

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2011 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jay Thomason, Celia Tuttle, Rose Ann Woods, Erick Chapman, Berry Woods, Jr., Matthew King and Mayor Gary Long

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Woods, Attorney David Holmes, HR Steve Ivester, Gwen Britt, Melissa Woods, Thomas Vargas, Scott Nelson, Van Broad, Mike Pitman, William Luttrell, Anita Sleeman, Elaine Ratchford, Ryan Nadine, Chris Barrineau, Roger Case, Haskell Jamison, Dale Watson

VISITORS: 48

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION: Councilman Berry Woods, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TREE CITY USA – Jimmy Walters, SC Forestry Commission
Jimmy Walters, with the SC Forestry Commission, presented to the City of Fountain Inn the Tree City USA award from the Arbor Day Commission. This is the tenth year the City has received the award. The City also received the Growth Award for going above and beyond the basic requirements of Tree City USA.

GRANT PRESENTATIONS: W.W. Grainger
Ryan Tiller and Brad Turner with the Grainger Foundation presented grant checks to the Recreation Department in the amount of \$2,000 and the Civic Center in the amount of \$2,000. Mayor Long thanked W. W. Grainger for their support. Grainger also donated \$10,000 earlier this year to the fire dept to help purchase computers/GPS systems for the fire trucks.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Thomas Vargas – Police Department
Elaine Ratchford – Performing Arts
Ryan Nodine – Gas Department
Haskell Jamison – Public Works
Cathy Carter – Recreation Department
Russell Alexander – Fire Department

Sandra Woods, City Clerk and Treasurer, was recognized for 25 years of service with the City of Fountain Inn.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Reports were read by the Department Head. (Reports are on file with the City Clerk)

Citizens Police Academy
Scott Nelson Recognized the Citizen Police Academy graduates with a plaque

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval 6/9/11 Council minutes
Approval of June 2011 budget report

MOTION BY CELIA TUTTLE: to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

OLD BUSINESS

AX-2011-002 Annexation 1026 North Old Laurens Road, 2nd Reading

David Holmes explained that in addition to annexing the two parcels of property SCDOT has agreed that certain SCDOT right of ways could be annexed...also, certain railroad right of ways will be annexed.

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: to approve AX-2011-02 on second reading. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

AX-2011-003 Annexation Correction - Leake property, 1st reading

David Holmes explained this property was annexed in 2006 – a piece of property was annexed in error and a correction was made in 2007. In the amendatory ordinance we referred to an old tax map number and it was only supposed to be a portion of the tax map number. This ordinance will amend the amendatory ordinance to correct the tax map number.

MOTION BY ROSE ANN WOODS: to approve AX-2011-003 on first reading. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Planning, BZA and Property Maint Board Appointments –Roger Case gave as information.

MOTION BY ERICK CHAPMAN: to recommend Travis Spain to fill a Planning Commission position beginning October 1, 2011. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Hospitality Funding Request

Melissa Woods requested \$2,976.00 to help fund National Night Out from Hospitality Funds. The budgeted amount is \$2,700. The amount requested increased \$276.

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: to fund \$2,700 for National Night Out from Hospitality Funds. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

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Main Street update – Arbor Engineering

JD and Jay Martin updated Council concerning their meetings with SCDOT in the planning of the Main Street upgrade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel matter, Legal briefing, Contract matter

MOTION BY MATTHEW KING: to meet in executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Back in session

Mayor Long reported that Council did not take any votes while in executive session. They only received information concerning a personnel matter.

MOTION BY ALL: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra H. Woods
City Clerk and Treasurer