

**Town Council Meeting Minutes  
North Town Hall  
March 11, 2019**

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Cook, Jackson, Jones and Williams.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019, Council meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.

**POLICE REPORT:**

- Lt. Mizell presented the police report in Chief Shirer's absence.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Council reviewed the account statement for February, 2019. Mayor Carson stated that the Town received penny sales tax funds and that they were used to replenish the LGIP account and fund depreciation accounts.
- Mrs. Lori Salley of McGregor and Associates, Inc., presented the 2017-2018 Financial Audit. Mrs. Salley reported that she had an unmodified opinion that the Town's financial statements are clean and fairly represented. Mayor Carson thanked Mrs. Salley and stated to the public that the Town was in good financial standing.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to pass Resolution 2019-01, a resolution authorizing the submission to USDA Rural Development for the pre-application for a grant for a new police vehicle. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote the motion was approved unanimously.
- Council held the first reading of Ordinance 2019-01, an ordinance amending the Business License Ordinance adopted by North Town Council in June, 2018. Mayor Carson explained that she discovered that business license rates were doubled for out of town customers. She went on to say that this is detrimental for our community. Mayor Carson then proposed amending the business license ordinance to remove the doubling for out of town customers. Councilmember Jones made a motion to amend the Business License Ordinance to remove the doubling for out of town customers. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the amendment was approved unanimously.
- The County representative, Mrs. Jones, was not in attendance to discuss the installation of street signs.

**MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)**

- Mayor Carson stated that she received a note from Orangeburg County that a community cleanup day was scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Carson introduced the Town's new employee, Mr. Douglas Walker. She stated that it was his 4<sup>th</sup> week of employment with the Town and that he is very energetic. Mr. Walker said that he has lived in North for over 50 years. Later in the meeting Mayor Carson also shared with the public a newspaper article that she had framed from the North Trade Journal dated April 16, 1970, about the North Tricentennial Celebration.

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Councilmember Jones stated that Mrs. Jones, the County representative, was not able to attend the meeting as she is only an administrative assistant. Councilmember Jones stated that he gave a 40-sign list to Mrs. Jones and that several signs had already been replaced. Mayor Carson asked each member of Council to take a quadrant of town and look for signs that needed to be replaced and to turn them in by 3.15.2019. Councilmember Jones also stated that he spoke with someone at the Lower Savannah Council of Governments about a generator. He went on to say that unlike the FEMA grant, that pays 75% with a 25% match for a generator, the Lower Savannah Council of Governments would pay for

90% with a 10% match. He also stated that a representative from the Lower Savannah Council of Governments will be available to speak with Council in April or May.

- Councilmember Jackson reported on his neighborhood revitalization project. He reported that he is planning to speak to someone at the County about moving a concrete pile, to clean up the area near the barbershop. He also stated that, as the weather warms up, he is planning to beautify and paint a building in the same area.
- Councilmember Cook reported that she is looking into applying to a USDA promotion program. She said that she has had several people volunteer for the 321-cleanup project, but that rain has kept them from working. She stated that Mayor Carson had safety vests for any of those wishing to help. Councilmember Cook also announced that the Spring Fling was going to be held on March 30 from 10am to 3pm. She stated that the festival is going to have activities for the kids.
- Councilmember Williams shared her 2018 Council project. She stated she is looking into ways she can secure funds and tax waivers for businesses around Town. She stated that she wants to get a petition to Senator Tim Scott so that the Town can apply to be an Opportunity Zone.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At 7:57 pm Councilmember Cook made a motion to move into executive session to discuss contractual matters with Silver Springs water district. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote it was approved unanimously. At 8:13pm Council returned from executive session. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- Mrs. June Disher had requested to speak regarding water bills, but stated that she had found out what she needed to know, and did not need to speak.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- There were no public comment requests per the sign in sheet.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler  
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson:

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Council Members:

Julius Jones:

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Daniel Jackson:

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Deborah Cook:

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Jennifer Williams:

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