0.75 acres located at 2510 Graham Road (TMS# 123-00-02-168) and to zone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation**

- B. Adoption of resolution honoring the Reverend Charles Milton Pee**
- C. Adoption of annual resolution recognizing April as National Fair Housing Month**
- D. Adoption of resolution in opposition to reduction or elimination of the tax exemption on municipal bond interest**
- E. Adoption of resolution in support of the Marketplace Fairness Act (S336 AND HR684)**
- F. Authorization to apply for the 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant**
- G. City Council minutes – March 15, 2013, and March 18, 2013**

Motion: Timbes made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve the consent agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- A. James and Nora Battle** spoke on the PetSafe Bark for Your Park Contest in which they would like to enter the City for a chance to win funds to be used toward building a dog park. Mayor Lawson asked that the Battles work with staff and that this matter be discussed at Council's next meeting.
- B. Bill Caddell** stated he had been asked by the neighbors of Forest Glen Subdivision to address City Council on their concerns regarding safety in that community; in particular, fire hazards and the 5 ft side setbacks allowed by the Forest Glen PD ordinance. He requested that Forest Glen and the area surrounding it be permanently rezoned to R-1. Mayor Lawson noted that staff had been working with Mr. Caddell to address his concerns and will keep Council informed.

There was no further public input.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Presentation by County Council Representatives James Frazier, District 7, and Carl Schwartzkopf, District 8.** County Councilman Frazier delivered to Council a check in the amount of \$52,000 from Horry County Council to support the City's recreation programs. Councilman Schwartzkopf had planned to accompany Councilman Frazier but was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Lawson expressed appreciation on behalf of the City and Council.
- B. Progress report on closure process for Grainger Steam Plant facilities – Richard Kizer,**

Vice President of Government and Community Relations, Santee Cooper. Mr. Kizer gave a power point presentation on Santee Cooper's plan for the closure of the ash ponds at the former Grainger Steam Plant. No decision has been rendered yet on the proposed plan by SCDHEC. A public hearing on the proposed plan has been scheduled by DHEC for April 23rd.

- C. Presentation on Conway City Hall steps and handrails restoration project.** Ben Burroughs presented this proposal by the South Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America and Horry County Archives Center at Coastal Carolina University. Burroughs reviewed information on the scope of the restoration from the project bid submitted by Richard Johnson and advised Council that he has been asked to serve as Project Manager. The City of Conway has been requested to fund the cost of the project (\$5,200). The South Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America will submit the project as a candidate for the National Award and, if successful, all prize money would be applied toward the cost of the project. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to move forward with the project. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Request for financial contribution to Academy for Technology and Academics' Robotics Team.** John W. Dennis, Jr., Engineering Instructor at the Academy, presented this request as a show of support for these students who won first place at the recent First Palmetto Regional Robotics competition. The team now has the opportunity to compete in national competition in St. Louis and this request is being made to help defray travel expenses for the team. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds to make a financial contribution in the amount of \$500 to the Academy for Technology and Academics' Robotics Team from General Fund Council Contingency Fund. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- E. Special event request and request for financial contribution: RiverRead, April 20, 2013, 10 am to 2 pm.** Leinwand advised that staff recommended that the special event request be approved with costs for support services provided to be absorbed by the City's operating funds. Council Member Blain-Olds reviewed the schedule of events. She also requested that Council approve funding in support of the event in the amount of \$525 for prizes and \$500 as an honorarium for Artist Jonathan Green (\$1,025 total). **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve the special event request for RiverRead as presented and to approve the request for funding in the amount of \$1,025 in support of the event to be paid from the City Council hospitality contingency account. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- F. Employee Longevity Awards** were presented to Glen Black, Public Utilities Department; Kenny Chestnut, Streets Division, Public Works Department; and John Rabon, Solid Waste Division, Public Works Department, 5 years; and Steve Harrington, Solid Waste Division, Public Works Department, 10 years. The presentation was made by Council Member Goldfinch and the City Administrator.
- G. Employee of the Month Award for March** was presented to Stephen Williams, GIS Technician in the Planning Department, by the City Administrator. Williams was commended by City Council for having been selected as the recipient of this award.

H. Recognition of Jeremy Carter, Fire Department, Associate Degree in Fire Science; Foster Hughes, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department, national certification as a Certified Park and Recreation Executive. Council recognized and congratulated these employees for their accomplishments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

- A. Public hearing and first reading on Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance – Ordinance #2013-05-06 (A) An Ordinance to Raise Revenues and Adopt Budgets for the General Fund, Enterprise/Public Utility Fund, Street/Drainage Fund, Storm Water Fund, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund, Accommodations Tax Fund, Community Development Fund, and Hospitality Fee Fund, City of Conway, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 and Ending June 30, 2014. **Public Hearing:** There was no comment from the public. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to approve first reading of Ordinance #2013-05-06 (A). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Public hearing and first reading on Ordinance #ZA-2013-05-06 (B) accepting the petition of Charles Peter Busse to annex approximately 0.91 acres located at 702 SC Highway 544 (TMS# 150-00-06-092) and to rezone the property Highway Commercial (HC) upon annexation. **Public Hearing:** There was no comment from the public. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve first reading of Ordinance #2013-05-06 (B). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

- A. Ordinance #ZA-2013-05-06 (C) accepting the petition of Gary G. Faircloth and Kay L. Faircloth to annex approximately 1.0 acre located at 4210 Bradford Drive (TMS# 111-00-01-035) and to zone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation. **Motion:** Blain-Olds made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve first reading of Ordinance #2013-05-06 (C). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Ordinance #2013-05-06 (D) Amending Title 8 of the Code of Ordinances by replacing Chapter 2, Parking, in its entirety. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to approve first reading of Ordinance #2013-05-06 (D). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Ordinance #2013-05-06 (E) Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 9, Pawnbrokers, to Title 7, Licensing and Regulation. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve first reading of Ordinance #2013-05-06 (E). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Ordinance #2013-05-06 (F) Establishing the Public Utilities Financing Program. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to approve first reading of Ordinance #2013-05-06 (F). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- A. Proposed update of service area agreement boundary lines between Bucksport and City

of Conway Public Utilities Water Systems. DuBose reported staffs from both agencies reviewed boundaries with respect to what was actually happening in the field since the original map was drawn in 1984. He reported that certain areas needed slight modifications in order for both entities to provide service in the most practical and feasible manner and, in his opinion, these changes were in the best interest of the City. Staff recommended approval of the revised map of the service area agreement boundary lines between the Bucksport and City of Conway Public Utilities Water Systems. **Motion:** Blain-Olds made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch to approve staff's recommendation. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Acceptance of bid for next phase of overhead to underground wiring conversion project – Elm Street from 2nd Avenue to 5th Avenue. Staff recommended that Council accept the low bid that was submitted by Lee Electric in the amount of \$642,832 and authorize staff to move forward with this work. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to approve staff's recommendation. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. Proposed law enforcement memorandums of understanding between the City of Conway and the City of Florence and the Horry County Police Departments. Gosnell pointed out that these agreements provide for automatic annual renewal unless terminated by written notice by either party. Staff recommended approval of the agreements. **Motion:** Blain-Olds made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve the law enforcement memorandums of understanding between the City of Conway and the City of Florence and the Horry County Police Departments and to authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreements. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. Acceptance of bid for replacement of mosquito sprayer for Public Works Department. Staff recommended Council accept the low bid of \$14,958 for this equipment which was submitted by ADAPCO. Barnhill advised that \$13,000 was budgeted for this equipment and the difference (\$1,958) can be absorbed by the department's overall budget. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to accept the low bid as recommended by staff. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

A. Fiscal year 2012-2013 budget update as of February 28, 2013, was presented for information only.

B. Report on 2nd Annual Gun Buy Back Initiative was presented. This event is planned for April 27, 2013, from 10 am to 2 pm, at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and at A Father's Place. A Stop the Violence Peace Festival and Countywide Community Safety Rally will be held in conjunction with the Gun Buy Back event at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to enter into executive session to consider appointments to City boards, committees and commissions, discuss negotiations incident to a proposed contractual arrangement, and discuss the re-employment of an employee. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion: Blain-Olds made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to come out of executive session.
Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consideration of appointments. Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve the appointments as listed below. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee: Appointed Jim Holbert to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2013.

Construction Board of Appeals: Appointed Michael A. Green to a three-year term ending December 31, 2015.

Municipal Election Commission: Appointed Renina Kirkland to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2014.

Planning Commission: Appointed Tammy Hughes to a three-year term ending December 31, 2015.

Water Quality and Drainage Commission: Reappointed Scott Goldberg to a three-year term ending December 31, 2015.

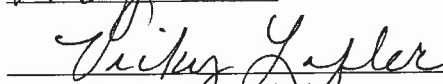
Zoning Board of Appeals: Appointed Blake Hewitt to a three-year term ending December 31, 2015.

Waccamaw Regional Transportation Authority/Coast RTA Board of Directors: Reappointed Ivory Wilson for a three year term effective April 30, 2013, and ending April 30, 2016.

Consideration of re-employment of an employee. Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to re-employ Andy E. Hendrick as Municipal Court Judge effective July 2, 2013, for a four-year term at his current salary plus any cost of living increase approved in the FY 2013-14 budget. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 6th day of May, 2013.



Vicky Lefler, City Clerk