

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2009 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Thomason, Celia Tuttle, Wanza Bates, Berry Woods, Jr., Matthew King and Mayor Gary Long

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Eddie Case, Sandra Woods, Keith Morton, Van Broad, Roger Case, Dale Watson, Michael Pitman, William Luttrell, Steven Lashway, Ronnie Myers, Gwen Britt, Chris Barrineau, David Hibbard, Terry Cooper, Dan Powell, Steve Ivester, Geoff Hill, Anita Sleeman, Terry Cooper,

CITY ATTORNEY: David Holmes

VISITORS: 10

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Long welcomed everyone and mentioned that long time resident Bill Willis passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers.

INVOCATION: Councilman Matthew King

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The following employees/volunteers were recognized for their accomplishments this quarter:

Police: David Hibbard
Economic Dev/Performing Arts: Anita Sleeman
Gas: Steven Lashway
Recreation: Terry Cooper
Fire: Gerald McGee
Public Works: Amanda Turner
Administration: Geoff Hill (Volunteer)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee Reports were read and are on file with the City Clerk)

CONSENT AGENDA:*

Approval 6/11/09 Minutes

Approval of June 2009 financial statement

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Leave Policy – Steve Ivester

Steve Ivester, with IBS, reviewed the revised Annual Leave Policy with Council. Employees will now accumulate annual leave on their date of hire (anniversary date). This will be effective June 1, 2009.

MOTION BY CELIA TUTTLE: to approve the annual leave policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2009-006 Hospitality Tax Penalty, First Reading

David Holmes explained to Council that staff is proposing to implement a hospitality tax penalty. The new ordinance states the penalty for violation of this section shall be One and One-half (1.5%) percent per month (eighteen [18%] percent per annum) charged on the original amount of the local hospitality tax due, plus an administrative fee of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. In the event that the City incurs other costs to collect the taxes due, including, but not limited to, staff time, attorney fees, court costs, audit fees, and any and all other costs of collection, those costs shall also be added to the amount due.

The reason for implementing this is due to some businesses that are collecting the tax, but they are not forwarding the tax on to the city. This fee should take care of that problem.

MOTION BY WANZA BATES: to approve Ordinance 2009-006 on first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Preserve America Grant

Mayor Long explained that Councilman Matthew King has asked to be excused since his house is a part of this discussion. (see attached letter)

Dan Powell informed Council that Fountain Inn has been designated a Preserve America City. That award was presented to the City last November. We applied for a grant and SC Department of Archives and History has awarded the South Carolina Preserve America Grant Initiative in the amount of \$6,500 to help prepare National Register of Historic Places nominations for selected properties in Fountain Inn.

The following are the properties in the 1999 historic survey that took place in Fountain Inn:

- McDowell House 500 N Main Street (Matthew and Anna Kings home)
- Robert Quillen Library (City Hall property)
- F.W. Welborn House, 405 North Weston Street
- Historic Ford Motor Company Building, 200 South Main Street (beside Mike Gault's filling station),

This is a 50% match. A RFQ has been prepared. We have the ability to go up to \$13,000 on these nominations.

Eddie Case commented that the match would be paid from Community and Economic Development budget.

MOTION BY CELIA TUTTLE: To accept the Preserve America Grant Initiative and match \$6,500. The motion carried unanimously.

Naming of Gymnasium

Chris Barrineau explained to Council that Doc Satterwhite who has been with the city for about 20 years now has Stage Four Lung Cancer. In talking with staff and city residents who know Doc felt it appropriate to honor him and let him know how much he means to the recreation department. The place he spends most of his time is the Activities Center Gymnasium. He has kept the score for every single basketball game played in that gym for the past 17 years. He has worked in the office with our senior adults and has done an excellent job with baseball and football games. He has been a big part of the kids lives and has given a lot of wisdom to me the past year since I have come in. We would like to name, not the activities center, but the gymnasium “*The Doc Satterwhite Gymnasium*”. We would like to do that tomorrow night at 6:30 pm when we give out the Doc Satterwhite Coach Of The Year Award.

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: to approve the naming of the gymnasium at the Activities Center to the “*Doc Satterwhite Gymnasium*”. The motion carried unanimously.

Hospitality Funds Request:

Eddie Case reviewed with council a spreadsheet that was prepared for the Hospitality Account that shows revenue, bonded indebtedness, etc. for the next two years for future budgeting of the qualified expenditures he asked Council to consider up to \$40,000. We do not want to deplete this fund due to the unknowns of the construction of Commerce Park.

Aunt Het Day \$5,000 (advertising)

Christmas Festival \$10,000 (advertising/event promotion)

National Night Out \$2,700 (Aug 4th event)

PD Terry Park fence \$3,399 (expand fencing/ticketing)

MOTION BY BERRY WOODS: to approve the hospitality funds request. The motion carried unanimously.

Clemson Study – Dan Powell – info only

Dan Powell explained that we have been working with Clemson landscape design students the past year on a conceptual design plan. The City is in the process of a RFQ for further planning, design, and engineering. Clemson’s work includes some conceptual ideas - this is the first step - the next step is to give the ideas to the selected planning and engineering consultant. The idea is to get two lanes with a turn lane to get some more sidewalks, streetscape and tree planting to try to make it more of a walkable community downtown and to increase retail trade and merchants. Dan would like for Council to give feedback at a later time.

Van Broad commented that we will have a public session at a later time to discuss these ideas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel matter, Legal briefing, Contract matter
The following were asked to remain in council chambers: Police Chief, Keith Morton and Clerk/Treasurer, Sandra Woods

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: for council to meet in executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Back in session

Mayor Long commented a personnel matter was discussed. No votes were taken while in executive session.

MOTION BY ALL to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra H. Woods
City Clerk and Treasurer

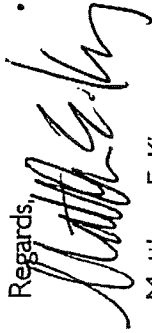
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Mayor Long,

My home has been nominated to be included in the National Register of Historic Places. I did not request that my home be included, but once it was nominated, I agreed to its inclusion. The City is being asked to match money that will be used to complete the process and therefore I have a conflict of interest and must abstain from voting on the matter or participating in its discussion.

I ask that my abstention from voting on this matter and my absence during any deliberations be noted in the meeting minutes.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew E. King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the final letter.

Matthew E. King
Fountain Inn City Council

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 - a. Annual Leave Policy
 - b. Ordinance 2009-006 Hospitality Tax Penalty, First Reading
 - c. Preserve America Grant
 - d. Naming of Gymnasium
 - e. PD Terry Park expenditure – Hospitality Funds
 - f. Clemson Study – Dan Powell
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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*Consent Agenda – All matters listed under Item 6, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of those items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting
September 10, 2009 Regular Council Meeting
October 8, 2009 Regular Council Meeting
November 12, 2009 Regular Council Meeting
December 1, 2009 Installation of Council Members
December 10, 2009 Regular Council Meeting