

**MINUTES
CHERAW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Andy Ingram, Councilmembers: Robby Bennett, Jim Crawford, Cheryl Melton, Billy Wallace, Jr., and Richard White.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jacqueline Ellerbe-Shannon.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Smith, Town Administrator; Clementine A. Ellis; Clerk-Treasurer, Joan Yates (The Link), Rob Wolfe, Bahaadur Al Bey, Melvin Wilkerson, Helen Palmer, Jimmy Thompson, Steevenson Pierre, Capt. Julius Riley, Margaret Reid, Brenda Ratliff, Karen Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mullis, P.B. Huntley, Mary Gillespie, Freida Ellerbe, Roger Jones, Joe Campbell, Renee Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Koehn (River's Edge), Ted Bradley, Darren Hooks, Annie B. McQueen, Jannie Lathan, Irene Cole, J. T. Flemming, Lisa Bridges, Ashley Davis, and Melinda Parsons.

1. The invocation was offered by **Rev. Julius Riley of Harvest of Blessing Church** and the pledge was made to the American flag.
2. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration the minutes of the **August 13, 2019** council meeting. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.
3. The August 2019 Financial Report was submitted for council's consideration. Clerk Treasurer Tina Ellis provided Council with new Financial Statements which reflected the 2019-2020 budget. A motion was made by **Councilman Crawford** to approve the Financial Report. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.
4. Mayor Ingram recognized the **ACL Avenue Advisory Committee**. **Mrs. Annie Bell McQueen** stated over a period of time the Town has been doing some community block grant programs. The money was to revitalize the ACL Avenue. Mrs. McQueen stated Mike Smith has been instrumental in getting the neighborhood together and providing their input. Several things were done such as security cameras, resurfacing of roads, drainage issues improved, and demolition of condemnable homes. The Committee members thanked Mike Smith for his services. Ms. Annie B. McQueen presented Mike Smith with a plaque for all the work he has done. She also stated he has been a trooper and has hung in there with them.
5. **Second Reading of Ordinances:**
Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-13. An Ordinance Granting an Easement to Duke-Energy Progress, LLC to Provide Electrical Service to HS Growers in the Carolinas Centre Industrial Park**. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to accept second and final reading of **Ordinance 2019-13**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

6. First Reading of Ordinances:

2020-14 Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration first reading of **Ordinance 2020-14. An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Cheraw's Zoning Code Concerning Building Height Outlined in Article 5-15 Pertaining to Area, Yard, and Height Requirements.** Rob Wolfe stated the Town's Planning Commission has been updating the Town's Zoning Ordinance and holding public hearings to discuss these proposed updates and changes and are then submitted for approval to the Town Council. **Ordinance 2020-14** pertains to area, yard and height requirements concerning maximum building height in core commercial be changed from 35 feet to 65 feet. A public hearing was held on June 6, 2019 and the Planning Commission recommends the maximum height from 35 feet to 65 feet as a result of those comments and discussions from the meetings. **Councilwoman Melton made** a motion to accept first reading of **Ordinance 2020-14.** The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

2020-15 Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration first reading of **Ordinance 2020-15. An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Cheraw's Code of Ordinance Section 13-1 Concerning Consumption of Beer, Wine and Alcohol Restricted.** Rob Wolfe stated the Town of Cheraw Main Street Advisory Committee has been meeting to look at ways to bring more events and visitors to the downtown area and certain public areas. The group feels the addition of allowing beer and wine to be served at special events held in the downtown and at Laney Landing would encourage more people to attend such events and recommends to the Town Council that section 13-1 of the Town Code of Ordinances concerning consumption of beer, wine and alcohol be amended to include additional language that provides an exception:

The Town Administrator may, at his/her discretion grant a permit for the consumption of beer and wine in public places, during special events. Such permit will be in written form and specify the times and areas, when and where beer and wine may be possessed and consumed. In addition, the Administrator is authorized to provide such other restrictions, regulations, or requirements deemed appropriate to protect the interest of the public when granting a permit. The public consumption shall be limited Laney Landing/Riverside Park, and a section downtown encompassing the 100 Block of Market Street, the 200 Block of Market Street, the 100 Block of Second Street, and the 200 Block of Second Street, bounded by Front Street, Church Street, Third Street, and Kershaw Street.

Mayor Ingram asked does the change have Jazz Festival Committee support. Wolfe stated yes. Wolfe also stated the recommendation from Main Street Committee was done with guidance from SLED. The Legislative Committee has met twice on this recommendation. **Councilman White** made a motion to accept first reading of **Ordinance 2020-15.** The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

2020-16 Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration first reading of **Ordinance 2020-16. An Ordinance to Deed Property at the former BI-LO Shopping Center to Habitat for Humanity.** Mayor Ingram stated the Town is currently

working with a developer to build a hotel in the downtown section of Cheraw and a portion of the property needed to build the hotel is owned by the Union-Anson County Habitat for Humanity and the Town of Cheraw which will be the trading of properties both entities own so the hotel development can proceed. The agreement is contingent upon all properties being acquired by the hotel developer necessary to build the proposed hotel. **Councilwoman Melton** made a motion to accept first reading of **Ordinance 2020-16**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution:

01-2020 Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration **Resolution 01-2020. A Resolution Committing the Town of Cheraw to Provide a Local Match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant.** This is a resolution committing the Town of Cheraw to provide a local match of \$2,500 which equals the minimum 10% match required by the Municipal Association of South Carolina to support the Hometown Economic Development Grant application. A motion was made by **Councilman Crawford** to accept Resolution 01-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman **Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

7. Mayor Ingram called upon **Councilman Bennett** Chairperson of the Legislative Committee. **Councilman Bennett** stated the Legislative Committee met in August to review the policy that the Airport Commission came up in July. The policy was discussed at the August 27th briefing. **Councilman Bennett** in the form of a motion stated it is the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve the policy of the Cheraw Airport Commission The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Melton** and passed by unanimous vote.

8. **For Council Information:**

Mayor Ingram stated Henry Griggs is back with the Police Department with Animal Control.

9. **Citizen Comments:**

Melvin Wilkerson – 600 Pinewood Dr. Mr. Wilkerson stated the activity has ceased with the excavator and crews. EPA and DHEC all are no longer walking along corridor. Mr. Wilkerson asked what happens next. He stated he would love to have a ceremony like the one done a little while ago with a plaque saying congratulations City Council you have seen it through and have gotten all of the contamination removed. He stated he prays he lives to see that day. Mr. Wilkerson stated he certainly doesn't want and feels council does not want it to be another situation of "it is what is" and sweep it under the rug, and let it slip through the cracks. Mr. Wilkerson stated he knows that is not what council wants. It seems the contamination still remains in the ditch from Pinewood Drive on downstream to Huckleberry Park continuing on to Hwy. 52N to the Pee Dee River. Mr. Wilkerson called AECOM today and talked to the project manager director. Mr. Wilkerson noted he knew they had cleaned the dirt surface at Huckleberry Park but the question in his mind was did they clean the ditch. The Project Manager said no. So that material remains. The lot next to their home

site and the particular sites where the setting ponds lie on the other side of their property has not been cleaned. Mr. Wilkerson stated there are questions and he looks forward to hearing from council.

Dick Mullis – Business Owner downtown Cheraw. Mr. Mullis asked if Town Council was looking at any sort of place to compel property owners of buildings to keep their property habitable. Mr. Mullis stated this is a concern when you have a business downtown and you have a building beside you that is falling in. Mr. Mullis is here to encourage the Town to look into that or maybe remove prettiest town in Dixie from the seal. Mayor Ingram stated he would have Mike and Rob get with him.

- 10. There being no further business a motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at **5:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Clementine A. Ellis
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 Clerk-Treasurer