

June 11, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council Work Session

- 6:30 P.M. - 6:45 P.M. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2013-05
- 6:45 P.M. - 6:46 P.M. Review of Administrative Report
- 6:46 P.M. - 6:47 P.M. Review of Police Department Report
- 6:47 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Informational Council Discussion

7:00 P.M. - Town Council Meeting
Call to Order & Invocation

Approval of Minutes

- 1. May 14, 2013 Regular Scheduled Meeting

Old Business

- 1. Committee Reports on Infrastructure & Maintenance Improvement projects:
 - a) Fire Hydrant Expansion Project - Mayor Busby/Councilman Wells
 - b) Property & Recreation Committee - Camp Moore/Styx Historical Park - Councilman Dinkins/Mayor Busby
 - c) Sidewalk repairs - Councilman Wells
 - d) Landscape maintenance for 2013 - Councilman Dinkins/Councilman Price
 - e) Sanitation Services for October 2013 - Councilman Dinkins/Councilman Price
 - f) Town Hall/Police Department - Councilman Wells
- 2. Ordinance 2013-05 Budget **2nd reading
- 3. Ballot Referendum

New Business

- 1. Executive Session: Legal Briefing
- 2. Colony Builders vs Town of Pine Ridge
- 3. 1033 Program
- 4. Proposed new police vehicle
- 5. Resolution 2013-06 BB&T Financing Terms
- 6. Town Clerk job description
- 7. 2013 Employee Manual
- 8. U.S. Patriot letter of appreciation
- 9. Executive Session: Contractual review matter

Citizen's Comment Time

ADJOURN

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Council present: Mayor Busby, Mayor Pro-tem Davis,
Councilman Wells and
Councilman Price
Staff present: Chief Anderson. Officer Parker &
Town Clerk, Viki Moak

6:32 P.M. 6:34 P.M. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2013-05

Mayor Busby read aloud Ordinance 2013-05 for second reading, this includes \$381,600.00 in revenue and \$380,164.00 in expenses. Mayor Busby asked for anyone in opposition to come forward, none did. Mayor Busby asked for those in favor to come forward, none did. Mayor Busby closed the public hearing.

6:34 P.M. 6:38 P.M. Review of Administrative Report

Written Administrative reports were included in the Council packets. Council discussed the current budget, ZBA decision and 5 year comparison on budget.

6:38 P.M. 6:39 P.M. Review of Police Department Report

Written Administrative reports were included in the Council packets.

6:39 P.M. 6:48 P.M. Informational Council Discussion

Council discussed the following:

- LCMA Quarterly meeting in Irmo
- Lexington Public Works letter regarding Sandy/Spruce-pipe sizes will need to be increased for Stormwater prior to paving roads.

Mayor Busby closed this portion of the work session.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 6:48 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Busby called the Town Council meeting to order at 6:48 P.M. with Mayor Pro-tem Davis, Councilman Price and Councilman Wells present.

Staff present: Chief Anderson, Officer Parker & Town Clerk, Viki Moak

INVOCATION

Councilman Wells led those assembled in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 14, 2013 Regular scheduled Council Meeting

Councilman Price made the motion to accept the minutes of May 14, 2013 be approved as submitted. Councilman Wells seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Committee reports on Infrastructure & Maintenance Improvement projects:

- a) Fire Hydrant Expansion Project

Mayor Busby stated that all permits had been received and the project is ready for bid. The start of the project will be on hold until we receive the results of the ballot referendum in November.

- b) Property & Recreation Committee -
Camp Moore/Styx Historical Park

Mayor Busby stated that the Town is still interested in purchasing the property to ensure that it will remain a part of Pine Ridge's history.

- c) Sidewalk repairs

Councilman Wells stated that all paperwork has been sent to Lexington County under the C-Fund project.

- d) Landscape maintenance for 2013

Council is very pleased with C & E Landscaping and may entertain next year giving the vendor a multi year contract.

- e) Sanitation Services for October 2013

Mayor Busby stated that we have not received any payments from Jennings Sanitation as promised. Mayor Busby asked Councilman Price to get with Councilman Dinkins and draw up a bid request for sanitation services that will begin in October.

- f) Town Hall/Police Department

A letter has been sent to Lexington County Recreation & Aging Commission as per Council's vote in the April 9, 2013 meeting. Mayor Busby and Councilman Wells stated they have not received a response yet.

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2. Ordinance 2013-05 Budget 2nd Reading

A public hearing was held on May 14th before the first reading and because the budget was not ready in time to place a notice required by SC CODE of Law 6-1-80, a second public hearing was scheduled today before the second reading. Public Notice for first reading was placed in the Chronicle on May 2, 2013. Public Notice for second reading was placed in the Chronicle on May 30, 2013.

Councilman Wells made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2013-05, as submitted. Councilman Price seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Ballot Referendum

Mayor Busby stated that AMEC Engineering is working on a plan for a six inch line with fire flow water throughout town that will not require booster pumps. Council is working on a ballot referendum to put it before the citizens to decide if they are willing to pay a 1% tax based on assessed property values to be restricted for use only on the extension of water lines for fire flow water. Council is seeking advice from Mr. Steve Mann of Joint Municipal Water & Sewer on the contract with AMEC during the executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Session: Legal Briefing

Mayor Busby announced that Council would need to go into executive session to discuss a legal briefing.

Mayor Pro-tem Davis made the motion to go into executive session. Councilman Wells seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Upon Council's return, Mayor Busby stated that no votes were taken.

2. Colony Builders vs. Town of Pine Ridge

Mayor Busby stated that two lawsuits have been filed by Colony Builders in regards to the home located at 135 Long Iron Court. Mayor Busby stated that through mediation a possible agreement has been submitted.

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Councilman Wells made a motion that the Council approve the proposed settlement of the appeal and lawsuit by Colony Builders as discussed with the Town's attorney and conditioned on Colony Builders' agreement to provide landscaping as suggested by Council, to include 15 gallon size plants of two (2) Tea Olive trees and four (4) Ligustrum for each side of the residence located at 135 Long Iron Court, as shown on a revised sketch to be attached to the settlement agreement to be prepared by the Town's attorney, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the settlement agreement on behalf of the Town. Councilman Price seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. 1033 Program

Council discussed the program that was previously mentioned but not voted on. This is a federal program that loans equipment to municipalities.

Councilman Wells made a motion to approve the 1033 Program for a term of one year. Councilman Price seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. Proposed new police vehicle

Council discussed the financial spreadsheet created by the Town Clerk which breaks down the cost of the vehicle by equipment. The Town's current fleet is comprised of three Crown Victoria: 2000 at 120k, 2003 at 100k and another 2003 at 95k. Council discussed staggering the purchases, equipment, computerized tickets and financing.

Councilman Wells made a motion to purchase one 2013 Chevrolet Impala. Councilman Price seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

5. Resolution 2013-06 BB&T Financing Terms

Mayor Busby read aloud Resolution 2013-06. Council discussed the proposed financing between Ally & BB&T, which included a difference of 5.14% interest, payment options.

All Council members present agreed that Resolution 2013-06, through BB&T would be the best deal for the Town of Pine Ridge.

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6. Town Clerk job description

Mayor Busby asked Council to look over and be prepared to discuss and/or submit proposed changes at the July Council meeting.

7. 2013 Employee Manual

Mayor Busby asked Council to look over and be prepared to discuss and/or submit proposed changes at the July Council meeting.

8. U.S. Patriot letter of appreciation

Mayor Busby thanked Councilman Price for his help in getting three new bullet proof vests donated by U.S. Patriot. Mayor Busby read aloud the letter of appreciation to be sent to U.S. Patriot.

9. Executive Session: Contractual review matter

Mayor Busby announced that Council would need to go into executive session to discuss a contractual and personnel matter.

Councilman Price made the motion to go into executive session. Councilman Wells seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mayor Busby invited Mr. Steve Mann and Ms. Donna Gullede into the executive session.

Once Mr. Steve Mann and Ms. Donna Gullede left Council in executive session, Mayor Busby came out and invited Chief Anderson into executive session.

Upon Council's return, Mayor Busby stated that no votes were taken.

Mayor Busby stated that he needed to read into record two emails received from residents on Long Iron Court for New Business, Item Two:

A) Attention Honorable Mayor Busby and Town Council Members:

Please read at the meeting June 11, 2013 concerning 135 Long Iron Court

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As a homeowner in Courtyards at Rockford Place I am extremely disappointed in the note you sent to the residents in our subdivision stating that Pine Ridge was considering dropping the lawsuit for non-compliance of the zoning restrictions against Colony Builders. As you know and have not told the residents in Courtyard at Rockford Place this lawsuit case #2012CP3201626 against Colony Builders and Pine Ridge was dropped on May 13, 2013 almost two months ago. As to the minutes of several meetings, first with the planning commission it was voted none in favor of this construction and sent back to Town Council. Subsequently the Town Council all voted to have the house at 135 all brick and any future homes built in Courtyards at Rockford to be brick. Colony Builders took the decision to court and the circuit court did not make a decision but instead sent the complaint back to Pine Ridge Zoning Appeals Board. This board heard the case and complaints from the residents and surrounding residents of Courtyards at Rockford place and voted 4-2 to deny a hardship for Colony Builders. Now the Mayor and Town Council does not want to hear the voices of the residents but instead decide on their own that the Town of Pine Ridge will do whatever they want to. If Town Council had done their job and listened to the Planning Commission prior to completion of this home it would have been built as to the specifications presented to Council. I will not attend the meeting tonight for I feel it is a waste of my time. Any further involvement with the decisions asking for the residents participation in the Town of Pine Ridge will not be attended by me. It will not surprise me to learn in the near future that Colony Builders Pine Ridge's blessing continue development in this subdivision. I will remember these actions by the Pine Ridge Town Council at Election Time and so will other voices that have been ignored. Respectfully, John R. Able, 160 Long Iron Court,
Courtyards at Rockford Place

B) Mayor Busby and Members of the Town Council, After almost two years of commitment in trying to get the Town of Pine Ridge to uphold current ZONING REGULATIONS for the community of the Courtyards at Rockford Place, I am extremely disappointed in a three sentence PUBLIC NOTICE that I recently received. The notice basically told me that the homeowners here have no voice in the investment they have made in the community and that the Town of Pine Ridge is not required by law, but Council wishes to inform you that they will be discussing and POSSIBLY voting on a proposed agreement to end a lawsuit by Colony Builders for the home located at 135 Long Iron Court. I have never been so disappointed in trying to involve myself in a community and being

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ignored. I'm not the only citizen in the community of Pine Ridge disappointed in your decisions. You have others in the community that have brought ZONING issues to the Town Council and were ignored. I would guess that this being LUCAS country, that the family has the right to **** whoever they want. Too bad they don't even pay taxes in the community. Who pays the Town Council? Now tell me what's wrong with this picture. I will not be at the meeting tonight but would like to have my regrets read aloud. With Much Disappointment, Janet Winders, 144 Long Iron Court, The Courtyards of Rockford Place

Police Chief James Anderson asked Council if he could address Council. Mayor Busby obliged. Police Chief James Anderson submitted his resignation.

Citizen's Comment Time

Ms. Nancy Cully spoke to Council regarding the settlement with Colony Builders. Mayor Busby stated that Council has worked with their Attorney and Colony Builders to come up with a solution. The agreement includes screening that would cover the hardi plank siding within a year. Town Council has changed the Zoning Permit to ensure that all homes built in this sub-division will adhere to the all brick requirement. Council already voted in 2011 to allow the home to remain, so tearing it down would be unreasonable. The Town of Pine Ridge has already invested \$16k in defending this lawsuit.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Wells moved to adjourn, with a second by Councilman Price. With the Council's unanimous approval, Mayor Busby adjourned the meeting at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Viki M. Moak, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

David L. Busby, Mayor
Date:_____