

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2009 – 6:00 PM
FOUNTAIN INN CIVIC CENTER

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jay Thomason, Wanza Bates, Erick Chapman, Berry Woods, Jr., Matthew King, Mayor Gary Long. Celia Tuttle is on vacation.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Woods, Eddie Case, Keith Morton, Roger Case, William Luttrell, Gina Hoppis, Ed Crews, Travis Graham, Mike Pitman, Van Broad, Michael Hamilton, Phillip Brown, Kevin Turner, Naomi Buckmire, Robert Davis, Chris Barrineau, Nichole Slattery, Dan Powell

VISITORS: 64

ATTORNEY: David Holmes

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION: Berry Woods, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION – Hunter Howard, Jr.

Mayor Long recognized Hunter Howard, Jr. for his many accomplishments over the years as he retired from the South Carolina Chamber.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The following employees were recognized as employee of the quarter. They each received a \$25.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Police Department – Travis Graham

Gas Department – Gina Hoppis

Administration – Naomi Buckmire

Recreation – Nichole Slattery

Fire – Ed Crews

Public Works – Marshall Howard

EAGLE SPRINGS ANNEXATION – 1ST READING

Mayor Long asked to change the order of the agenda and proceed with the Eagle Springs Development, first reading so that the speakers may have an opportunity to speak.

**Motion by Berry Woods, Jr to approve the change of order of business. All aye.
The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Long called the names of the following people who signed up to speak concerning the Eagle Springs Annexation.

Mary Jane Madlin, 21 Heron Drive spoke against the annexation.
Tom Sharpe, Country Estates spoke against the annexation.
Steven Gill – Undecided
Ray Monahan, 82 Heron Drive spoke against the annexation
Norman Johnson, 280 Hewitt Drive spoke against the annexation
Gail Boyles, 127 Pheasant Way spoke against the annexation
Alf Futrell, 26 Heritage Drive spoke in favor of the annexation
Ron Nordstrom, 81 Heron Drive spoke in favor of the annexation
Howard Wheeler, 77 Heron Drive spoke in favor of the annexation.

Mayor Long closed the public session and asked for a motion:

MOTION BY WANZA BATES: to approve the annexation subject to the inclusion of the Greenville County Planning Commission recommendations. Second by Berry Woods, Jr.

John Owens with Greenville County Planning Commission gave an overview of Planned Development to Council.

Discussion

AMENDED MOTION BY WANZA BATES: that a detailed financial analysis be provided to Council prior to second reading. All aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Long asked for a vote on the first motion. Roll Call vote: All aye. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due to the length of the meeting committee reports were not read.
(On file with the City Clerk)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of 12/11/08 Minutes and December 2008 financial statement.

MOTION BY WANZA BATES: to approve the consent agenda as presented. All aye. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE, FIRST READING

David Holmes explained that a number of years ago this was voted on, but a third reading wasn't completed. This explains the details of outdoor burning and false calls. This is

consistent with the other ordinance, but the penalties are a little different due to the equipment that has to be used when responding to false alarms.

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: to approve the fire department ordinance on first reading. All aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel matter, Legal briefing, Contract matter

MOTION BY WANZA BATES: for Council to meet in executive session. All aye.

APPOINTMENTS: City Attorney, City Clerk/Treasurer, City Judges, Election Commission

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: to approve David Holmes as City Attorney, Sandra Woods as City Clerk and Treasurer, and the Election Commission as presented. All aye, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra H. Woods
City Clerk and Treasurer