

July 14, 2015
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council Work Session

6:30 P.M. - 6:35 P.M. Mr. Josh Limehouse-Employee benefits proposal
6:35 P.M. - 6:45 P.M. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2015-07
6:45 P.M. - 6:55 P.M. Public Hearing: TMS#007833-01-009
6:55 P.M. - 6:56 P.M. Review of Administrative Report
6:56 P.M. - 6:57 P.M. Review of Police Department Report
6:57 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Informational Council Discussion

7:00 P.M. - Town Council Meeting

Call to Order & Invocation

Freedom of Information Act Compliance

Approval of Minutes

1. June 9, 2015 Regular Scheduled Meeting

Old Business

1. PA system quotes
2. Building Renovation
3. Ordinance 2015-06: Sign Ordinance - 2nd reading

New Business

1. Planning Commission recommendation: Noise Ordinance
2. Ordinance 2015-07: Noise Ordinance - 1st reading
3. Proposed Victim Advocate personnel part-time by Chief Parker
4. Memorandum of Agreement - Department of Juvenile Justice
5. Midland Dixie Youth Baseball (MDYB) Post Season Donation
6. TMS#007833-01-009 624 Pine Ridge Drive PD Extension
7. Property & Recreation Committee Recommendation: Pole building bid
8. Pole Building Bid for Council vote

Citizen's Comment Time

ADJOURN

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Council present: Mayor Busby, Mayor Pro-tem Davis, Councilman Dinkins & Councilman Price

Staff present: Chief Parker and Town Administrator, Viki Miller

6:32 P.M. 6:33 P.M. Mr. Josh Limehouse-Employee benefits proposal

Mr. Limehouse submitted a formal request to be on the agenda for a presentation to Council. Mr. Limehouse was not present at this meeting.

6:33 P.M. 6:34 P.M. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2015-07

Mayor Busby read aloud Ordinance 2015-07. The public notice for Ordinance 2015-07 was placed in the Chronicle, posted with the agenda on the door and emailed to residents.

Mayor Busby asked for anyone in opposition to speak: none did.
Mayor Busby asked for anyone in support to speak: none did.

Mayor Busby stated that the changes recommended by the Planning Commission are on the "Exhibit A" document.

Mayor Busby closed the public hearing for Ordinance 2015-07.

6:34 P.M. 6:38 P.M. Public Hearing: TMS#007833-01-009

Mayor Busby stated in accordance with Zoning Ordinance, Section 521(1), an extension of the C1-PD located at 624 Pine Ridge Drive has been requested by the property owners.

Mayor Busby asked for anyone in opposition to speak: none did.

Mayor Busby asked for anyone in support to speak:

Mrs. Helen Sturkie stated that since the 2008 downturn in the economy, they have been unable to draw any new interest on the property until now. NAI Avant has received interest from a variety of businesses that include retail, insurance and banks. Ridge Pointe's selling point is the three schools and median level income. Sturkie Jones has strict covenants in addition to the requirements by Pine Ridge when the C-1 PD was originally approved. Mayor Busby asked Mrs. Sturkie to stay until the item is heard under new business, in case Council had any questions.

Mayor Busby closed the public hearing for TMS#007833-01-009.

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6:38 P.M. - 6:42 P.M. Review of Administrative Report

Written Administrative reports were included in the Council packets. Council spoke about 2014/2015 budget, Mayor Busby cut grass at foreclosed property at Arborgate/Fish Hatchery and a member of the Pine Ridge Senior Center for Center Director Ms. Beverly Smith. Mayor Busby also repaired sprinklers at the Town signs located at the intersection of Pine Ridge Drive and Fish Hatchery Road.

6:42 P.M. - 6:43 P.M. Review of Police Department Report

Written Administrative Police reports were included in the Council packets. Chief Parker spoke to Council regarding his monthly report.

6:43 P.M. - 6:47 P.M. Informational Council Discussion:

Council discussed the following:

- Thank you from Sheriff Lott for donation to Epworth Children's Home annual fishing outing.
- Estates at Indigo sub-division road.

Mayor Busby closed this portion of the work session.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 6:47 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Busby called the Town Council meeting to order at 6:47 P.M. with Mayor Pro-tem Davis, Councilman Dinkins and Councilman Price present.

Staff present: Chief Parker and Town Administrator, Viki Miller

Freedom of Information Act Compliance - Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 9, 2015 Regular Scheduled Meeting

Mayor Pro-tem Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2015 as submitted. Councilman Dinkins seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PA System quotes

This item remained on the table from the February 11, 2014 meeting.

2. Building Renovation

Mayor Busby stated that Councilman Wells and he met with Lexington County Recreation & Aging, to discuss ongoing water and mold issues. The County will send an Engineer out in the next couple of weeks to determine if we need an additional drain to alleviate the problem.

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3. Ordinance 2015-06: Sign Ordinance - 2nd reading

Mayor Busby stated that the public hearing and first reading was held on June 9, 2015.

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-06 and the attachment of Exhibit A for second reading. Mayor Pro-tem Davis seconded the motion, which opened the floor for Council discussion.

Councilman Price asked to delay the second reading until the August Council meeting, so that he had time to review the proposed changes.

Councilman Price made a motion to table this item until the August 11, 2015 meeting. Councilman Dinkins seconded the motion.

Mayor Busby called for a vote on the original motion to approve Ordinance 2015-06 and the attachment of Exhibit A, resulting in a unanimous vote to not approve the second reading of Ordinance 2015-06 and the attachment of Exhibit A.

Mayor Busby called for a vote on tabling Ordinance 2015-06 and the attachment of Exhibit A until the August 11, 2015 meeting. Council unanimously approved the motion to table Ordinance 2015-06 and the attachment of Exhibit A.

This item will remain under Old Business on the August agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission recommendation: Noise Ordinance

Mayor Busby read aloud the Planning Commission's memorandum recommending the amended Noise Ordinance with the attachment of Exhibit A.

Council unanimously agreed to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation on the Noise Ordinance with the attachment of Exhibit A.

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2. Ordinance 2015-07 Noise Ordinance - 1st reading

Mayor Busby read aloud the title to Ordinance 2015-07.

Councilman Dinkins made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-07 and the attachment of Exhibit A. Mayor Pro-tem Davis seconded the motion, which opened the floor for Council discussion.

- Addition of an overall time limit as recommended by Chief Parker from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am.
- Removing references of other time limits, which will make it less confusing and easier to enforce with one time limit.
- Addition of powered yard equipment.
- Clarifying the ordinance by adding "unreasonably" in front of loud.
- Addition of provisions for emergency vehicles, church bells and parade noise.

Mayor Busby called for a vote, resulting in a unanimous vote to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-07 and the attachment of Exhibit A.

3. Proposed Victim Advocate personnel part-time by Chief Parker

Chief Parker stated that the Police Department is in need of a Part-time Victims Advocate. State law gives Victims certain rights which require a Municipal Court to provide them with information and various help concerning their case. With the increase in the amount of calls and the investigational laws/procedures versus victim laws/procedure, it often results in a conflict for law enforcement personnel. To provide the best service for our residents, Chief Parker recommends the Town of Pine Ridge hire a part-time Victim Advocate. Chief Parker stated he already has someone that has volunteered to help and has the required credentials. Chief Parker would like to hire a Victims Advocate for at least eight hours a week at ten dollars an hour, with no benefits.

Councilman Dinkins made a motion to approve the position and allow the Finance Committee to send the Town Administrator a recommendation on the details of the position. Councilman Price seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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4. Memorandum of Agreement - Department of Juvenile Justice

Councilman Price made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement from the Department of Juvenile Justice as submitted. Councilman Dinkins seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

5. Midland Dixie Youth Baseball (MDYB) Post Season Donation

Councilman Price made a motion to send this item to the Finance Committee for a decision. Councilman Dinkins seconded the motion, which opened the floor for Council discussion.

Councilman Price stated that since MDYB returned the donation to the Town for one team during the 14/15 budget, it would be fair to donate \$300.00 for their All-Star teams.

Mayor Busby called for a vote, resulting in a unanimous vote to send this item to the Finance Committee for a decision.

6. TMS#007833-01-009 624 Pine Ridge Drive PD Extension

Councilman Price made a motion to approve the extension for one year. Councilman Dinkins seconded the motion, which opened the floor for Council discussion.

Mayor Busby asked Mrs. Sturkie to come forward as he had some questions. Mayor Busby asked if Mrs. Sturkie was able to share in general terms the types of businesses that they are looking at. Mrs. Sturkie replied that small retail would fit the property best as it could be supported based on new sub-divisions in town, three schools and income levels according to the Census. Mayor Busby asked if she knew what operating hours would be for the small retail shops. Mrs. Sturkie replied that the hours would be in accordance with planning, Pine Ridge and Ridge Pointe development standards. Mayor Busby asked if Mrs. Sturkie thought the businesses would be beneficial to the new Pine Ridge Senior Center and the surrounding low to moderate income residents who are within walking distance.

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Mrs. Sturkie replied that they are hoping to have something like a bank kiosk, insurance firm or small retail, which would especially be convenient to those within walking distance. Mayor Busby asked if Mrs. Sturkie had a timeframe in mind. Mrs. Sturkie replied the property has been shown but is a hard sell without a sewer system in place but hopes to have something in the next three to six months. Mayor Busby stated that due to the 2010 Sinkler case, State law only allows an extension on PD's to December 31, 2016. Mrs. Sturkie stated that they have an economical investment in Pine Ridge and have developed the property to the best of their ability. Mayor Pro-tem Davis stated that he is in favor of extending to the maximum allowed.

Councilman Price made a motion to amend his previous motion of an extension for one year to approving the extension to expire on December 31, 2016. Councilman Dinkins seconded the motion.

Mayor Busby called for a vote, resulting in a unanimous vote to approve the extension of the C-1 PD for 624 Pine Ridge Drive that will expire on December 31, 2016.

7. Property & Recreation Committee Recommendation: Pole Building bid

Mayor Pro-tem Davis stated that the Property & Recreation Committee recommends the bid submitted by Hoover for the 30x50x12 building. The Committee would also like to hold off on their recommendation for the doors and concrete.

8. Pole Building Bid for Council vote

Councilman Dinkins made a motion to accept the bid from Hoover for the 30x50x12 building. Councilman Price seconded the motion, which opened the floor for Council discussion.

Councilman Price was concerned about building before the property is legally owned by the Town. Mayor Busby stated that the Town received permission from Lexington County Recreation & Aging Director Randy Gibson.

Mayor Busby called for a vote, resulting in a unanimous vote to approve the bid from Hoover for the 30x50x12 building.

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Ms. Beth Sturkie asked Council to consider participating as a joint venture in the annual South Congaree Christmas Parade. South Congaree Town Councilman Jerry Smith stated this has been approved by the Town of South Congaree. Ms. Sturkie stated she needed about five members for a Committee that would represent the Town of Pine Ridge, which Councilman Dinkins and Mrs. Bobbie Kliewer volunteered. Mayor Busby stated that the Town can send out an eblast and post on Facebook for additional volunteers. Ms. Sturkie discussed possible routes with Council and stated the parade is planned for the first Saturday in December.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Price moved to adjourn, with a second by Councilman Dinkins. With the Council's unanimous approval, Mayor Busby adjourned the meeting at 7:36P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Viki M. Miller, Town Administrator

APPROVED:

Daniel Davis, Mayor Pro-tem

Date: _____