

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Woods, Eddie Case, Keith Morton, Roger Case, Van Broad, William Luttrell, Dale Watson, Dan Powell, Attorney David Holmes, HR Steve Ivester, Gwen Britt, Chris Barrineau

VISITORS: 15

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Rose Ann Woods

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS –

Chris Barrineau, Recreation Director, introduced the first Fountain Inn Soccer Team: Harper Price, Erin Lyman, Mary Lyman, Catherine Golumbesky, Devin Hubner, John Tyndal, CJ Jones, Luke Younts, Belle Jordon, Jeffrey Allen, Andrew Robins, David McCaleb. Coaches: Jeff Hubner, Steve Allen and Joe Younts.

Mayor Long introduced Cliff Price. Mr. Price tried to get a soccer team started for his boys 31 years ago, but was unsuccessful. His granddaughter, Harper, is on the new Fountain Inn team.

Gwen Britt invited Council to the annual United Way kick off breakfast September 27th at 8 am in the Civic Center banquet room. Department Heads will be cooking. Our goal is to raise \$12,100 this year.

Van Broad played the Fountain Inn Quality of Life video.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval 8/11/11 Council minutes

Approval of August 2011 budget report

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

OLD BUSINESS

Grant – Myrick Dixon

Myrick Dixon presented a resolution for Council to approve an Appalachian Regional Council (ARC) grant in the amount of \$250,000. The grant is for a streetscape project to

spur revitalization for the Fountain Inn Woodside Mill site and to spur economic development opportunities in Fountain Inn.

MOTION BY BERRY WOODS: to approve the resolution for the \$250,000 ARC grant. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Randolph Group Proposal

Eddie Case explained that we had a staff workshop and a council workshop on this proposal. The Randolph Group was a respondent to an RFQ that we sent out for a public private partnership on 7 acres on the back side of the mill village...on the backside of First Street that will have connectivity from Fairview Street to Shaw Street to the picnic shelter and to Woodside Avenue. We are not entering into a contract at this time. We are entering into a memorandum of understanding to negotiate terms and conditions.

David Holmes explained there are a lot of questions that need to be answered as far as funding, etc. We need to know if Council wants to continue with the process.

MOTION BY BERRY WOODS: to continue the process with the Randolph Group. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Relocation of Boling Building

Mayor Long explained that Rick Owens, Museum Director has asked that we maintain the Boling building for museum storage. The museum will be responsible for making sure the building is maintained and up to code.

Eddie Case explained the Planning Staff liked option 2 – moving the building at an angle that will give 23 parking spaces. CDBG funds will pay to relocate the building. The Museum will fund the upgrade and maintenance to the building.

MOTION BY ADMINISTRATION: to relocate the Boling building option 2. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Planning Commission Re-Appointments

Board	Ward	Council Rep.	Term
Planning Commission			
Chris Ingle	6	Matthew King	10/1/11-9/30/14
Board of Zoning Appeals			
Billy Fleming	2	Celia Tuttle	10/1/11-9/30/14
Jeff Reeves	6	Matthew King	10/1/11-9/30/14

MOTION BY ADMINISTRATION: To re-appoint the Planning Commission as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Harassment Training – Council

Steve Ivester reminded Council to go online and complete the Harassment Training. Please contact him to get the details.

NEW BUSINESS

Hospitality Funding Request – Trunk R’ Treat

Chris Barrineau requested \$1,000 to help fund candy for Trunk R’ Treat out of hospitality funds. Eddie Case confirmed that the funds are available.

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: to approve the funding from the Hospitality Fund. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Council Committee Assignments

Mayor Long presented the new Council Committee Assignments.

Council Committee Assignments Revised 9/15/11	Chair	Co-Chair
Jay Thomason	Economic Dev/Judicial	Law Enforcement
Celia Tuttle	Recreation/ Performing Arts	Economic Dev/Judicial
Rose Ann Woods	Fire and Rescue	Public Works
Erick Chapman	Natural Gas	Recreation/Performing Arts
Berry Woods, Jr.	Public Works	Natural Gas
Matthew King	Law Enforcement	Fire and Rescue
Mayor Long	Ways and Means	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel matter, Legal briefing, Contract matter

MOTION BY CELIA TUTTLE: to meet in executive session. Steve Ivester, Van Broad, and Sandra Woods were asked to remain in chambers. The motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

Back in session.

Mayor Long commented that personnel and legal issues were discussed.

MOTION BY ADMINISTRATION: that a “one time merit increase” based on performance reviews be paid to employees. \$33,171 is budgeted in the 2011 budget. \$33,262 is a one time funding request from the gas department. Employees that were evaluated in 2010 will received the one time merit increase.

Motion by all to adjourn the meeting.

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September 15, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra H. Woods
City Clerk and Treasurer