

CITY OF HARDEEVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2008
6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Rodney Cannon, Mayor Pro-Tem A. Brooks Willis, Council Members Bea Jones and Bill Horton and Earl Cooler, Assistant City Manager Kevin Griffin, City Attorney David Tedder, City Clerk Virginia Haas, Police Chief Richard Nagy, Assistant Chief Dan Morgan, Recreation Director Joe Gailey, Planning Director Brana Snowden, Economic Development Director Ted Felder, Assistant City Manager Jeff Slocum, Judge John Carroll and Interim Public Information Director Jason Rogers.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cannon called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem A. Brooks Willis gave the invocation

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS (2 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Mr. Eugene Williams thanked Chief Morgan for his assistance with BJWSA where fire hydrants are will be installed below the City limits in the near future.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE
JANUARY 3, 2008 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Jones to approve the January 3, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Cooler and carried unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR RELAY
FOR LIFE TO BE HELD FRIDAY AND SATURDAY APRIL 25-26
PUBLIC HEARING

Recreation Director Joe Gailey informed City Council that all the information was provided in the packet and Relay for Life has asked for a special event permit for April 25th and 26th for an overnight event on the football field. The event will set up on Friday and begins at 7 p.m. The group is aware that the tents must be set up at the edge of the football fields. He explained how

there would be only one set of lights on for the night. He stated that the group will have music setup and a PA system on the home side of field until 11 p.m. then the music will be reduced in order to make announcements only. Mr. Gailey noted that staff and representatives from Relay for Life walked through the area yesterday to make sure everything was clear. Mayor Cannon stated that the event is a very worthy cause.

Ms. Vernon thanked City Council for this opportunity and stated that this was the events 10th year, the 3rd year with Ridgeland and Hardeeville. She stated this is a very special event and they are hoping to clear \$100,000. She encouraged City Council to attend and that last year the event grossed \$75,000. She responded to Council Member Jones that the event would center around a birthday theme. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Horton to approve the Special Event Application for Relay for Life. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously.

B. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS TMP 039-00-01-016 (+/-2.0) ACRES NOT ALREADY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HARDEEVILLE IN JASPER COUNTY **(POWER GROUP LLC) (2008-01-17B)**
PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Snowden stated that this property bordered the Hardeeville Tract. The application utilized the 100 percent annexation method and meets all standards. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Willis to approve Ordinance No. 2008-01-17B at first reading. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Cooler and carried unanimously.

C. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING AMENDMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING TMP 039-00-01-016 (+/-2.0 AC) LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 17 FROM RESTRICTED DEVELOPMENT (RD) IN JASPER COUNTY TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) **(POWER GROUP LLC) (2008-01-17C)**
PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Snowden stated that the applicants are looking to combine the two parcels. She continued that there is commercial development in the area and the Planning Commission recommends approval. There was no public comment

A motion was made by Council Member Jones to approve Ordinance No. 2008-01-17C at first reading. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Horton and carried unanimously.

D. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS TMP 039-00-01-015 (+/- 2.0 ACRES) NOT ALREADY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HARDEEVILLE IN JASPER COUNTY (**POWER GROUP LLC**) (**2008-01-17D**)
PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Snowden stated that this parcel fronts Highway 17 and utilized the 100 percent annexation method. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Horton to approve Ordinance No. 2008-01-17D at first reading. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously.

E. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING AMENDMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING TMP 039-00-01-015 (+/-2.0 AC) LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 17 FROM RESTRICTED DEVELOPMENT (RD) IN JASPER COUNTY TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) (**POWER GROUP LLC**) (**2008-01-17E**)
PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Snowden stated that frontage along Highway 17 allows access to the property. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Willis to approve Ordinance No. 2008-01-17E at first reading. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Cooler and carried unanimously.

F. CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS/TERMS
PUBLIC HEARING

Attorney Tedder explained that under City Ordinance and State Law the City is charged with conducting the election. The volunteer Municipal Election Commission is charged with appointing the City Clerk as the Commissioners agent for the purpose of accepting the statements of candidacy, filing fees, filing of any other documents needed by the commission assisting in the notice of publications and all logistical matters. Attorney Tedder stated that he had prepared a memo that would direct the City Manager on how the City can assist with the election moving forward and requested that the City Manager be appointed as the City Contact with the Election Commission. A copy of the memo will be incorporated into the minutes. Mayor Cannon directed that the items listed in the memo be arranged.

Mayor Cannon explained that there was a letter from Attorney Tedder that Commission appointments were over term and the Election Commission has some individuals who are close to being reappointed. He stated that according to the State Election Commission it was not

recommended to replace all three commission members. He concluded that the oldest in term would be Ms. Joyce Meeks. Mayor Cannon opened the item for discussion.

Council Member Horton stated that in reading the memo it was evident that all members' terms have expired. He recommended that all three stay in place until appointed by City Council. He questioned would there be a problem if one would expire next year and one in 2011 and the last in 2013? He asked would there be problem as to the law to allow them continue out the balance out their terms? He recommended continuing as is due to the time limits.

Mayor Cannon stated that he had discussions regarding Ms. Meeks being very vocal at the last election. He stated as a member of the Election Commission you must be above reproach and if she wishes to be campaigning she should do so as a citizen. He suggested that Ms. Meeks be replaced as there could be a problem where the election might be overturned. Council Member Cooler suggested a candidate, Mr. Justin Patel. Council Member Cooler read Mr. Patel's qualifications. Mayor Cannon requested a second. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Council Member Jones asked had the applicant been notified that he would be appointed. It was verified that the applicant had been notified. Attorney Tedder clarified that he suggested only one person be replaced and this would be for the remainder of the term until expiration. He would then need to be reappointed. He suggested that City Council review the other member's appointments following the election.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Willis reported on I95, McTeer Street area, Signal Mast Arm installation, US 17, Industrial Park lights and drainage, and SCDOT resurfacing of Jasper County roads.

Council Member Cooler reported on the existing potholes and trash and paper within the City. He noted that these items would be dealt with. He mentioned the new signal at the intersection was met with positive reactions from citizens.

Council Member Jones commended Council Member Cooler, Mayor-Pro Tem Willis and staff on the signal mast arm project which adds to the City. Council Member Jones reported on the Relay for Life event, a newly formed calendar of events which will be copied to City Council, softball registration, baseball season, Warriors, Mark Jones Bike Ride and the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for February 9th.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant Manager Griffin reported that staff is working on the SC Competitive Community Grant Program and applications are due the 1st of February. He explained that staff and City Council have given input and are now asking for input from the community. The following lists of items were suggested: Millstone Landing expansion, Celebrate Hardeeville Festival, Fire Training Center on Purrysburg Road, security upgrades, visitor center for downtown Hardeeville and Commerce Park. He submitted that the City should apply for at least three or four grants.

Council Member Horton suggested applying for as many grants as possible. Assistant Manager Griffin responded that we would apply to those we think will most likely receive funding.

It was reported that the Public Works crew spent the last two weeks cleaning debris from ditches from Heyward to Martin. All work was done by hand and 65 trash can loads of trash and debris were removed.

Attorney Tedder reminded that the Municipal Election Commission will have a training session February 5th and is open to the public.

Mayor Cannon asked City Council to table the following executive session until the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Willis to table the executive session. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Horton and carried unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.C. CODE OF LAW 30-4-70(A)(2) AND DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE PUBLIC BODY IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.C. CODE OF LAW 30-4-70(A)(5).

This item was tabled until the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Horton and seconded by Council Member Jones to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Virginia S. Haas, City Clerk

Date

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