

**MINUTES**  
**CHERAW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Smith, Town Administrator; Clementine Ellis, Clerk-Treasurer, Delphenia Rollins, Chief Keith Thomas, Helen Palmer, Rev. Steve Fitzgerald and Robert Williams.

1. The invocation was offered by **Rev. Steve Fitzgerald, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church** and the pledge was made to the American Flag.
2. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration the minutes of the **August 11<sup>th</sup>** Council Meeting. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve the **August 11<sup>th</sup>** minutes. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.
3. The **August 2020 Financial Report** was submitted for council's consideration. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve the **August Financial Report**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.
4. **For Council Action:**

A. **Second Reading of Ordinance:**

Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2021-03. An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Cheraw's Official Zoning Map to Rezone Certain Properties from M-1 Manufacturing to R-2 Multi-family Residential the Effective Date of this Ordinance.** **Rob Wolfe** stated this is a recommendation from the Planning Commission. There was an oversight during the rezoning last year. This area is residential but it is zoned manufacturing and this corrects that. A motion was made by **Councilman White** to approve second and final reading of **Ordinance 2021-03**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2021-04. An Ordinance to Amend Section 5-4-4 of the Cheraw Zoning Ordinance to Permit Use Variance under Extraordinary Circumstances in the Town of Cheraw.** **Rob Wolfe** stated that is a recommendation from the Planning Commission. This would allow a building to be used in a way that zoning would not allow it to be used under specific hardships. A motion was made by **Councilman Crawford** to approve second and final reading of **Ordinance 2021-04**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace**. **Councilwoman Ellerbe-Shannon** asked if any areas have been identified. **Rob** stated yes after **Schaeffler Industries** came with issues to convert their caretaker house to a meeting space for new employees. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**B. First Reading of Ordinance:**

Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration first reading of **Ordinance 2021-05. An Ordinance to Amend Section 13-6 "Fireworks" of the Town Code.** Mayor Ingram called upon **Rob Wolfe** who stated this came after Janet and John Carrigan appeared before Town Council last month. Wolfe stated after looking through the MASC and Opinion of Attorney General Office on regulations of fireworks that there is very little that Towns can do other than enforce times and dates. This Ordinance regulates times and dates of fireworks which include major holidays. It also permits cultural holidays with a permit from the police department. Wolfe noted this is a recommendation from the Legislative Committee. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve first reading of **Ordinance 2021-05.** The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration first reading of **Ordinance 2021-06. An Ordinance to Amend Section 13-25 "Begging or Panhandling" to the Cheraw Town Code.** Mayor Ingram called upon **Rob Wolfe** who stated the Town has a few beggars and pan handlers hanging around the downtown area. Mr. Wolfe stated there have been complaints from businesses downtown stating their customers feel uncomfortable. The Legislative Committee met last Monday and this is what they have come up with to address pan handling in the downtown area. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve first reading of **Ordinance 2021-06.** The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration first reading of **Ordinance 2021-07. An Ordinance to Amend Section 13-26 Addressing "Camping" to the Cheraw Town Code.** Mayor Ingram called upon **Rob Wolfe** who stated a couple of weeks ago a couple bought property on Godfrey Street and were living in a tent until they got a more permanent residence set up. Their permanent residence was a storage building which was not allowed. This ordinance is to prevent long term camping. There were numerous complaints from neighbors and citizens in the area who were fearful about people living in a tent. A motion was made by **Councilman Crawford** to approve first reading of **Ordinance 2021-07.** The motion was seconded by **Councilman Wallace** and passed by unanimous vote.

**C. Resolution**

Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration **Resolution 02-2021. A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application by the Town of Cheraw to the Division of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs of the South Carolina Department of Commerce.** Smith stated this is just a continuation of trying to address neighborhoods throughout the Town that have been neglected. Smith stated originally it was to be **\$1.1 million dollars** but after meeting with the Finance Committee and discussing concerns whether matching proposed funds were in the budget he met with consultant and reduced the plan down to 3 phases and applied for **\$500,000** for a project total of **\$632,000.** The Town will be responsible for **\$132,000.** Smith noted it is a competitive process and we are not guaranteed to get it. He also stated he strongly recommends this and noted it would most likely be next budget year before funds are necessary. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Ellerbe-Shannon** to approve **Resolution 02-2021.** The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Melton** and passed by unanimous vote.

5. **For Council Information:**
6. **Citizen Comments: None.**
7. 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  
Clerk-Treasurer