

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
229 MAIN STREET
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY – AUGUST 8, 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, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams, and others

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Lawson recognized Council Member Koon who gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Lawson asked that the agenda be amended to add consideration of bids for the replacement of submersible pumps for a sewer pump station.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Final reading of Ordinance #2011-08-08 (A), An ordinance to amend Title 3, Chapter 1, Article D, Special Events, by revising Sections 3-1-33 and 3-1-36

B. City Council minutes – July 25, 2011

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

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Employee Longevity Awards were presented to Greg Rush, Building Department, Bobby Smith, Public Works Department, and Cassandra Reaves, Police Department (5 years); Mark Bobbitt, Police Department (10 years); Richard Mason, Police Department (15 years); Billy Joe Best, Public Works Department (25 years); and Edward Britton, Public Works Department (35 years). These employees were recognized by City Council for their years of service to the City.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

- A. Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2011-08-22 (A) Accepting the petition of Jimmy Edwards to rezone approximately 1.6 acres of property located at 1717 4th Avenue (TMS 137-05-20-010) from split-zoned Highway Commercial (HC) and Production, Service and Industry (PSI) to Highway Commercial.** This parcel is split-zoned PSI in the rear and HC in the front. The applicant has requested rezoning in order to accommodate more retail and professional uses that would be permitted in HC zoning in all of the existing building on the property. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request at its July 7, 2011, meeting. Staff recommended first reading approval.

Public Hearing: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams introduced themselves as adjacent property owners and spoke in opposition to the rezoning. They commented that building on this property would exacerbate water problems they are experiencing on their property. Mayor Lawson noted that the property being considered for rezoning is already developed and, upon reviewing a map of the area, it was determined the subject property is not adjacent to the Williams' property. Upon receiving that information, Mr. and Mrs. Williams did not express any other objection to the rezoning. **Mr. Jimmy Edwards**, property owner, was present in support of his petition for rezoning.

Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Chestnut, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2011-08-22 (A). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- B. Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2011-08-22 (B) Accepting the petition of the City of Conway Planning Staff to rezone approximately 2.0 acres of property located at 1713 Mill Pond Road (TMS 136-00-01-063) from Planned Development District (PD) to Conservation Preservation (CP).** This property was recently purchased by the City and was not part of the original master plan for the recreation center. Because the parcel is currently part of the Mill Pond Planned Development District, staff recommended it be rezoned CP since the remaining City-owned parcels in this area are zoned CP. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request at its July 7, 2011, meeting. Staff recommended first reading approval.

Public Hearing: There was no comment from the public.

Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2011-08-22 (A). **Discussion:** In response to questions concerning the rezoning, Graham advised this action is being recommended in order for the entire recreation complex to be zoned Conservation Preservation and noted that plans call for the property to be used for parking and access to the athletic fields at the City Recreation Complex. Leinwand commented that, although there are specific uses and required setbacks in Conservation Preservation zoning, there are no required architectural standards. He also stated that if the property is not rezoned, the planned use of the property would require an amendment of the Mill Pond PD. In response to an inquiry from White, Graham stated that there are no plans to extend Dewitt Street to the recreation center and that such action would have to be approved by Council. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION: Bids for replacement of submersible pumps for sewer pump station. DuBose reported that a 70 hp pump had recently failed at the sewer pump station behind the former Mighty Dollar Store off Mill Pond Road. This is one of two 70 hp pumps that were installed at this station in 2000. Based on the condition of the failed pump, routine maintenance, and inspection of the second pump which is in operation, staff believes it is likely that the second pump will fail in the near future. Repair of the failed pump is estimated to be \$15,000 and delivery of parts would take approximately 8-12 weeks. The existing pump model is also no longer in production and it is expected that replacement parts will soon become unattainable. Quotes were obtained from two suppliers; the unit price of the low quote is less than the expected cost of repairs to the failed pump. Staff recommended acceptance of the low quote that was submitted by Clearwater, Inc., for a total price, including tax, of \$29,052 for two replacement pumps with the cost to be taken from Account 30-812-500 (Water Line Extension/ Sewer Line Extension). **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Chestnut, to approve staff's recommendation. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEM FOR INFORMATION: Four-way stop at the intersection of Country Club Drive and Long Avenue. Graham informed Council that SCDOT is expected to install a four-way stop at the intersection of Country Club Drive and Long Avenue within the next 30 days. Based on studies of traffic volumes at that location, which were requested by the City, SCDOT determined that a stop-and-go traffic signal at that intersection is not justified and that a four-way stop would be the best alternative to improve traffic flow and overall safety at that intersection. Upon installation of the four-way stop, initial warning devices of a change in the traffic pattern at that intersection will be provided by SCDOT.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Anderson

- expressed concerns regarding littering in the City and asked for suggestions on how to better address this problem. **Mayor Lawson** asked that information on ordinances pertaining to littering be sent to Council.
- asked for a reminder to be put on the Access Channel that unwanted household goods/furniture items can be recycled through community agencies such as the Salvation Army and Goodwill.

Timbes commented on the recent extremely hot weather and encouraged citizens to be mindful of the welfare of others, especially the elderly and disabled.

Goldfinch asked for prayer for elected officials and others in positions of government leadership.

Mayor Lawson

- congratulated Goldfinch on his recent election as president of the Sertoma Club.
- commended the Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff members for their hard work in preparation for the opening of the new recreation center and the recent installation of sod on

the athletic fields.

- noted that civic clubs will begin holding their meetings at the recreation center on August 10th.
- reminded those present of plans for Community Open House at the new recreation center on August 17-31.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to enter into executive session to consider committee appointments. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Appointment to Committee: Motion: Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to appoint Rebecca Lovelace to the Zoning Board of Appeals; her term will expire December 31, 2013. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Vicky Lefler, City Clerk