

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2009 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Woods, Eddie Case, Gwen Britt, Ronnie Myers, Roger Case, Mike Pitman, Van Broad, Keith Morton, Naomi Buckmire

VISITORS: 4

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Long welcomed everyone and mentioned two deaths - Dwayne Brown the son of Barbara Brown our former City Clerk and Treasurer and Ray Brown our former Police Chief. Also, Bruce Farrow a former City Councilman passed away today.

INVOCATION: Councilman Berry Woods, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITIONS –

Jasmine Buckmire - Debbie Kvist recognized Jasmine Buckmire for the wonderful job she did while serving her HR internship with the city.

Dan Powell - Cannon Building National Register – The very first building in Fountain Inn that was nominated for the National Historic Register of Historic places. The Cannon Building dates back to 1886. A plaque will be presented to Ward Kellett.

TREE CITY USA – Jimmy Walters

This is a community improvement program of the Arbor Day Foundation. This is the 8th year that the city has received this award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were read and are on file with the city clerk.
Van Broad presented a DVD presentation on economic development.

Mayor Long gave thanks to Van Broad for the beautiful flowering baskets on the light poles and the great job public works has done keeping our town clean.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval 5/14/09 Minutes
Approval of May 2009 financial statement

MOTION BY BERRY WOODS: to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #2009-003 The City of Fountain Inn, SC, Stormwater Management and Water Quality Controls Regulation, Second Reading

MOTION BY WANZA BATES: to approve, on second reading, Ordinance #2009-003 The City of Fountain Inn Stormwater Management and Water Quality Controls Regulation. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #2009-004 Laurens Electric Cooperative Franchise Fee, Second Reading

MOTION BY BERRY WOODS: to approve, on second reading, Ordinance #2009-004 Laurens Electric Cooperative Franchise Fee to 5%. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #2009-008 Duke Energy Franchise Fee, Second Reading

MOTION BY CELIA TUTTLE: to approve, on second reading, Ordinance #2009-008 Duke Energy Franchise Fee to 5%. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

West Farm Final Development Plan – Phase 1 – Information Only

Dan Powell communicated to Council that West Farms is ready to construct homes. They had to go back to the Fountain Inn Planning Commission to review the sign, landscaping plan and amenities area. This will be a very nice addition to Fountain Inn. This will be upper/middle income housing. The Planning Commission just reviewed the final development plan and everything was fine. This is just a progress report.

Collection System Alliance

David Holmes explained that Council has a proposal of by-laws of the Collection System Alliance. The city has been participating with groups of sewer collection systems to meet with REWA which used to be Western Carolina Sewer Authority. Its cooperative arrangement among those public and private sewer providers to make recommendations on how to maintain your system and also provide a voice to go back to Western Carolina with regard to sewer issues. The city has been participating in that the last three years. They want to formalize the relationship by asking the city in joining and agreeing to these by-laws. All of this is voluntary - there is nothing mandatory so I see no reason why the city cannot formally agree to participate.

MOTION BY WANZA BATES: to participate in the Collection System Alliance. The motion carried unanimously.

City Policy Update

David Holmes explained that we hired IBS to work with the city on its human resources issues upon the retirement of Mrs. Kvist. Part of what they are doing is going through the existing policy to make some recommendations of change...in addition they have found

there is a lack of policy in some cases. Tonight you have an equal employment retaliation/anti harassment policy and the other one has to do with the use of city computers. I have reviewed both policies and recommend that you vote and approve them. This will only take one vote.

MOTION BY WANZA BATES: to approve the anti harassment and electronic usage policy. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel matter, Legal briefing, Contract matter

MOTION BY MATTHEW KING: for council to meet in executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Back in session

Mayor Long commented, while in executive session no votes were taken. We discussed a contract matter.

MOTION BY MAYOR LONG: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra H. Woods
City Clerk and Treasurer