

MINUTES
CHERAW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2020
5:30 P.M.

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

TELECONFERENCE: Councilwoman Jacqueline Ellerbe-Shannon.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Smith, Town Administrator; Clementine Ellis, Clerk-Treasurer, Rob Wolfe, Police Chief Keith Thomas, Bahaadur Al Bey and Ruthie Tarleton.

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 **April 14th** Council Meeting. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve the April 14th minutes. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Bennett** and passed by unanimous vote.
3. The **April 2020 Financial Report** was submitted for council's consideration. A motion was made by **Councilman Crawford** to approve the **April Financial Report**. The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Melton** and passed by unanimous vote.
4. Mayor Ingram recognized Bahaadur Al Bey regarding the A.C.L. Avenue Project and the Police Department. Mr. Al Bey stated the bus shelters have been put up but more needs to be done. He stated the shelters need sides to protect children from wind and rain as well as a place to sit. Mr. Al Bey also stated he went to the Cheraw Police Department and had a complaint about his dad being neglected and abused at Chesterfield Convalescent Nursing Home on Sate Road now known as the Rehabilitation Center. He stated he had paper work dated July 15th stating Grace Vilafranca said he was loud and abusive. He stated was shut down without any justification and an Incident Report by Roy Drake. Ms. Douglas stated when he comes to see his father he is very disrespectful to the staff when he visits his father and threatened staff on this date and stated if things didn't improve he would blow up the place. Mr. Al Bey stated he would never do that. He was then given a memo stating he was not allowed to be inside, or on the yard or attempt to get in. He was banned for 4 ½ years. He said he came to every council member and told them what was going on. Mr. Al Bey showed pictures of his father to council and sated he only wanted the best for his father. He was able to go back to Chesterfield Convalescent November of 2019. Town Administrator Mike Smith stated the reported was turned into SLED for investigation.
5. **Second Reading of Ordinance:**
 - a. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final 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 in cases of hardship.** **Councilman Crawford** made a motion to approve second

and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-32**. The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Melton** and passed by unanimous vote.

6. **Resolutions:**

Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration **Resolution 04-2020. A Resolution Awarding a Housing Demolition Contract for Houses Located in the Front Street Area. Bids received:**

4 Seasons Demolition, Wilmington, NC	\$92,150
Jones Grading & Fencing, Charlotte, NC	\$92,230
Wilma's Pump & Tank Co., Inc., Greenville, SC	\$108,300
TSIAC, International Charleston, SC	\$176,090
*Clean Air Engineering, Savannah, GA	\$55,425
*Wofford Demolition, Florence SC	\$131,896
*G & P Construction & Hauling, North Augusta, SC	\$169,364

***Were disqualified for not providing proper bid documentation. Therefore it is to recommend the Town Council of the Town of Cheraw hereby agree to award contract for the demolition of the eight houses to 4 Seasons Demolition for \$92,150. Councilman Crawford made a motion to adopt Resolution 04-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman White. Councilwoman Melton asked which houses were to be torn down. Smith stated two on Shields Row, two more behind Coulter Academy and four further down on Front Street. Councilwoman Ellerbe-Shannon asked what was the reason for those that did not qualify. Smith stated they did not follow guidelines. Councilman Crawford asked if any local firms qualified. The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

7. Mayor Ingram called council's attention to a recommendation from Town Administrator Mike Smith. Smith stated he received a call from Mike Burr who operates the Co-Labor Trade School inquiring about using material from the old Public Works Department to help grow his program. Smith noted the Co-Labor Trade School takes troubled youth and helps them learn a trade that will eventually lead them to being able to apply for jobs and become productive citizens. Mr. Burr would like to receive permission to dismantle a couple of storage sheds that housed vehicles/ equipment and enable them to be utilized on the Trade School's property which is located near the Chesterfield County Detention Center. This would provide his students an opportunity with not only a building project but help them in the future with a shelter that could help with other training skills. Smith stated he feels this is worthy of council's consideration and therefore is recommending that Mr. Burr's request be granted. He also stated he would have Mr. Burr sign a clause releasing the Town from any potential liability in removal of any materials. **Councilman Bennett** asked if they are going to be on Town property and are we concerned with any type of liability. **Councilman Bennett** asked if all the kids would sign this as well. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman White** and passed by unanimous vote.

8. Mayor Ingram called upon **Mike Smith** for discussion on Water/Sewer Rates. Smith told council about the meeting with Preston Watson and the need to increase water and sewer rates. **Councilman Crawford** stated he is in agreement. The first reading of the 2020-2021 budget will be on the agenda next month. Smith stated we have to be able to prove to State Revolving Fund we will be able to meet our obligation for an SRF Loan.

9. **For Council Information:**

10. **Citizen Comments:**

None.

11. 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 **5:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Clementine A. Ellis

Clerk-Treasurer