



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
6:30 P.M., Tuesday, July 19, 2022  
Public Safety Complex**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Prince
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Gregory Scott
3. ROLL CALL  
Mayor Prince stated that all City Council members are in attendance.
4. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES
  - A. Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 2022-Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Council Meeting; Tuesday June 21, 2022. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. PUBLIC REQUESTS/ PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS
  - A. Employee Anniversaries-Debra Griggs, Public Works, 15 years; Talisha McCall, Police, 5 years; Don Galloway, Public Works, 5 years
  - B. Annual Employee Anniversaries-Michael Leggett, Water Treatment, 21 years; William Parrish, Public Works, 34 years; Scot Williams, Water & Sewer, 13 years; Christopher Burks, Fire, 9 years; Terry Powers, Electric, 8 years; Michelle Hodges, Finance, 7 years; Jaye Moore, Police, 4 years; Joel Oliver, Wastewater Plant, 2 years; Brain Matthews, Water Treatment, 1 year; Stephen Sutton, Police, 1 year; Dozier Rhames, Police, 1 year; Richard Woodham, Gas, 1 year; Spencer Sellers, Fire, 1 year
  - C. Council Member Abraham, Citizen Award- Council members Abraham and Quick presented a special Citizen's Award to the Ross family and recognized them for their community service for the caring acts they do. The Ross family live in District 5, but Evergreen Cemetery is in District 4. The family recently moved from West Virginia. Abraham said the family stated, "the cemetery was an eyesore and they wanted to do something about it. They went out there using their equipment and cut the whole cemetery." As they regularly cut the grass there, the family will also make sure yards in the neighborhood for someone who is sick, elderly or have had a death are taken care of. Lastly, Mayor Prince noted that there is discretionary money in the budget for council members. Abraham and Quick plan to give a contribution to the family to help with the cost of gas and the string for the trimmer.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
No Business
7. SECOND READING AND PASSAGE IN FULL OF ORDINANCES  
No Business
8. FIRST READING AND ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCES  
No Business
9. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS  
No Business

10. GENERAL BUSINESS DISPENSED BY MOTION

- A. Request to Purchase 116 S. Liberty Street- Included in the packet is an Agenda item from Planning and Zoning requesting approval of the purchase of 116 S. Liberty Street. Holly Swann will review the request.

Approving Action: A motion to approve the request to purchase 116 S. Liberty Street for \$4,000 funded from the ARPA money. Moved by Mr. Taylor. Seconded by Ms. Quick. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Streetscape Project Update and Request for Additional Funding - Included in the packet is an Agenda item from Planning and Zoning requesting approval of an increase of \$27,900 for the city's match for the streetscape Project. Holly Swann will review the details of the request.

Approving Action: A motion to approve the increase for additional funds to be taken from the ARPA account to meet the cost for the engineering company to do the work. Moved by Mr. Taylor. Seconded by Mr. Abraham. Motion passed unanimously.

11. REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRESENTATION

No Business

12. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CITY COUNCIL AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
Meeting Schedule- City Council Workshop, June 28, 2022, 6:30 PM

13. NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Abraham- Special thanks to Department Heads and Employees.

Ms. Quick-Thanked the Police Department for inviting Council to their luncheon.

Mr. Davis-Thanked all employees.

Mrs. Weaver-Thanked all City employees. She mentioned if anyone knew when the "fence" would be fixed? Would it be fixed by the weekend, for the event?

Mr. Scott-Thanked all City employees for their hard work. He went on to say that "we have great people that work for the City of Bennettsville." However, some of the work that the employees do is not up to par. On a sad note, Ms. Sally Miles who lives in the Richardson Park has passed. She was one who believed in Bennettsville. Lastly, Scott wanted to know if the Public Complex building was going to be the meeting place from now on? Will we celebrate Juneteenth in the future?

Mr. Taylor- Thanked all Departments and employees. Remember to stay safe and cool. If you know anyone elderly, check on them. Secondly, congratulations to all the employees on the Anniversary list this month. Thirdly, the issues at the lake with some trash and other stuff that's been going on, "I was able to sit in on the Lake Authority Meeting that included Law Enforcement and DNR. Somethings are being put in place to help resolve things. Next, he thanked Council for all the hard work they do, and he also agree that we should move back to Council Chambers for meetings. Lastly, he acknowledges how much Dennis Hardison will be missed. He has done so much for The City of Bennettsville.

Mayor Prince- Thanked all employees for what they do. She stated that we can do better. Let's work together on making good decisions and being good stewards of the money that we've been given. Lastly, the city needs to look into getting trackers for city vehicles because vehicles are being at places they shouldn't during working hours.

14. ADJOURN

Mayor Prince

**Public Comment Policy:**

Citizens desiring to speak at any regular meeting must provide a written request to notify the City Clerk prior to the agenda deadline. Citizens interested in commenting at a regular meeting, shall sign in to speak and limit comments to no more than 3 minutes.

**Mission Statement:** To utilize all available resources for the development of plans, programs, and projects to improve services to the citizens of Bennettsville and establish and maintain an active role in economic and community development.