



**City of Fountain Inn
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 11, 2021 ~ 6:00 PM**

**Virtual Online Meeting Via Zoom
The meeting was live streamed on the City's Facebook page**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor George Patrick (GP) McLeer, Jr., Mack Blackstone, Anthony Cunningham, Anjeanette (AJ) Dearybury, John Mahony and Jay Thomason. Councilmember Clemmer was out of town.

Others present: Shawn Bell, Michael Hamilton, David Holmes, Rebecca Mejia-Ward, Ronnie Myers, Eduardo Noriega, Naomi Reed and Sandra Woods

Call to Order – Mayor McLeer

Invocation – Pastor Whitney Moss, Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum – No one signed up to speak

Consent Agenda – **There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.**

Approve minutes from January 14, 2021 Council Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Cunningham, second by Councilmember Mahony to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Public Hearing - CDBG Annual Action Plan 2021 – 2022

Mayor McLeer opened the Public Hearing.

Imma Nwobodu, Program Director with Greenville County Redevelopment Authority presented the 2021 – 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan.

No one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing.

Mayor McLeer closed the Public Hearing.

City Administrator's Report – Shawn M. Bell
(Attached)

Unfinished Business

Second Reading – Ordinance 2021-001 Animal Care

Shawn Bell stated that this ordinance will amend Chapter 5, Animal Control, Section 5-6, by specifying the care to be provided to animals and to prohibit tethering unless certain conditions exist.

Based off recent ordinance changes from the City of Greenville and Greenville County, a resident of Fountain Inn has asked City Council to consider similar ordinance changes for Fountain Inn regarding animal care. The citizen has gathered community support for the ordinance changes via an online petition.

The proposed ordinance specifies that animal owners must provide sufficient wholesome food; clean fresh water, proper shelter, and protection from the weather; veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering; and humane treatment. It also makes it unlawful for a person to tether an animal while outdoors unless certain conditions are met.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Cunningham to approve Ordinance 2021-001 Animal Care as presented on Second reading.

Discussion

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye
Councilmember Thomason - Aye
Councilmember Dearybury – Aye

Councilmember Cunningham - Aye
Councilmember Blackstone - Aye
Mayor McLeer - Aye

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2021-001 CNNGA Territory Agreement

Shawn Bell stated that this ordinance allows the city to enter into a territorial agreement with Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority concerning the provision of natural gas in Laurens County and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city.

Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Thomason to approve CNNGA Territory Agreement as presented on second reading.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye	Councilmember Cunningham - Aye
Councilmember Thomason - Aye	Councilmember Blackstone - Aye
Councilmember Dearybury – Aye	Mayor McLeer - Aye

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

New Business

FY 2021-2022 Budget Timeline

Naomi Reed presented the 2021-2022 Budget Timeline to council for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Blackstone, second by Councilmember Dearybury to approve FY 2021-2022 Budget timeline.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye	Councilmember Cunningham - Aye
Councilmember Thomason - Aye	Councilmember Blackstone - Aye
Councilmember Dearybury – Aye	Mayor McLeer - Aye

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

R 2021-1 Allocation of Greenville County CDBG and HOME funds for Program Year 2021

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Dearybury to approve the 2021 CDBG and Home fund allocation as presented by GCRA.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Mahony – Aye	Councilmember Cunningham - Aye
Councilmember Thomason - Aye	Councilmember Blackstone - Aye
Councilmember Dearybury – Aye	Mayor McLeer - Aye

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Executive Session

For the discussion of a contractual agreement with the School District of Greenville County.

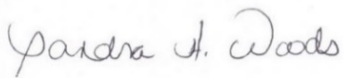
On coming out of executive session, Council may take action on those items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Blackstone for Council to meet in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Back in Regular Session

Mayor McLeer stated that Council only received information during executive session. No votes were taken.

Motion by Councilmember Mahony, second by Councilmember Blackstone to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously 6/0,



Sandra H. Woods, CMC
Municipal Clerk