

Minutes from July 13, 2021
Hanahan Council Meeting - 6:30PM
Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers
1255 Yeamans Hall Road Hanahan, SC 29410

A City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:30pm. The meeting was advertised in the Post and Courier. The agenda was posted on the City of Hanahan webpage, the City's Facebook page and a copy of the agenda was posted on the lobby bulletin board at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Rainwater presided. Council Members that were present at tonight's meeting were – Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth, Member Sally, Council Member Dyson, and Council Member Boggs. Council Member Spurlock and Council Member Chandler were both absent. We had a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Staff members that were present were: Mike Cochran - City Administrator, Courtney Soler – Finance Director, Bo Bowers – Fire Chief, Mike Bargeron – Assistant Fire Chief, Randy Moneymaker – Parks & Recreation Director, Jon Ellwood – IT, Larry Sturdivant – Building & Codes, Dennis Turner – Police Chief, Jeff Hajek – Building & Codes, Joe Gill – Public Works Director, Wynette DeGroot – HR Director, Tyler Dempsey – Building & Codes, Gale Dollar – Clerk of Court, Jared Brooks – Dispatch, Dour Rogers – Senior Center, Kim Peters – Senior Center, Danny Stewart – Parks & Rec, Heather Wilson – Parks & Rec, Carl Evans – Maintenance, Ken Childress, and Emily Huff – Clerk of Council.

The sign-in sheet has been included with the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rainwater called the Tuesday, July 13, 2021, City Council Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Rev. Erik Grayson of Aldersgate United Methodist.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Dyson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before moving on, Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth made a motion to amend tonight's agenda by adding Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

- *A motion to amend the agenda and add Executive Session was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
- *A second was made by Council Member Boggs.*
- *There was no discussion.*
- *The motion was called; no one opposed. The vote was 5-0.
(This vote count reflects Council Member Chandler and Spurlock absence.)*

RECOGNITIONS

- 1. Citizen of the Month** – Mayor Christie Rainwater invited up Ms. Andi Blatchford the new owner of Happy Feet Dance Studio, to help present and surprise Ruth Singletary with the July Citizen of the Month award. Ruth has been the Director of Happy Feet Dance Studio, here in Hanahan, for the last 40 years. After many years of teaching dance there as well, Andi has taken over, and is now the new owner. Ruth recently retired and has since moved to North Carolina to help run her Bed & Breakfast that she has had all these years, fulltime. With Andi’s help, we were able recognize her via a FaceTime call live during the Council Meeting for all her years of dedication to the youth in Hanahan, that have passed through her dance studio. We thanked Ruth and let her know that a certificate and a gift of thanks would be mailed to her. Pictures were taken with Council.

- 2. Difference Maker Award** – Mayor Rainwater presented the Difference Maker awards. This is first time handing out this award and it went to Lydia Cotton and Luigi Bravo. They were awarded this award in appreciation of their proactive engagement and all their hard work to add value in the City of Hanahan, as well as their efforts in bringing the community together while promoting the arts throughout the city. Mayor Rainwater stated that she first met Luigi at the onset of COVID, through Lydia. She stated that when she met Luigi, it was right at the height of the hand sanitizer crisis and she noted that Luigi’s company started making hand sanitizer and they graciously donated sanitizer to the city, we were in need. Additionally, she stated that he often asks what he can do to help or volunteer with. Most recently, him and Lydia organized a group event, and they made some quality benches – at no cost to the city, that are out at the park for everyone to enjoy. Lydia was unable to attend tonight’s meeting, but Mayor Rainwater was sure to give her plenty of praise by saying that she is so good with giving back to the city and volunteering out of the goodness of her heart. A certificate was awarded to each of them, Lydia’s will be mailed to her, and pictures were taken with Council.

3. UV Safety Awareness Month Proclamation – was read by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth. The Proclamation states that healthy people and healthy communities are the centerpiece of a strong and vibrant society. Skin cancer cases make up almost half of all cancer diagnoses each year in the United States. 90% of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated to UV radiation. More than one million Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year. One in five Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer during their lifetime. Skin cancer affects people of all skin types; anyone can get skin cancer. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the number one preventable risk factor for the development of skin cancer. City Council heard a Proclamation to declare July 2021 as UV Safety Month in the City of Hanahan.

- *A motion to declare July 2021 as UV Safety Month was made by Council Member Boggs.*
- *A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
- *There was no discussion.*
- *The motion was called; no one opposed. The vote was 5-0.*

4. Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month Proclamation – was read by Council Member Boggs. The Proclamation states that 300,000 children in the U.S. have doctor-diagnosed arthritis. That is 1 in 250, that live with arthritis. Juvenile Arthritis is one of the most common childhood diseases in the U.S. July is a month dedicated to increased awareness over early signs and symptoms of Juvenile Arthritis. The disease attacks the child's joints and immune system causing pain, inflammation, and stiffness. There are many forms of Juvenile Arthritis. Currently, there is no cure. July being Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month, is the perfect opportunity to increase awareness of the disease and recognize the importance of seeking appropriate treatment to minimize the disabling impact on daily lives. City Council heard a Proclamation to declare July 2021, as Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month in the City of Hanahan.

- *A motion to declare July 2021, as Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
- *A second was made by Council Member Boggs.*
- *There was no discussion.*
- *The motion was called; no one opposed. The vote was 5-0.*

5. Mike Cochran, City Administrator then came up for the Parks and Recreation announcement and announced that our Parks and Recreation Director, Randy MoneyMaker, will be retiring at the end of the month. He stated that after 17 years here with the city and 33 years in this field overall, Randy is retiring. Mike Cochran went on to say that Randy does everything so well and does so much that he loves, and he was floored when Randy gave him the news last week. It was noted that Randy has accepted a position with his church, so luckily, he won't be far. He went on to say that Randy does not like recognition, he is a more behind the scenes kind of guy, but Mike thought it was only fitting to give him some recognition.

Mayor Rainwater stated that she knows that we will all get choked up at his Retirement party and she too was in shock when she got the news. She said Randy is just everywhere, all the time and she doesn't know how it does it. He truly will be missed. Randy MoneyMaker then came up to say a few words; he started by saying this was one of the toughest decisions he had to make, was retiring. It was very tough for him, he said that his wife and him prayed on it and felt it was God's timing. Randy then said that he truly does nothing, it's his staff; they kill it each and every day. They deserve the praise! In closing, Randy then thanked Council for their continued support over the last 17 years.

Council Member Sally then had a few words to share, he said that when he thinks of someone always being around, it's him, Randy. He is everywhere, all the time. Just like Mayor Rainwater said earlier. He has most certainly been the right guy for the job. He stated that he appreciates his time with city and had fun coming up through the Recreation Department with his children and Randy being there. Council Member Sally jokingly said that I'm sure that your wife will be happy to meet you.

Randy's Retirement Party is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28 at 5:30pm, at the Senior Center.

6. Mayor Rainwater then gave a special announcement regarding the Annual Golf Tournament. She stated that if anyone is interested in playing in the Hanahan Golf Tournament on Tuesday, August 3 at Yeamans Hall Club, we have a city team that we will be drawing names for, to play in the tournament. The lucky foursome that will make up this team, will be done by a lottery drawing. She noted that if anyone wishes to add their name to the drawing, that they should submit their name and phone number to Emily by noon Wednesday, July 21. She stated that all this information was posted on the city's Facebook page earlier today. Additionally, it was noted that the names will be drawn live, by the mayor, next Thursday, July 22 via Facebook Live. Four (4) names will be drawn and two (2) back up names will also be drawn, should someone not be able to participate. Players will be responsible for their \$200 registration fee.

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEM ONLY

Mayor Rainwater opened the meeting for Citizens comments regarding agenda items only.

There were no citizen comments.

There were no comments/questions that were submitted online either. There being no further input, Mayor Rainwater closed this segment of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are adopted with a single motion, second, and a vote unless a request for removal is heard from a Council Member. Items on the June 8, 2021, Consent Agenda were:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 8, 2021, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of purchase for two (2) Ford utilities from the State Contract for the Police Department
3. Approval of the purchase and installation of the aeration fountain at Rhodes Pond
 - *A motion to approve the items on the July 13, 2021, Consent Agenda, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
 - *A second was made by Council Member Dyson.*
 - *There was no further discussion.*
 - *The motion was called, and the vote was 5-0.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mayor Rainwater invited up Jeff Hajek, Economic Development Director/Planner for the Second Reading of **Ordinance #4-2021 – Rezoning for Thrash Property PD TMS: 259-00-01-004; 259-03-01-101**. Jeff stated that there weren't any revisions from last month when he presented to Council and said that he would be happy to answer any questions, should there be any. There were no questions.
 - *A motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance #4-2021 – Rezoning for Thrash Property PD TMS: 259-00-01-004; 259-03-01-101 was made by Council Member Sally.*
 - *A second was made by Council Member Boggs.*
 - *There was no further discussion.*
 - *The motion was called, and the vote was 5-0.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Rainwater introduced and invited up Kathryn Basha who gave a presentation to council and citizens regarding the One Region Roadmap initiative. Kathryn said that as our people and businesses continue to recover, our region needs a robust, proactive, and actionable roadmap to economic prosperity, stability, and equitable opportunities for all. This initiative is formed out of a partnership, of public and private organizations to help better lives. She said that they are working to identify the challenges when the pandemic began. The pandemic brought to light some weaknesses. They are taking a comprehensive approach to economic resiliency, which includes travel, health, remote work, education, entertainment, and employment.

Kathryn went on to discuss the 8 Regional Dynamics – One Region Roadmap will be centered around the regional dynamics established in One Region.

There are two (2) themes: equity and economic momentum and six (6) action areas: affordability, global fluency, infrastructure, innovation and entrepreneurship, talent, and quality of place.

Where we are today – data analysis, public surveys, strategy development:

- Identify Project Goals – review data, discuss disruptions, draft memo – through project kickoff meetings/ introductory meetings.

- Conduct SWOT Analysis – analyze data, develop summary, impact memo – through virtual kickoff meeting/ Focus Groups #1.

- Define a Healthy Charleston – define key pillars of recovery, prepare memo – through business and residential surveys.

- Analyze Economic Disruptions – identify needs, assess economic disruptions.

- Develop Strategy Report – define key pillars of recovery, prepare memo – through Focus Groups #2/ virtual public meeting.

- Advise BCDCOG on Modeling – advise on economic impact software.

In closing, Kathryn asked for everyone to complete their survey and share this information with their family, friends, neighbors, parishes, etc. so they can get the feedback they need. She welcomed us all to partake in the fall. Kathryn then opened it up for council comments/questions, but there weren't any.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

A. CITIZENS COMMENTS

-Johnnie Harkness – 1036 Dominion Drive – asked if we could look into having a fence installed around the pond on Berkeley Street. Residents have raised concern of the pond and broken fencing surrounding it, as there are small kids that live in the area, and they have seen an alligator in the pond recently.

There were no additional citizen comments/questions.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mike Cochran, City Administrator then presented his monthly report online.

1. **Flooding at Turkey Creek** – Consultant is working on the project as contracted by BCWS as they provide our stormwater services. Met with SCDOT, BC Stormwater staff along with State Rep. Mark Smith on East Recess to look at a problem location. Jeff Hajek and I attended a mitigation funding meeting at the COG during the month. There are several funding streams although most are limited to LMI, some funding is available for emergent needs in areas like the Turkey Creek. These are being explored.
2. **Downtown Revitalization** – Dominion Energy reported that they have 7 properties left to convert and then the poles will come down. Stantec, our design consultant on the project, has provided their recommended solution to the lack of curbing at the Kwick Fill and Valero gas stations. This should resolve the issue once completed.
3. **Phase 3 Tanner Trail** – The design work for the path to go behind Timbercrest Village is being finalized. The COG is working on this.
4. **Parks Bond** -
 - Spell Field fencing is completed. Dugouts, shade structure, and dog park fencing are complete. The playground equipment will go in this month. Youth practices will begin on Spell in August. That equipment is in, we are waiting on the fall surface material and borders to be delivered.
 - Loftis Field was hydro-seeded with Bermuda grass. It is growing in. The fencing is done.
 - 53-Acre Park is underway. Tree clearing and site work is going on. There has been a lot of activity out there.

Notes:

- 7/21 – Lottery entries due for Golf Tournament, interested parties to email Emily Huff.
- 7/28 – Randy MoneyMaker's Retirement Drop-In @5:30-7:30pm at Senior Center.
- 8/3 – City of Hanahan Annual Golf Tournament at Yeamans Hall Club @9:00am
- 8/10 – August Council Meeting @6:30pm
- Weekdays - COVID testing by the HFD @9:00-4:00pm

C. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mayor Rainwater asked regarding the County, are they only going to be working on East Recess Road, as you mentioned in your monthly report. Mike Cochran replied no that issue was brought up with County through State Rep. Mark Smith. He is happy to help get everyone involved, if he is notified/asked.
- Mayor Rainwater then asked about Phase 3 Tanner Trail, she stated that construction costs are starting to come down, have we gotten any updates, to which Mike Cochran replied that he hasn't gotten any real numbers yet, but they are anticipating that the costs do go down.
- Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth stated that he noticed on the Human Resources report in his packet, that we had an employee celebrating their 45th anniversary with the city. He wished to thank Norris Pendergrass of his tenure with the city. It is often that you see someone celebrating that lengthy of an anniversary. That's remarkable.

There were no additional Council Comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rainwater asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a time sensitive personnel matter, regarding the Parks and Recreation position. No action was taken while in Executive Session.

- *A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
- *A second was made by Council Member Boggs.*
- *There was no further discussion.*
- *The motion was called, and the vote was 5-0.*
- *Executive Session began at 7:17pm.*

- *A motion to return from Executive Session was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
- *A second was made by Council Member Sally.*
- *There was no further discussion.*
- *The motion was called, and the vote was 5-0.*
- *Executive Session ended at 8:04pm.*

ADJOURNMENT

- *There being no further business to discuss tonight, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Sally.*
- *A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
- *There was no discussion.*
- *The motion was called, and the vote was 5-0.*
- *Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.*

Our next regular monthly City Council Meeting will be August 10, 2021, at 6:30pm.