



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., Tuesday, July 18, 2023
Bennettsville Public Safety Complex**

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Prince
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Tyrone Davis
3. ROLL CALL
Mayor Prince announced that she has a new protocol for roll call this evening. She asked that each Council Member give their name and district they represent.
Council Tyron Abraham -District 5
Council Tyrone R. Davis-District 2
Council Wanda Weaver-District 1
Council Gregory Scott- District 6
Council Allen Taylor- District 3
Council Jean Quick-District 4 (not in attendance, she has death in the family. Mayor and Council offered her their condolences on the passing of her loved one).
4. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES
 - A. Regular Council Meeting; Tuesday, June 20, 2023-Item 8, The First Reading and Advertisement of Ordinances change, “reimbursement” to “reinstatement” in the first sentence. With the necessary corrections made. Mayor Prince entertained a motion. Moved by Mr. Davis. Seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion passed unanimously.
5. PUBLIC REQUESTS/ PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS
 - A. Employee Anniversary List- Brantley Douglas, Gas, 8 years; Chester “Chet” Polson, Planning and Zoning, 10 years; Johnny Roscoe, Water & Sewer, 9 years; William Parrish, Fire, 5 years; Charmonique Breeden, Utility Billing, 4 years; Bradley Bish, Planning and Zoning, 1 year; Luther Lynch, Public Works, 1 year; Howard Mumford, Public Works, 1 year.
Chester “Chet” Polson, Planning and Zoning, 10 years was in attendance to receive his award and check. William Parrish, Fire, 5 years was not in attendance, however, Chief Burks accepted his award and check.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Ms. Pamela Best-stated she talked with Mr. Simon, and she enjoyed talking with him. She also stated that the Animal Control situation has gotten more interesting. She then passed out handouts

to council and stated why it is so important to enforce the laws and ordinances.

Neal Fair-He thanked Mr. Simon and council for all the help and support they gave to the Shady Rest, Richardson Park and Mill Farm areas. Lastly, he wanted to know more about the grant money that was mentioned about the search on the Creek.

7. SECOND READING AND PASSAGE IN FULL OF ORDINANCES

A. An Ordinance Amending 152.022 to allow Mobile Homes in the Test Area-In the packet is a copy of a previous item requesting reinstatement of the Mobile Home Test area (the Mill Farm from Burchill St. to West St./Burch to Barhill St.). At the Regular Meeting on May 16, 2023, the Council approved a motion to reinstate the Mobile Home Test Area. At the Regular Meeting on June 20, 2023, the Council approved a motion for First Reading of the Mobile Home Test Area. This Ordinance Amendment will add 152.022 A-3 Multi-Family Residential (B) permitted uses. (10) Dwelling, manufactured Housing provided the homes meet the requirements in the Ordinance. This applies to the Mobile Home Test Area only, from Burchill St. to West St./Burch to Barnhill St.

Ms. Weaver asked if the report from the Planning Commission has been done on that area? Mayor Prince responded, "Yes, ma'am. It was presented in a Workshop. Not the last one, the previous Workshop and that's why it was on the Agenda for the June Meeting, and we approved it, and this is the Second Reading.

Approving Action: A motion to approve 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amending 152.022 to approve the Mobile Home Test Area. Moved by Mr. Scott. Seconded by Mr. Davis. Those in favor were Mr. Scott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Abraham and Mayor Prince. Mr. Taylor was against. Ms. Weaver abstain.

8. FIRST READING AND ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCES

No Business

9. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS

No Business

10. GENERAL BUSINESS DISPENSED BY MOTION

No Business

11. REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRESENTATION

No Business

12. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CITY COUNCIL AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR

RFP for Personnel Policy, Salary Survey, Job Description review Update-Assistant City Administrator Ms. Angela Ward gave an update. She stated that "she spoke with Ms. Tasha Townsend, Procurement Officer and as of last Thursday, we have received 10 proposals, which is a really good number. One firm is requesting some questions that they're asking that they email to us. So, we're in the process of working on those questions now but right now, we have about 10 firms that have answered and is interested in placing a bid."

13. NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Weaver- Stated back in May we had a Consent Landmark Asset Services, Inc's purchased

by Flatiron Holdings, LLC. She would like to know the status on this. Next, she mentioned that Mike Hannah was supposed to be giving us an update on the Streetscape Project.

Mr. Abraham- Asked about updating the parks with grant funding. He also thanked all employees or their hard work. Lastly, he will be sponsoring a youth basketball game for the youth on Friday. The Fire Department would be out to help assist with a Splish Splash waterslide. This is a dedication to Awareness, To Stop The Gun Violence.

Mr. Davis-Thanked all employees for their hard work and dedication. He thanked Public Works for doing a tremendous job with helping clean up the Shady Rest area. It's a process, but it will get done.

Mr. Scott-Thanked all employees for what they are doing for the city and the time they have put in. Next, he mentioned he will be having a Back-to School Program dealing with bullying. He stated, "Last year, we lost a young lady because of that and the Police Department, Lieutenant Crosland goes around, and he does a good job about informing students about our bullying and these are critical times when our youth go back to school and so many things happen." Lastly, he asked what happened in the Utility Department? He received calls from his constituents inquiring about their utility bills and why they couldn't find out the amount. City Administrator responded, "Actually, construction work that's right outside this building. They cut a line and then they had to do some extra locates and finally get it repaired, it was AT&T. So, we had to sort of rely on their time schedule, and time frames. We didn't have control over the repairs."

Mr. Taylor-None

Mr. Davis also mentioned that he will be having a program for the Shady Rest area, and he will have details later. Ms. Weaver thanked, "Mr. Simon for everything he's done so far. Every time I pop up in your office without letting you know I'm coming; you've always got an open door and I appreciate that."

Mayor Prince- Stated, "During the we're days the system was down, Mr. Simon had a brief conversation about the 911 system and how the city could access that to let the citizens know the calls that they make, and I think were checking into that, I don't know details or whatever, but that in addition to we need to put it up on our webpage. Now, that was down too, but anytime something is happening, immediately, a banner can get across our webpage and Facebook page. Next, there is a community sponsor drop-in tomorrow evening to introduce Mr. Simon to the community at the Community Center tomorrow Wednesday, 19th from 5:00-7:00 PM. To end, on behalf of Mayor and City Council they thanked Mr. Mikel Hamilton for his work with the media for the past year and a half. He graduated High School and plans to attend Denmark College and major in Culinary Arts. Thank You for your service.

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.