

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

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Billy Wallace, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Smith, Town Administrator; Clementine Ellis, Clerk-Treasurer, Rob Wolfe, Harvey Cole, Helen Palmer, Steevenson Pierre, Delphenia Rollins, Sandra Robinson, Debra Sellers, Tyreen McIver, Debra Johnson, Margaret Ann Tate, Melisa Little, Carol Blackwell, Anthonie Harris, Emeka Crowder-Harris, Wallace Funderburk, Cathy Melton-Bell, Natasha Funderburk, David Giddins, Jaedyn Solomon, Jenai Solomon, Alex and Tracy Rhodes, Yvonne Burch, Brenda Gilmore Ratliff, Robert Williams, Boy Scout Troop 655, Mary Gillespie, Laura Greene, Reenay Johnson, Gus Anderson, Andrew Frick, Sam Bass, Irene Cole, Hester Ellerbe, Karen Wilkerson, Melvin Wilkerson, J.T. Flemming and Maurice and Martha Merriman.

1. The invocation was offered by **Rev. James Redfearn of Word of Life Church** and the pledge was made to the American flag.
2. Mayor Ingram called upon Clerk-Treasurer Clementine Ellis for swearing in of **Mayor Andy Ingram, Councilmembers James Crawford (District 1), Cheryl Melton (District 3) and Robby Bennett (District 5).**

Councilwoman Melton thanked the Lord and the Citizens of District 3 for allowing her to serve as their Councilwoman. She also thanked her husband the Honorable John K. Melton for standing by her side.

Councilman Jim Crawford stated it has been a pleasure in his first term representing District 1 and that he is looking forward to his second term serving all the citizens in Cheraw and providing a better environment.

Councilman Bennett stated he appreciates the opportunity to serve and is looking forward to the next four years. He also stated if citizens have issues feel free to call no matter what district they live in.

Mayor Ingram stated it has been a pleasure to serve as mayor. He has been serving for many years and it has been indeed an honor and looks forward to working with council. He stated he has a great council and looks forward to more progress moving forward in the years to come. Mayor Ingram also thanked the citizens for their support.

3. Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration the minutes of the **December 2019** council meeting. CORRECTION: On Ordinance 2020-24. The motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Crawford** and passed by unanimous vote.
4. The December 2019 Financial Report was submitted for council's consideration. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve the November Financial Report. The motion was seconded by **Councilman White** and passed by unanimous vote.
5. Mayor Ingram called council's attention for the election of Mayor Pro Tempore. Mayor Ingram stated Mayor Pro Tem serves for two consecutive years and it is time for Council to select another Mayor Pro Tem. He noted the purpose of Mayor Pro Tem is to serve during the absence of the Mayor, conduct meetings and attend meetings when the Mayor is unable to attend certain functions. Mayor Ingram stated the Mayor Pro Tem position is very valuable to him as Mayor because he depends on this individual when he has to be out. **Councilwoman Melton** made a motion to appoint **Councilwoman Ellerbe-Shannon**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Crawford** and passed by unanimous vote. **Councilwoman Ellerbe-Shannon** stated she felt honored that council voted her as Mayor Pro Tem and she hopes in the next two years she will be able to serve council and the community.
6. Mayor Ingram called Council's attention to the appointment of Municipal Judge. Town Administrator Mike Smith stated the Town must reappoint every two years. Judge J.A. Graves term expired December 2019. Smith recommended council to reappoint Judge Graves to another two-year term. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to reappoint Judge Graves. The motion was seconded by **Councilman White** and passed by unanimous vote.
7. Mayor Ingram called councils attention to appointment of Town Attorney. Smith stated Andrew McLeod was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Anthony Harris. Smith stated Andrew McLeod is willing to serve and Smith recommends council reappointment him. The motion was made by **Councilman White**. The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Melton** and passed by unanimous vote.
7. Mayor Ingram called Council's attention to the approval of Jury Box. Clerk-Treasurer Tina Ellis stated this is a CD from the SC Election Commission and in the event of a Jury Trial jurors will be selected from the CD. A motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to approve the 2020 Jury Box. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Crawford** and passed by unanimous vote
8. Mayor Ingram recognized Boy Scout Troop 655 of First Methodist Church. Mayor Ingram welcomed the troop and wished them much success in scouting. The Boy Scouts ranged in ages from 12 -17. Scout Master Gus Anderson stated

the scouts are working on a merit on Citizenship in the community. Mayor Ingram thanked them for coming and invited them back.

9. Mayor Ingram called upon Rob Wolfe to recognize **Mr. Harvey Cole** who has served on the Board of Architectural Review. Mr. Cole's term ended in December and after 14 years he decided he was ready to retire after his term ended. Mr. Cole stated it has been a good 14 years and he hopes things will keep going and build the Town back up.
10. Mayor Ingram recognized **Andrew Frick** for comments concerning the **2020 Sandblast Rally**. Mr. Frick stated he is the organizer of the Sand Blast Rally. The rally will be held on Feb. 29th. They had a very successful 2019 event. He also enjoyed support of the community in the County and Town of Cheraw. He has already met with Chief of Police to arrange street closure at Kevin Lear. Competitors will show up on the 27th. Mr. Frick noted historically the challenge has been hotel and he is excited about the new hotel. They currently have 45 cars and motorcycles registered in the event.

They will again offer ride along and have a shake down stage east of Chesterfield. He stated if interested let him know. Every car has two competitors and every vehicle has at least one or more crew members. In addition there will be 100 -150 volunteers. Usually the banquet is catered for about 450 people. Mr. Frick estimates the economic impact to be over \$100,000. (gas, meals, bar).

11. Mayor Ingram recognized Ms. Barbara Bullard regarding the PCB Situation. Ms. Bullard was not in attendance due to illness.

12. **A. Second Reading of Ordinances:**

2020-22 Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-22. An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Cheraw's Zoning Code, Article, 4 General Provisions Specifically Adding a Section to Address Multi-Family Mixed-Use Development.**

A Motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to accept second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-22**. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Crawford**. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

2020-23 Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-23. An Ordinance to Amend the Town of Cheraw's Zoning Code, Article, 4 General Provisions Specifically Adding a section to Address Accessory Dwelling Unit.** A Motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to accept second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-23** The motion was seconded by **Councilman White** and passed by unanimous vote.

2020-24 Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-24. An Ordinance to Establish the Standards for Placement of Small Wireless Facilities in Covered Areas of Cheraw, South Carolina; and for other purposes.** Councilwoman Melton made a motion to accept second and final reading of **Ordinance 2020-24.** The motion was seconded by **Councilman Bennett.** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. First Reading of Ordinance

2020-25 Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration first reading of **Ordinance 2020-25: An Ordinance Deeding Property to Chesterfield-Marlboro Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.** Smith stated the building behind Robert Smalls School was donated to Town in 1997 and since then EOC has utilized the building at no cost. They have a 40-year lease agreement rent free but must maintain building. Smith stated the Town was keeping the building just to hold in case we needed to expand the water treatment plant. The engineers said expansion can occur without infringing on the property. The Robert Small school is owned by Pathfinders and EOC. The EOC will give ownership to Pathfinders and the Town will donate the back building to EOC. Councilwoman Melton recused from voting. A Motion was made by **Councilwoman Ellerbe-Shannon** to approve first reading of **Ordinance 2020-25.** The motion was seconded by **Councilman White.** The motion passed by vote 5-0 with **Councilwoman Melton recusing.**

Resolution

2020-20 Mayor Ingram introduced for council's consideration **Resolution 02-2020. A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Cheraw to Apply to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority for Funding Improvements to Address Sewer Line Upgrades and Miscellaneous Repairs to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility.** This is for Council to officially approve the loan application. **Councilman Crawford** made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Melton.** **Councilman Crawford** asked if his was a 20-year loan. Smith indicated yes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

13 **For Council Information:**

Schedule of 2020 Council meetings.

14. **Citizen Comments:**

Michael Johnson - Mr. Johnson stated he does not live in Town but wanted to ask why are there certain areas that are pristine and he see guys picking up trash and then you go to other areas in town and you see trash. He stated he dropped his son off at the Christmas parade and went

around the other side of Church Street. If Cheraw is the prettiest down in Dixie the littering shouldn't be. He said littering is illegal.

Irene Cole 1548 W. Market Street. Mrs. Cole stated she loves the sidewalks, but they now have a drainage problem. She does not know how but she knows the ditch needs to be cleaned out. Three houses and one of the fields was flooded over the holidays. When it comes above the ditch it comes in their yard. Mrs. Cole stated she hope council can do something about it.

15. There being no further business a motion was made by **Councilwoman Melton** to adjourn. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Bennett** and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at **6:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Clementine A. Ellis
Clerk-Treasurer