

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
229 MAIN STREET
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY – DECEMBER 12, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Alys C. Lawson, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas J. Anderson II, and the following Council Members: Vivian E. Chestnut, William M. Goldfinch IV, Irby L. Koon, Jean M. Timbes, and Larry A. White

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Ropp, Steve Jones, Ozell Newman and members of Boy Scouts Pack 812, Rev. Phillip Miles, Jay Sellers, Geneva Conner, and others

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Lawson recognized Rev. Phillip Miles of Christ Community Church who gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Ordinances for final reading

- 1. Ordinance #ZA2011-12-12 (E) Accepting the petition of the City of Conway to rezone approximately 145 acres of property (Long Farm Swamp property donated by Historic Ricefields Association/TMS 110-00-02-142) from Low Density Residential (R-1) and Medium Density Residential (R-2) to Conservation Preservation (CP)**
- 2. Ordinance #ZA-2011-12-12 (F) Accepting the petition of John Heaton to annex approximately 1.24 acres of property located at 4147 Hagwood Circle (TMS 111-00-01-026) and zone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation**
- 3. Ordinance #ZA-2011-12-12 (G) Accepting the request of Shane Floyd to annex approximately 0.25 acres of property located at 251 El Paso Road and identified by TMS #137-16-02-002 and zone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation**

B. City Council minutes – November 14, 2011

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. Ozell Newman and members of the Boy Scout Pack 812 were in attendance at this meeting and were recognized by Mayor Lawson.

Lora Lynn Raynor presented her concerns regarding clean water issues.

There was no further public input.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Resolution in honor of employee retirement.** Council adopted a resolution in honor of Mr. Edward Lamar Britton's retirement from employment with the City of Conway in October, 2011. The framed resolution was presented to Mr. Britton by Council Member Chestnut on behalf of Council.
- B. City of Conway Christmas Card contest winner - Mackenzie Neal.** Miss Neal was recognized as the artist of the 2011 Christmas card for the City of Conway. She is the eleven-year-old daughter of Richard Neal and Shannon and William Suggs. Mackenzie received congratulations and gift cards from Council and was presented a framed edition of her Christmas card by Mayor Lawson.
- C. 2010 Quattlebaum Award Winners.** Congratulations and commendations were extended by Council to recipients of the awards for 2010 as listed below. Winners were introduced by Leinwand and awards were presented by Mayor Lawson on behalf of Council.

Restoration of a Home: 1300 7th Avenue (home of Mary Howie)

New Construction of a Home: 780 Wild Wing Boulevard (home of Alan and Janet Price)

New Construction of a Non-Residential Building: 2735 Church Street (Murphy Express)

Restoration of a Non-Residential Building: 2219 Main Street (Rivertown Pharmacy)

Landscape Project: 408 Greenwich Drive (home of Dennis and Jane Nowack) and 511 Laurel Street (home of Todd and Mary Williams)

Sign Project: 2676 Church Street (Kingston Grill and Bar)

Interior Design Effort: 225 Greenwich Drive (home of David and Francein Scott) and 315 Main Street (The Spa on Main)

Contribution to a Quality Development, Restoration, Landscape or Design by an Organization or Individual: 1804 9th Avenue (home of Geneva Conner) and 217 Laurel Street (The Farmers Market)

- D. Employee Longevity Awards** were presented to Jerry Bellamy, Ted Dudley, and Landis Huggins, Public Utilities Department (5 years). Dustin Skipper, Public Utilities Department (5 years), and James Richardson, Recreation Department (10 years), were unable to attend. These employees were recognized by City Council for their years of service to the City.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING

- A. Ordinance #2011-12-12 (A) To adopt the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance in accordance with Title 6, Chapter 29, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, known as the “South Carolina Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994” and for repeal of all ordinances in conflict herewith.** First reading of this ordinance, excluding Section 9.6, Buffer Ordinance for Wetlands and Riparian Corridors, was approved at the November 14, 2011, Council meeting. Leinwand noted that staff will conduct additional research on regulations pertaining to electronic message centers and vinyl siding on non-residential buildings and will have recommendations on these issues in the first quarter of 2012. Staff will also conduct further research on the regulations for wetland buffers. Leinwand advised Council that, since first reading, a proposed revision has been made in Section 11.4.14, Billboards and Off-Premises Signs, of the Unified Development Ordinance in order for these regulations to be consistent with the requirements in the current City of Conway Zoning Ordinance. Staff recommended final reading approval. **Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve final reading of Ordinance #2011-12-12 (A), to adopt the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance, with the exception of Section 9.6, Buffer Ordinance for Wetlands and Riparian Corridors, in its entirety. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Ordinance #2011-12-12 (B) To adopt the “Historic Design Review Districts: Community Appearance Guidelines.”** First reading was approved at the November 14, 2011, Council meeting. There have been no changes since first reading. Staff recommended final reading approval. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve final reading of Ordinance #2011-12-12 (B). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Ordinance #2011-12-12 (C) For the incorporation of a previously adopted moratorium, through December 31, 2012, which relates to Sections 9.1.3.B.2, 9.1.3.B.3, and 12.1.2.D of the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance.** First reading was approved at the November 14, 2011, Council meeting. There have been no changes since first reading. Staff recommended final reading approval. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to approve final reading of Ordinance #2011-12-12 (C). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Ordinance #2011-12-12 (D) To rezone several parcels throughout the City of Conway pursuant to the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance.** First reading was approved at the November 14, 2011, Council meeting. There have been no changes since first reading. Staff recommended final reading approval. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to approve final reading of Ordinance #2011-12-12 (D). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: Ordinance #ZA2012-01-09 (A) Accepting the petition of Cynthia and Mark Rogers to annex approximately 0.40 acres of property located at 8 Clemson Road (TMS 151-19-02-042) and zone the property Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation. This property is contiguous to the City limits and is served by City water service. Ownership of the property has recently changed, however, and annexation

will be required in order to make a change in the water service account. The City's Comprehensive Plan identifies the parcel as Low Density Residential. Staff recommended first reading approval. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Chestnut, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA 2012-01-09 (A). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION: Approval of Declaration of Restrictive Covenants protecting the wetland area at the City of Conway Recreation Center. Hughes informed Council that the City is utilizing HUD funding as a portion of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Recreation Center. Because the project has some impact on wetlands, HUD requires a declaration of restrictive covenants as a condition to receive these funds which total approximately \$231,484. Staff recommended that Council approve the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and authorize Mayor Lawson to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the City. **Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by White, to approve staff's recommendation. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Presented an update on the request from the Carolina Forest Civic Association for a reduction in water rates charged to Carolina Forest residents. Graham recommended that staff study this issue in more depth and that it be a topic for Council discussion at the March Budget Retreat. Council expressed no opposition to this recommendation.
- Shared an invitation from the Women against Crime to its Holiday Candlelight Service on December 19th, 6:00 pm, at the Horry County Courthouse.
- Announced that a Palmetto Pride Grant of \$8,000 had been awarded to the Keep Horry County Beautiful Organization and these funds will be used for the three thoroughfare beautification projects as approved by Council in October.
- Announced that the four-way stop at 2nd Avenue and Elm Street was scheduled to be implemented on the afternoon of this meeting.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Goldfinch welcomed Koon from the return of his recuperation and offered best wishes to Chestnut as her tenure on Council comes to an end.

Timbes thanked staff for the City's attractive appearance for the Christmas season and recognized Chestnut for her years of service on Council.

Chestnut thanked Hughes and his staff for their hard work decorating the City for Christmas.

Koon expressed appreciation for the cards, prayers, best wishes, etc., received during his recovery.

Anderson also thanked staff for their work to decorate for the holidays and for providing assistance in staging the St. Nicholas Festival.

White commended Dianne Davis and the Community Watch group for their efforts.

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- expressed appreciation for the Community Watch potluck dinner and commended the Police Department for its work with this group.
- commented on the enjoyable Conway Christmas Parade held on December 10th.
- thanked staff for their hard work in staging holiday events.

Mayor Lawson recognized Mrs. Vivian Chestnut for her years of public service to the City of Conway as a member of the Conway City Council and, in recognition of this service, presented Mrs. Chestnut with a Key to the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations concerning contractual matters. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to come out of executive session. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Vicky Lefler, City Clerk