

Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
June 10, 2019

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

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mayor Carson requested approval of the May 13, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes, no quorum present to approve.
- Mayor Carson requested approval of the May 23, 2019 Budget Workshop minutes. Councilmember Jones and Councilmember Williams were present. Councilmember Jones motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Williams.
- Mayor Carson requested approval of the June 6, 2019 Budget Workshop minutes, no quorum present to approve.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Lin Shirer not present to provide the incident report for the Police Department, but was represented by Officer Buist Smith.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council reviewed the account statement for May, 2019. Mayor Carson asked if Council had any questions or concerns. Mayor Carson did not hear any questions or concerns.
- Mayor Carson requested approval for the Schedule of Fees for FY 2019-2020 that were discussed in the Budget Workshop Meetings. Request for Council to motion to approve. Councilmember Williams motioned to approve just the sewer. Mayor Carson advised this has to be approved for the budget. Mayor Carson motions to approve the Schedule of Fees for FY 2019-2020, Councilmember Williams approves, Mayor Carson seconds the motion, Councilmember Jones abstains from the vote.
- Mayor Carson presents the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2019-02, Franchise Agreement with Aiken Electric Cooperative and requesting motion to approve. Councilmember Williams requests to table this item. Councilmember Jones motions to accept. Mayor Carson seconds the motion, Councilmember Williams opposes. Mayor Carson explains that by opposing, there will be no franchise agreement. Councilmember Williams requests tabling until she can finish reading the document.
- Mayor Carson presents and motions for the 1st reading of Ordinance 2019-03, Franchise Agreement with Dominion Energy to be approved, Councilmember Jones seconds the motion. Discussions of 3% continuation is welcomed.
- Mayor Carson presents the Resolution 2019-03, A Resolution Establishing and Agreeing to participate in the Lower Savannah Regional Home Consortium, to allow entry into affordable housing. Mayor Carson asks if a motion will be made to adopt. Councilmember Jones motions, Councilmember Williams seconds the motion.
- Mayor Carson presents the 1st Reading of FY2019-2020 Operating Budget which will start July, 2019. State law requires the 1st reading and 2nd reading to be accomplished by July. Mayor Carson states that Councilmember Jones and Councilmember Williams are present at the reading. Mayor Carson motions to adopt the 1st reading, Councilmember Williams motions to adopt the 1st reading, Councilmember Jones seconds the motion to approve. Mayor Carson opposes because the tank fee isn't equitable among all residents in the town.

2018 COUNCIL PROJECTS:

- Mayor Carson asked Councilmembers to provide updates on the 2018 Council Projects.
- Councilmember Williams advised that continuing work is ongoing with the Opportunity Zone for North in getting more information together to pass out. This is a goal the State has set aside to invite new business (providing tax breaks for the new businesses). Orangeburg has already started the Farmer's

- Councilmember Jones advised that the majority of signs are up, but there are still a few that need replacing. Mayor Carson has seen a broken one and will provide the location of it for replacement/repair.
- Mayor Carson advises the 4th of July celebration will be starting around 6 p.m. The North Police Department will be for shooting the fireworks. Veterans will be honored with ice cream and drinks, also the children. Mayor Carson is working with the Charleston Air Force Base to have a fly-over for the event.
- Councilmember Williams inquires on the estimated completion date for the Veteran's Memorial Park. Mayor Carson advises construction potentially completed within the next week. Presently waiting on the black granite for the monument which is a few months out. A dedication ceremony will be held upon completion.
- Mayor Carson provides some updates from the Events Committee for the planned North Edisto River Festival to include fishing and pageant.
- Mayor Carson advises that she will get the 2nd Reading of the Budget in before July, because we only have 3 weeks. In accordance with state law, a public hearing will be published in the newspaper and held prior to the second reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- There were no written requests for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- No people requested to speak per the sign in sheet, and no topics were not listed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly McCormick
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson: *Patty Carson*

Council Members:

Julius Jones: *Julius Jones*

Daniel Jackson: ABSENT

Deborah Cook: ABSENT

Jennifer Williams: *Jennifer Williams*