

Minutes from June 11, 2019
Hanahan City Council Meeting - 6:30PM
Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers
1255 Yeamans Hall Road Hanahan, SC 29410

A regular City Council Meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in the Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers at 1255 Yeamans Hall Road in Hanahan at 6:30pm. The meeting was advertised in the Post and Courier. The Agenda was posted on the City of Hanahan webpage and a copy of the Agenda was posted on the lobby bulletin board at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the Agenda was sent as a courtesy, to Brenda Rindge with the Post and Courier. Mayor Christie Rainwater presided. The Council Members that were present at tonight's meeting were Dan Owens, Jeff Chandler, Kevin Hedgpeth, Mike Sally, and Mike Dyson. Joel Hodges had to leave right before the meeting began due to a family emergency. We had a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Staff members that signed the visitor's log were: Mike Cochran - City Administrator, Jon Ellwood – IT, Emily Huff -Clerk of Council, Larry Sturdivant – Building & Codes, Joe Gill – Public Works, Kim Peters – Senior Center, Gale Dollar – Clerk of Court, Bo Bowers – Fire Chief, Mike Fowler– Deputy Chief, Kristy Duffy – Finance, Randy Money maker – Rec Dept., Danny Stewart – Rec. Dept., Carl Evans – Maintenance, Shaine Beal – Building & Codes, Randy Dale – Maintenance, Tyler Dempsey – Building & Codes, Jeff Hajek – Building & Codes, and Sheila Shea – Police Records.

A copy of the sign in sheet is included in with the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rainwater called the Tuesday, June 11, 2019 City Council Meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

INVOCATION

Pastor Mike Betancourt II, from Foster Creek Baptist Church led us in the invocation for tonight.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Sally led us in the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight.

RECOGNITIONS

- A. Special Guest, State House Representative, Nancy Mace was in attendance for tonight's meeting. She asked that our former Mayor, Minnie Newman to come up and be recognized. Mace gave a presentation which consisted of beautifully framed Resolution on Mayor Minnie's behalf. The Resolution gave detailed life events of Mayor Minnie and her tenure as Mayor of Hanahan. The Resolution that Nancy Mace had made was signed by each State House Representative, recognizing her for her leadership in the education field as well as her time as the Mayor. She was elected Mayor in October 2005 and served through 2018. An incredible 13 years! Minnie received a standing ovation from everyone in attendance.
- B. Mike Cochran along with Mayor Rainwater recognized Gale Dollar, Clerk of Court, for her 25 years of service with the City of Hanahan. She received a Years of Service certificate and 25 years of service lapel pin. Mike Cochran stated that Gale does an amazing job each and every day, and Mayor Rainwater chimed in to add, that Gale does so with a smile on her face. She said that Gale is always smiling when she sees her, and that she makes it all look so effortless/seamless.
- C. Mike Cochran then recognized Sheila Shea for her 4 years of service with the City of Hanahan. He said that 4 years may not sound like a lot, but Sheila is retired NYPD. She served 20 years with the NYPD. Mike Cochran went on to say that he hired her, back when he was still the Police Chief. She will be leaving us in a few weeks, but we are happy to know that she isn't moving. She will still have her home here. Her last day will be June 20, 2019. Next up was the recognition of Randy Dale, our Recreation Maintenance Director. Randy has been with the City of Hanahan for 8 years and he magically gets everything done. He has done an awesome job and he will be missed. Randy's last day will be July 3, 2019. Randy is retiring and moving to Tennessee. Both Sheila and Randy were given certificates for their years of service.
- D. Mayor Pro Tem Chandler read the Proclamation for World Blood Donor Day. The staff and City Administrator recommended declaring June 14, 2019 as World Blood Donor Day in the City of Hanahan. A motion was made by Council Member Hedgpeth to declare June 14, 2019 as World Blood Donor. A second was made by Council Member Owens. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. Council Member Hedgpeth read the Proclamation for PTSD Awareness Month. The staff and City Administrator recommended declaring June 2019 as PTSD Awareness Month in the City of Hanahan. A motion was made by Council Member Sally for declaring June 2019 as PTSD Awareness Month. A second was made by Council Member Hedgpeth. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. Mike Cochran, City Administrator and Mayor Rainwater recognized our Citizen of the Month, John Lee. Off duty Goose Creek firefighter/EMT, John Lee, saved the life of a toddler from drowning on May 20, 2019 at the Ibis Glade Amenity Center. Mike Cochran said that John Lee was enjoying a day at his neighborhood pool when his quick action had him spring into action, by performing CPR on the young child. Mike Cochran said that we are forever grateful. Mayor Rainwater then asked Tom Rostin and Bill Healy to come up. The two gentlemen manage the pool at Ibis Glade. They presented John Lee with a special wooden plaque. Mr. Healy said that John Lee is his new hero. He pulled the security tape of the incident and said that the little girl was under water for 58 seconds. She is a little under 3 years old and she was lifeless when she pulled out of the water. The video then shows John Lee running to action, because that is what first responders do. He took the child from the mothers' arm and began performing necessary life saving skills. Once John Lee knew the child was okay, he and his wife quietly left the pool without any fanfare. Let it be known, that this is John Lee's second drowning resuscitation. It was God's faith that put you at the pool that day, said Bill Healy.

CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Nick Bako of 1054 Yeamans Hall Road came up to the podium to talk about agenda item PTSD. He said he wants to talk about it because he has it and no one understands or cares; law enforcement, council, and the Mayor included. He said that he has spent too much dealing with the issues of Yeamans Hall Road, and he needs an answer on what is going to be done. He said that everyone is aware of the issue. He went today to meet with Mike Cochran, City Administrator and Mike didn't want to hear him. He went on to say the Chief of Police Turner, is also an issue. Mr. Bako said that he just wants the issue resolved. He doesn't want to be the middleman anymore. He said there is an issue with the 18 wheelers. He said just this morning, there were 2 18-wheeler trucks on the road. He went on to say that the speed limit also needs to be reinforced. He wants something like an ad hoc Committee. He has numerous emails, petitions, and pictures. Mayor Rainwater spoke up at this point, at which he interrupted her, and said he's not done. Mr. Bako continued on with the issues being addressed and said that he has already gone to the media, and that the speed should be 25mph. He said that he is in the middle of the problem and asked that council please have a heart and follow through. Mr. Bako then said if you aren't going to follow through, don't tell me anything. It's not funny. He then threw down his poster and said this is what Mike Cochran did to me earlier; he had me escorted out and he refused him earlier today. Mayor Rainwater once again spoke up and said thank you Mr. Bako, when Council Member Owens chimed in to tell Mr. Bako that he can speak at the end of the meeting when it is open for Public Comments and Mr. Bako said good.
- With no other citizen comments or input, the Mayor closed this segment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are adopted with a single motion, second, and vote unless a request for removal is heard from a Council Member. Items on the June 11, 2019 Consent Agenda were:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 14, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes from the May 22, 2019 Budget Workshop. Council Member
3. Approval of the Minutes from the May 29, 2019 Special Meeting. Council Member

Council Member Sally made a motion to approve all the items on the June 11th Consent Agenda. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. There was no discussion, all were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Mike Cochran, City Administrator along with Kristy Duffy, Finance gave the Second Reading of Ordinance # 4-2019 FY 2019-2020 Budget. Mr. Bako asked if solar panel speed limit signs could be brought up again. He said it was nixed quick with the misinformation that was given to Council. Mayor Rainwater said that they have not been researched yet for this year but could in the future, for sure. Council Member Sally made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance # 4-2019 FY 2019-2020 Budget. Council Member Owens second the motion. There was no discussion, all were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Mike Cochran, City Administrator asked for Lee Gastley with Seamon Whiteside and Associates to come up and show the Conceptual Design of the 53-Acre Park. The design was shown on the TV monitors. Mr. Gastley said that when you come in, over on the right is the dog park area. There will be no fill of the wetlands. There will be 6 tennis courts, a large open sports meadow to accommodate 2 softball fields and 2 soccer fields (mini field – side by side). There will be over 200 parking places with overflow parking of an additional 150 parking spots. The wetlands separate the two sides and a bridge will need to be constructed and put in place. This bridge will be for pedestrians on foot as well as Maintenance via vehicle (if need be). The sand volleyball courts will be once you cross the bridge. Synthetic grass will also boast some of the areas of the park, making it available to play on, pretty much 24/7. There will be an outside basketball court, and 4 acres of open meadow for free play. Currently, 3 pavilions are being proposed. There will be some thinning of the existing forest. Over a mile of trail that works it way through the park. Water features will be the pond area which will be stocked. Mayor Pro Tem Chandler asked where the ball field is, is there an entrance that the Maintenance trucks can use? He thinks they would need to be able to have access to the fields to perform maintenance (sod, sand, etc.). Mr. Gastley from Seamon Whiteside and Associates

said that there is a main drive for them to use. Mayor Pro Tem Chandler then asked if there was water and sewer available for Animal Control which will be located here at the park. Jennifer Palmer, the Civil Engineer working on this project with Seamon Whiteside and Associates then took the podium and said that there is water, but not sewer; however, there is a loop from the school that we could possibly hook to. She isn't sure how easily it could be accessed though. She also said that there is undeveloped land. Council Member Sally asked if it was possible that we could do septic at Maintenance and asked what the length had to be? Larry Sturdivant said that he believed it was 100 feet from the sewer. Council Member Sally replied with; well we are looking at well over 100 feet here. The next step is to find out what will be required to get sewer in this location. Mr. Gastley picked back up with additional details of the park, stating that there is parking on either side of the tennis courts, 40'ish spots, and there is 90-degree parking on both sides of the park as well. Council Member Sally asked if all the parking spots would be asphalt? Mr. Gastley answered with that is what was in plan, but this is something that we could look into. Council Member Hedgpeth asked where do we stand right now, with the way things are right now? Mr. Gastley said that we aren't sure. They haven't run numbers yet. Council Member Sally asked how big the Concession stand was and asked if it had a full kitchen. Mr. Gastley said that there won't be a full kitchen as the way it stands right now. He said once you go full kitchen, you run into more permits and codes (i.e. stove hood, etc.). Instead, the Concessions would have a cooler to keep drinks cold, basic refrigerator and microwave, etc. It is more of a warmer-style kitchen. Council Member Sally said that he remembered hearing at the last meeting, someone asking about the pavilions having closer parking because who wants to carry multiple coolers, etc. when they're hosting a picnic or whatnot. Mr. Gastley said that we could move the pavilions around some, to make them closer to parking. He sees that that could be an issue. Mayor Pro Tem Chandler asked if there will be power in these pavilions. He went on to talk about the issues at the Amphitheater that we are already having to upgrade. Jennifer Palmer was able to answer the question saying that the field require 3-phase lighting, so that will already be done, the tennis courts will also have 3-phase lighting. Mayor Rainwater asked if there is any shade or shelter. Jennifer Palmer said that there are shade structures. Council Member Sally said that he thinks that the fields should be used for games, not just practice fields. Mr. Gastley said that ultimately, we want the park to be what we want. We need to finish design and start with permits. He would like to shoot for next summer for the laying of the sod. There is a 10 month wait to get permit with DHEC. Council Member Sally asked how much wiggle room we have and when will we see a breakdown of costs. Mr. Gastley said that there isn't much time for wiggle room and as for a breakdown, he knows some of the prices off the top of his head from doing other similar projects. He knows the synthetic sod will be about a million dollars.

Mayor Pro Tem Chandler asked if this would be completed in phases. Mr. Gastley said that is ultimately up to us and how much of a blow we can endure at once. Council Member Hedgpeth asked if they needed to take action tonight to decide because they won't meet again for a month, and we are being told we only have about a 2-3-week wiggle room gap. Council Member Sally said that we are not ready. They still don't know what the District (BCSD) is willing to do, nor do we know about seating (bleachers), etc. Mayor Rainwater said that she knows that the District is working to get us more information. Mayor Rainwater asked if there were any other questions. None were asked. Mike Cochran said that he would email the PDF file of the conceptual design to the council. Mayor Rainwater asked for Mike Cochran to give his findings on the research done regarding water features at the 53-Acre Park. He said that his findings for a 1000 sq ft splash pad with 5' buffer would be about \$175K or \$265K for a water feature that captures and recycles the water to reuse it. The price for a Junior Olympic Pool would be \$300-\$400K, and to add heating would be an additional \$40K. To maintain the pool looks to be around \$100K/year and this is for chemicals, lifeguards, etc. Council Member Owens asked how many HOA pools are there in Tanner. The answer was 4 HOA pools.

NEW BUSINESS

A. None

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Ray Blakenship of 5200 Mabeline Road said that he is not a stranger to us and that we have pretty much come to an agreement on the right-away along his property. He has given all of his information (measurements) to his attorneys. He said when he took another look, the way that his property lies, the 24' right-away extends on his property a total of 10' now. He asked for it to be moved back 2', which would allow him room to put in the security/privacy fence; as quickly as possible. He has had items stolen from his property and he is just asking for 2' and that would make all the difference. Council Member Sally asked how close is it to your building? Mr. Blakenship said that it is just 4' from my garage workshop. Everyone agreed that was too close and Council Member Sally pointed out that it doesn't even flow with the Building and Codes 5' rule, so this should be in your favor. Mayor Pro Tem Chandler asked if we can narrow the plan on the sidewalk from 6' to 4' in the area around Mr. Blakenship's property. Mike Cochran said that we will definitely look into this for him.

- Danielle Reed of 1225 Yeamans Hall said that she would like to know who to contact as her driveway is all mucked up from the trucks. She has chunks of concrete missing and now she is also dealing with flooding in her driveway. Mike Cochran said that he just drove by there and saw it and has already addressed this.
- Nick Bako of 1054 Yeamans Hall came back up to finish addressing his issue of Yeamans Hall Road. He handed out a handmade button for each of the council, which read "Make YHR Great Again". Once he gave out the buttons, he said that's all he wants; he just wants Yeamans Hall Road to be great again. The issues are we don't have sidewalks, we don't have bike paths, there is no ease of access to get out their driveway, speeding, and large 18-wheeler trucks. He repeated that he has signed petitions and that we all already know this. He handed everyone a copy. The other issues are that I've talked to the Mayor, Council, and Police and hasn't gotten anywhere. His only course is to go one step higher than them. He said that he is fed up with the non-residential people that fly thru there. He wants people to just do the speed limit. He would like for there to be a speed reduction done or perhaps a sign put in place that states it is a snake/windy road; which may promote people to drive slower and more cautiously. Mr. Bako asked about the signs posted stating "no more than 6 wheels" and "no more than 8 wheels". He went on to say that he has to our work, the work that we should be doing. Mr. Bako said that he was out picking up trash by his property line, when he got a horn beeped at him about 5 or 6 times. He said it was Berkeley County honking at him. He said that he got in front of their car and got a citation for Pedestrian in Roadway. He has already gone to court for this and the case was dismissed. Mayor Rainwater asked that he start wrapping up his comments, to which he just kept on talking. Mr. Bako went on to say that his mailbox has been 5 or more times and he has incident reports on them. He said that he has given license plate numbers to the police with cars that pass him on Railroad Avenue. Continued with saying these issues have been going on forever, when Council Member Sally said that it has always been a busy road, as it is a vital artery through our city. He said it's the same on Murray and on North Rhett. Council Member Sally went on to say that, that is why we have hired so many police officers to patrol, because we can't. Mayor Rainwater told Mr. Bako that the police drove by his house 960 times in one month, so they are very much present; and she thanked him for his time. She also said that she has personally called Senator Grooms on his behalf. Mr. Bako's response was that he is going to the state. Mayor Rainwater replied by telling Mr. Bako that's probably best, as that is a state road. Mr. Bako asked if they would still meet tonight after the meeting and the Mayor and council told him yes.

- Gail Tisdale of 1263 Redeemer said that she may have a stupid question, but she wanted to know if anyone has done any kind of study to see where the concrete is going? Council Member Sally answered with that is why we have a giant ditch that is empty. That's why we have all these wetland ponds at the new park.
- John Harkness of 1036 Dominion Drive said that his wife was involved in a small accident. A guy on a motorcycle was doing 40mph on Yeamans Hall; he did not have his headlight on, and Mrs. Harkness pulled out in front of him. She didn't see him because he didn't have his headlight on. Mr. Harkness was told by the officer that it didn't matter if he was going 100mph, Mrs. Harkness would have still been at fault as he was hit from behind. This was the motorcyclists second accident in a weeks' time.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The following is the monthly update and report on projects and activities:

1. Boat Landing Boardwalk – It is still pending the DHEC permit.
2. Village Renaissance Grant – The engineering work has been commenced. Route had to be revised and we are awaiting an environmental review. It is in process.
3. Flooding Turkey Creek – The Army Corps will be presenting an update in September. They can't come before September. Mayor Pro Tem Chandler asked Mike Cochran if he could check with Army Corps in September, to get on their list now, so we don't have to wait another year. Mike Cochran said that he would look into this. Mike Cochran continued with his report for Turkey Creek and said that the county will be by to get the wood/trees that were left behind, as time permits. The county has done as much as it can without damaging the protected areas. They will await the Army Corps of Engineers direction.
4. Downtown Revitalization – Mike Cochran said that he has a meeting with them tomorrow and the staff is conducting weekly meetings with all stakeholders to work through issues and continue with progress. Underground work is at 97% completion. We are awaiting numbers (\$) for the lighting of this project.
5. Railroad Avenue – The project is pending action by the SCDOT and is on track to begin late 2019.
6. Rezoning on Yeamans Hall Road – The Planning Commission met last week for an advertised public meeting to rezone 7 properties from Residential Single Moderate to Towne Center. This will come before the council next month. The recommendation was favorable to make it zoned as Town Center.
7. Walking Trail – COG is working on this for us and it is in process.
8. Employee Update – Public Works employee, Ryan Bartlee was caught on video by an elderly lady's caretaker, running to grab her trash can and return it; all while dancing, waving, and smiling at her. This absolutely made her day. Mike Cochran

said that this is what we love to hear! Additionally, Building & Codes has hired a new Permit Clerk. Her name is Denise Porter and she comes to us from Charleston County. Rose has moved back upstairs to Police Records now. Additionally, Mike Cochran wanted to give commendation on Battalion Chief Langan, as he helped assist long time resident, HL Dukes with changing his flat tire after he came to City Hall to drop off his vacation watch paperwork and he hit a curb.

Additional Notes/Dates: City Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.

C. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Council Member Owens said that he wanted to thank everyone who had a part of the Budget and the late-night meetings. He said for those who don't know what all it entails to run budget; it is tedious, and we had some late nights. Council Member Owens went on to thank Randy for letting him be a part of his volleyball program, and he congratulated Doug Rogers on his 4th place win at the Steak Cookoff. He said Doug is a great cook.
2. Mayor Rainwater said that she also wanted to commend Battalion Chief Langan for his assistance with Mr. HL Dukes. She also congratulated Larry Sturdivant for making him officially official now.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss tonight, Council Member Sally made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Huff, Clerk of Council

ATTEST:

Mayor Christie Rainwater