

**MINUTES**  
**CHERAW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 14, 2020**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Andy Ingram, Councilmembers: Robby Bennett, Jim Crawford, Jacqueline Ellerbe-Shannon, Cherryl Melton, Billy Wallace, Jr., and Richard White.

**TELECONFERENCE:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Ellerbe-Shannon and Councilman Richard White.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Smith, Town Administrator; Clementine Ellis, Clerk-Treasurer, Rob Wolfe, Chief Keith Thomas and Brenda Ratliff.

1. The invocation was offered by **Mike Smith** and the pledge was made to the American flag.
2. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration the minutes of the **March 14<sup>th</sup>** Council Meeting. A motion was made by **Councilman Crawford** to approve the March 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration the minutes of the **March 24<sup>th</sup>** Special Council Meeting. A motion was made by **Councilman Crawford** to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.
3. The March 2019 Financial Report was submitted for council's consideration. A motion was made by **Councilman Bennett** to approve the February Financial Report. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace**. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. **Second Reading of Ordinance:**
  - a. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-27: An Ordinance to Amend Section 5-9 of the Cheraw Zoning Ordinance Related to Permitted Uses in the General Commercial District**. This is a recommendation from the Planning Commission to remove duplex residence as a permitted use in general commercial which primarily is located on Highway 9. It will also make any residential structure which would be like apartments, condominiums, or town houses to comply with mixed use development standards which require well commercial on the road frontage. **Councilwoman Melton** made a motion to approve second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-27**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.
  - b. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-28: An Ordinance to Amend Section 6-1 of the Cheraw Zoning Ordinance Adding Section 6-1.10 Required Parking for Disabled Persons**. This is mostly a compliance change. There is a minimum disabled parking that is already required by American with Disability Act and this would incorporate that language into our own zoning ordinance to make sure the Town stays in compliance. Signage can be made a requirement **Councilman**

**Crawford** made a motion to approve second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-28**. The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Melton** and passed by unanimous vote.

- c. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-29: An Ordinance to Amend Section 5-4 High Density Residential of the Cheraw Zoning Ordinance**. This would encourage higher density residential development within the Town like accessory dwellings. This would remove the process of going through the Board of Zoning and Appeal and turn into a permitted use. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** made a motion to approve second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-29**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.
- d. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-30: An Ordinance to add Section 4-18 Design Standards for Automotive Dealerships to the Cheraw Zoning Ordinance**. This is one of the designs standards being recommended by the Planning Commission to help clean up the appearance of the Town. This would help to keep order at auto dealerships so cars cannot be just parked anywhere nor crammed into spaces and not selling junk off the front of the lot but just automobiles. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-30**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.
- e. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-31: An Ordinance to Add Section 4-17 Design Standards for Automotive Repair Shops to the Cheraw Zoning Ordinance**. This is a recommendation from the Planning Commission that deals with appearance of automotive repair shops. This requires certain aesthetics such as tires waiting for disposal to have to go inside an enclosure. You cannot store junk vehicles on site nor disassembled vehicles out in front of the shops. These would have to be moved inside at night. **Councilman Crawford** made a motion to approve second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-31**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance:**

- a. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration first reading of **Ordinance 2020-32: An Ordinance to Add Section 9-6 of the Cheraw Zoning Ordinance Permitting the Zoning Administrator to Grant Administrative Variances**. This is basically a quality of life change. But in cases where granting a variance would not damage the interest of neighbors or town would allow these type of variances. **Councilwoman Melton** made a motion to approve first reading of **Ordinance 2020-32**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace**. **Councilman Bennett** stated under 9-6, wording should reflect his/her. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. **Resolutions**

Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration **Resolution 03-2020 Town of Cheraw Fair Housing**. This is done on an annual basis and helps with grants and etc.. **Councilwoman Melton** made a motion to adopt **Resolution 03-2020 Town of Cheraw Fair Housing**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Ingram commended the staff on coming backing yesterday and cleaning the streets and helping get people life back to normal. Mayor Ingram noted the Department Heads will get a day off to replace working on Easter Monday and hourly employees that came in will get double pay.

8. **For Council Information:**

9. **Citizen Comments: None.**

None.

10. There being no further business a motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Crawford** and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at **5:43 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Clementine A. Ellis  
Clerk-Treasurer