

CITY OF HARDEEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
AMENDED MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2008
6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Bronco Bostick, Mayor Pro Tem Roy Powell, Council Members A. Brooks Willis, Michael Foskey and Bill Horton, Assistant City Manager Jeff Slocum, City Attorney David Tedder, Municipal Judge John Carroll, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Gailey, Program/Athletic Coordinator James Gardner, Police Chief Richard Nagy, Fire Chief Dan Morgan, Finance Director Dennis Averkin, City Clerk Lori Pomarico and Public Information Director Jason Rogers.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bronco Bostick called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Brooks Willis gave the invocation

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

Fire Chief Dan Morgan stated that the Jasper County Fire and Rescue has partnered with the American Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive, Monday, October 20, 2008 at the Emergency Operations Center Training Room in Ridgeland, (old Armory) between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. At this "Battle of the Badges", fire departments throughout Jasper County will compete against each other encouraging friends, family, etc. to donate blood to the American Red Cross. The fire department that has the most donors will be presented with a trophy and media coverage. All those who donate blood will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$1000 gift cards. Call the fire department at 784-3229 with questions, or contact Firefighter Graves with Jasper County at 540-1727.

Parks and Recreation Director Joe Gailey introduced James Gardner to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Gardner is the new Program/Athletic Coordinator for the City of Hardeeville. Mr. Gardner has background in recreation, grant writing and barbering. Mr. Gardner stated that he looks forward to working with Joe, and his first event will be the Tennis Extravaganza being held next Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Hardeeville schools.

Mr. Gailey reported on the Hardeeville Catfish Festival; Saturday, October 18, 2008, 10:00 am, Miss Catfish Pageant will be held at Abundant Life Academy Gym; Friday, October 24, 2008 Catfish Festival Golf Tournament at Tradition, proceeds to go to Hardeeville Library;

also on Friday, Teen Dance, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, ages 14 to 18, admission \$5.00, door prizes; Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9:00 am Kids Fishing Rodeo sponsored by Marine Rescue Squadron and the Scouts; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Tennis Extravaganza at High School tennis courts; 10:00 am Opening Ceremonies; 11:00 am Taste and Cook Contest; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Car & Bike Show sponsored by Hardeeville Chamber of Commerce; 3:00 pm Hardeeville Idol; High Velocity band from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm; rides, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, music throughout the day; and fireworks sponsored by Sembler Corporation at 10:00 pm.

A. PROCLAMATION FOR JUDGE JOHN CARROLL

Mayor Bronco Bostick read the proclamation in its entirety. Council unanimously approved the proclamation as written and the proclamation was signed by Mayor Bostick.

Judge John Carroll stated that it is rare to have the opportunity to live and work in the community and it is an honor to have this position and thanked the staff and council.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE AND CORE COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LLC, OWNER OF THE LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “**ARGENT WEST TRACT.**” (2008-9-18A) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Assistant City Manager Jeff Slocum stated that this is the second reading of the ordinance to amend and restate the development agreement between the City of Hardeeville and Core Communities. There has been one minor change since first reading and Mr. Slocum deferred to City Attorney David Tedder for explanation. Mr. Tedder stated that the only change is South Carolina Department of Transportation Safety Standards has been added to page 14 of the development agreement, making it clear that it has to meet those safety standards in design elements of hardscaping and the meeting of the public right of way. This has been discussed with the applicant, Core Communities; there are no other changes.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell commented that at the last Council meeting he voted no, however, he assured Mr. Swift of Core Communities that he would meet with the City Manager to have him try to convince him that one million dollars (\$1,000,000) would be enough for a fire house. After receiving information from Mr. Swift and his company and information from the City Manager, Mayor Pro Tem Powell now believes that it is going to be even more difficult to build a fire house for one million dollars (\$1,000,000) unless it is a temporary solution.

There was no public comment. A motion was made by Council Member Horton to accept Ordinance No. 2008-9-18A at second reading. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Foskey. The motion passed 4-1 with voting as follows: Mayor Bostick, In favor; Council Member Willis, In favor; Council Member Horton, In favor; Council Member Foskey, In Favor; Mayor Pro Tem Powell, Opposed.

V. PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 2, 2008
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Foskey to approve the October 2, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. The motion received a proper second by Mayor Pro Tem Powell and carried unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO BE NAMED "DESIGNATED MARKETING ORGANIZATION" FOR THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE AND RECEIVE AS A RESULT OF SAID DESIGNATION ACCOMMODATIONS TAX REVENUES EARMARKED FOR THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION OF TOURISM TO DEVELOP AND INCREASE TOURIST ATTENDANCE THROUGH THE GENERATION OF PUBLICITY FOR THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE PER SC CODE SECTION 6-4-10(3)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Assistant City Manager Jeff Slocum stated that this consideration is where the Council decides who is going to go forth and take the state accommodations revenues that are put aside for tourism advertising and promotion and to earmark those funds for one of the organizations that presented to Council on September 25, 2008.

Council Member Brooks Willis commented that he wanted to remind his fellow councilmen that with these presentations the idea was that the designation would be given to the organization that had the best presentation and also asked that when they make their decision the council members keep politics out of that decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell asked what the dollar amount would be for this year. Assistant City Manager Slocum responded that the proposed amount is approximately twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) for this upcoming year.

Council Member Horton asked if they could set that amount as the amount to be allocated or could they set it lower. Mr. Slocum responded that it is required, based on the state accommodations tax that is given to the City, after the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) is taken out for the City, that thirty percent (30%) of the balance has to go to the Designated Marketing Organization and cannot be held over to the following year.

There was no public comment. A motion was made by Council Member Horton to appoint the Greater Hardeeville Chamber of Commerce as the Designated Marketing Organization for the City of Hardeeville for the next fiscal year. The motion received a proper second by Council Member Foskey.

Council Member Brooks Willis stated that it has been his pleasure to have served this City for 14 years, 8 years as Mayor Pro Tem. He has been a resident of Hardeeville since 1976, and intends to make it his home for the rest of his life. Mr. Willis stated that he thinks a lot of the members of the Hardeeville Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Willis continued that when he was elected he was tasked to make a decision and the decision he has to make regarding this deal is that with all the growth that is happening the City has to have a chamber of commerce that has a far outreach, nationally and worldwide, and it is his duty to the citizens of Hardeeville to vote no in this particular situation.

The motion carried 3-2 with voting as follows: Mayor Bostick, In Favor; Council Member Horton, In Favor; Council Member Foskey, In Favor; Mayor Pro Tem Powell, Opposed; Council Member Willis, Opposed.

Mr. Sal Arzillo, president of the Hardeeville Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Council for supporting the Hardeeville Chamber. Mr. Arzillo stated that all monies will be spent on advertising, mostly billboards, and the Chamber will work with the City and the other organizations as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Powell stated that he had not received a copy of the Hardeeville Chamber of Commerce By-Laws and requested that Mr. Arzillo provide him a copy.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

A. APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO ACCOMMODATIONS TAX BOARD

Assistant City Manager Slocum stated that there are two openings on the Accommodations Tax Board and asked if there are any nominations to fill those two seats.

Council Member Bill Horton nominated Ms. Tillie Keiffer, owner of Crab Daddy's, to the Accommodations Tax Board. Council Member Horton stated that he has spoken to Ms. Keiffer and she is excited to serve on the Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Roy Powell nominated Mr. Mike Bowen from Land Development Incorporated, the owners of Hardee Station. Mayor Pro Tem Powell stated that Mr. Bowen would enjoy working with the City of Hardeeville on this Committee.

There was no public comment. A motion was made by Council Member Horton to accept the appointment of Ms. Tillie Keiffer and Mr. Mike Bowen to the

Accommodations Tax Board. The motion received a proper second by Mayor Pro Tem Powell and carried unanimously.

VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Jeff Slocum extended an invitation to the public to attend the Comprehensive Planning Charrette. The City will be holding a charrette to get public, government, and business owner input into how we go forward with the comprehensive plan. There will be open house public input sessions on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, and from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm; and on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 there will be a summary presentation from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

City Attorney David Tedder reminded everyone to exercise their privilege to vote in the Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Council Member Bill Horton reported that he and City Manager Kevin Griffin met with Mr. Malzone Russell from the South Carolina Department of Transportation in reference to speed limits in the Pine Arbor Road and Jenkins Avenue areas. Council Member Horton stated that a letter signed by the City Manager formally requesting that the speed limits be set on Jenkins Avenue, within the City limits, to 30 miles per hour, and on Pine Arbor Road to 45 miles per hour, was presented. Mr. Russell toured those areas, accepted the recommendation and said that he would get a work order out and we should see speed limits changed in those areas very soon; it was determined that the speed limit on Pine Arbor Road, in its entirety, would be reduced to 45 miles per hour.

Mayor Bronco Bostick stated that he, City Manager Griffin and Assistant City Manager Slocum have met with residents on Jenkins Avenue with regard to sidewalks, and they are in the planning stages with that at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Roy Powell asked Assistant City Manager Slocum if anything has been found out regarding the missing streetscape poles. Mr. Slocum responded that he had not gotten that information yet.

Mayor Bronco Bostick asked Assistant City Manager Slocum how the flu shot operation went over the last few days. Mr. Slocum responded that a large number of people turned out and it was well received.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Horton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Powell to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Lori Pomarico, City Clerk

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