

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

{Summary minutes of City Council meeting. Audio tapes of the meeting are on file and are included by reference as part of this meeting. An agenda of this meeting has been either mailed or made available to persons, organizations and local news media as per their request. The agenda gives the date, time and place of the meeting as well as the order of business. This disclosure is in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e).}

The regular meeting of city council was held on January 16, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Bruce Morgan; Councilmembers Tommie Hill, Sr., Harold Thompson, Ricky Todd Harris, Keith Henderson, Orangelow Ruff and Fran Bailey.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Jeff Lawson, CBO MCP-Building Official; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Sam White, - Chief, Walker Gallman – Finance Director and Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director. Perry Harmon – Public Service Director was absent.

NEWS MEDIA: Charles Warner – Union Times and Kevin Shehan – WBCU Radio.

OTHERS: Neil Valentine, Torance Inman and Terry Fant.

1. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, the invocation was given by Councilmember Thompson. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. **Minutes**

A. December 12, 2006 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept minutes as presented.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Communications**

A. Monthly Reports

The monthly reports of all departments were included in the council packages and are on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM REPRESENTATIVE MIKE ANTHONY

Representative Mike Anthony delivered a check in the amount of \$350,000 to the City and County on Friday to go toward the Robotics Training Center.

C. AUDIT PRESENTATION – TERRY FANT

In accordance with Governmental Accounting and Auditing Standards and SC law, an accounting of local government revenues and expenditures must be performed by an independent auditor. Mr. Terry R. Fant, CPA, presented a summary of the audited financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING – JANUARY 9, 2007

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to accept minutes as presented.
SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. UPDATE OF DOWNTOWN PROJECT

Building Official Jeff Lawson gave an update of the downtown project. Staff is preparing to award the bid for the clean-up of the back allies. The newly designed gateways and marketing brochures are being designed by Frazier Associates, a consulting firm from Virginia.

4. **Business**

A. **DISCUSSION/MOTION** - COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The Catawba Regional Council of Governments currently has a vacancy from City Council on their Council of Governments Board. This position was formerly filled by Mr. Paul Glenn who served on their Board and its Executive Committee. The recommendation is for City Council to make a motion for Mayor Bruce Morgan to fill this position.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson for Mayor Morgan to fill the position on the Council of Governments Board.
SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. **DISCUSSION/MOTION** - AWARD BID FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – BUFFALO MILL VILLAGE

Bids were received on December 21, 2006 at City Hall for Sewer System Improvements in Buffalo Mill Village. A summary of the bids and recommendation from our consultants were presented. The recommendation is to accept bid from Smith Backhoe and Construction in the amount of \$528,733.30 – contingent on approval of the contract by the

SC Department of Commerce and acquisition of necessary rights-of-way for the project.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to accept bid from Smith Backhoe and Construction.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. **DISCUSSION/MOTION - AWARD BID FOR GAS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – SC56 AND SC215**

Bids were received on December 21, 2006 at City Hall for Gas System Improvements on SC Hwy 56 and SC Hwy 215. A summary of the bids and recommendation for our consultants were presented. The recommendation is to accept bid from Appling Boring Company of Forest City, North Carolina in the amount of \$119,261.63.

MOTION by Councilmember Thompson to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

The following announcements were made by Mayor Morgan:

On January 30 at 4:30 pm, there will be a special send-off ceremony at the National Guard Armory for the troops that are being deployed.

Mayor Morgan and Maintenance Shop Director Mike Petrie will attend a meeting on alternative fuels at CRPC in Rock Hill on January 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Morgan thanked County Council for their reimbursement of \$105,000 to the City for the re-location of water lines and gas lines for LSP.

A letter was received from Ms. Amy Prosser with the Department of Commerce. The letter states that there will be scholarships made available for the S.C. Economic Developers School at the College of Charleston for City Council and City Staff.

On Monday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m. a groundbreaking ceremony will be held for the new Food Lion. City council is invited to attend.

Mayor Morgan thanked Chamber Director Torance Inman for his presentation given at the MLK Day Celebration last night.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A. Please address the Mayor and Council from the lectern and state your name and address for the record.

None

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL, CONTRACTUAL, AND PERSONNEL MATTERS**

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss an economic development issue and a personnel issue.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to go out of executive session back into regular session.

SECOND by Councilmember Thompson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2007