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**Minutes from May 14, 2019**  
**Regular City Council Meeting 6:30pm**  
**Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers 1255 Yeamans Hall Road, Hanahan, SC 29410**

A regular meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on Tuesday, May 14, 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 to the Post and Courier. Mayor Christie Rainwater presided. Council Members present at tonight's meeting were Dan Owens, Jeff Chandler, Kevin Hedgpeth, and Joel Hodges. Mike Sally was not in attendance tonight, as he was in DC for a Realtors Conference. Mike Dyson was also not in attendance for tonight's meeting. 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, Hilary VanOrsdel - HR, Larry Sturdivant – Building & Codes, Joe Gill – Public Works, Doug Rogers – Senior Center, Kim Peters – Senior Center, Bo Bowers – Fire Chief, Dennis Turner – Police Chief, Kristy Duffy – Finance, Randy Moneymaker – Rec Dept., Jeff Hajek – Building & Codes, Tyler Dempsey - Building & Codes,

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rainwater called the Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Wendy Hudson-Jacoby, from Two Rivers Church led us in the invocation for tonight.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## RECOGNITIONS

- A. Fire Chief, Bo Bowers, swore in our new firefighter/EMT, **Steven Fogle**. Fogle is originally from Orangeburg (Pope), SC and attended Edisto High School. He moved to New Hampshire, where he served as a firefighter/EMT for 3 years with the Milford Fire Department. His girlfriend, Amanda Prichard was holding the Bible as he was sworn in. Welcome firefighter/EMT Fogle to the City of Hanahan.
- B. Mayor Rainwater presented the student winners of “*What It Means to be a Difference Maker*” art contest. The winners were **Maggie Priddy**, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Hanahan Elementary School, **Amira Pidlaoan**, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Bowen’s Corner Elementary, **Izzabella Klenk**, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader from Hanahan Middle School, and **Veronica Ivaguirre-Espinal**, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader from Hanahan High School. Each student got to tell us about their artwork. The Mayor said that the student’s artwork is typically on display in her office, but we brought it down tonight to be showcased. These students were presented with certificates for their outstanding work and had their pictures taken, while holding their artwork with the Mayor and their school Principal and/or Art Teacher. At the end of the year, they will get their artwork back and a new contest will begin. The winners from that contest, will also get the chance to have their artwork hung in the Mayor’s office.
- C. Council Member Chandler read the Peace Officer’s Memorial Day Proclamation to declare May 15, 2019 as “Peace Officer’s Memorial Day”. All flags are to be flown at half staff during this time. A motion was made by Council Member Hedgpeth to declare May 15, 2019 as Peace Officer’s Memorial Day and Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Council Member Owens read the Proclamation for 2019 Municipal Clerk’s Month. A motion was made by Council Member Owens to declare May 2019 as Municipal Clerk’s Month. A second was made by Council Member Hodges. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. Council Member Hedgpeth read the Proclamation for Building Safety Month. The staff and City Administrator recommended declaring May 2019 as Building Safety Month in the City of Hanahan. A motion was made by Council Member Owens for declaring May 2019 as Building Safety Month. A second was made by Council Member Hedgpeth. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. Council Member Hodges read the Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week. A proclamation was submitted to declare May 21-27, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Hanahan. The Mayor noted that we have a group of Emergency Medical present at tonight's meeting and she thanked them. A motion was made by Council Member Owens to declare May 21-27, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Chandler. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. Mayor Rainwater read the Proclamation for Foster Care Month and recognized foster care providers as Citizens of the Month, whom were present at tonight's meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Hedgpeth to declare May 2019 as Foster Care Month in the City of Hanahan. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. The Mayor stated that this subject is very near and dear to her heart.
- H. Mayor Rainwater recognized Kim Peters for her 11 years of service with City Hall, during that time, 9 ½ of those years, were served as the Clerk of Court. Kim has recently taken a new position at the Senior Center and has been doing a remarkable job. Thank you, Kim, for your service. Kim was awarded a certificate for her years of service and a bouquet of flowers. Kim got her picture taken with the Mayor and Council Members.
- I. Fire Chief Bo Bowers recognized our Employee of the Month, Raymond Varner. He said that he came from Pineridge Fire Department. Chief Bowers said that he goes above and beyond his duties as a firefighter/EMT. He also said that he is eager to work, is always happy, keeps busy, and hopes for more firefighters/EMT's like Raymond. Raymond was awarded a certificate for Employee of the Month, along with a gift card. A picture was taken with Raymond, Chief Bowers, the Mayor, and the Council members.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- Jean Lauver of 1061 Stonehenge Drive stated that she thinks that Hanahan is a pristine community, is very friendly, trustworthy, with not much crime. She said there's just not much to complain about but feels that the hens have caused a big stir in the community. She is not for the hens at all and said that HOA's have everyone covered in Tanner and Otranto, but those with HOA's aren't covered and feels that until everyone can be covered the same, she is against the hens.
- Johnnie Harkness of 1036 Dominion Drive asked when and in what publication was this public hearing advertised? Asked if a 15 days' notice was given/published? He wants the dates, officially.
- With no other 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 May 14, 2019 Consent Agenda are:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the April 9, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the April 9, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Hodges second the motion. There was no discussion, all were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Approval to purchase 150 water park passes from Charleston County Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$12,756.00 for the 2019 Summer Camp.

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the purchase of 150 water park passes. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. Council Member Owens asked if this was the same number of passes that we purchased last year for summer camp and Randy Moneymaker said yes, it was the same amount (150). All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss Ordinance # 3-2019- Amendment to Sec. 6-3, 6-4, and 6-5 – Keeping of Domestic Fowls and Coop Requirements and vote on the Introduction and First Reading of this Ordinance. Council Member Owens made a motion to have a public hearing to discuss this Ordinance. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Citizens Comments for Public Hearing**

- Charles Hehn of 1231 Fort Drive said that he sees where the problems could be caused when these birds come into our city limits, as they are farm animals. He doesn't understand how the city will afford a lawsuit if we were to be sued if other farm animals were permitted.
- Nora Futrell of 1143 Brookside Drive said that she won't give her opinion on the hens, rather she only has questions. She said that she didn't understand if this was a vote, and if it is a vote; she feels that all the Council Members should have to be present to vote. She said that this has been embarrassing for Hanahan and she doesn't feel that the people who live within an HOA, fully understand how hard it is to set up a rule change. Most of what she has seen is that most people have two fields to climb. She went on to say that if this comes down to a vote today, her hopes were that all were present.

- The Mayor chimed in and said that the Public Hearing is for us to give the public information on what is going on and to keep everyone informed.
- Jean Lauver returned to the podium to once again voice her concern over the hens. She said that she will be certain that in her Will, it states that no hens will be allowed at 1061 Stonehenge Drive.
- Thomas Cummings of 1417 Grackle Court took the podium and said that he is here to support the hens. He is here to discuss the Ordinance that he read over. He said that it is a strict ordinance and it should be followed just like you would care for any other animal that you would own.
- Kelly Atkinson of 1901 Wild Indigo Way said that she is the one who started this. She said that it had to pass with Berkeley County first and then Hanahan. She said that she fostered hens and fell in love with them. They help with gardens and keep bugs away. She went on to say that her 93lb Boxer would cause a bigger headache than her 3lb hen, which she no longer has; as it was removed from her residence. She said that this has been a headache and a blessing, and she thanked everyone for their support. She's not done fighting for the hens.
- Courtney Martin of 1030 Dominion Drive took the podium next and said that we have to change and adapt and that we need to educate ourselves and learn the rules/laws. She closed with a shout with Hens for Hanahan.
- The Mayor asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing, and Council Member Owens made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.
- The Mayor asked if she had a motion to approve and no one answered. Council Member Owens asked for her the motion to be reworded. Council Member Owens made a motion to approve Ordinance #3-2019 - Amendment to Sec. 6-3, 6-4, and 6-5 – Keeping of Domestic Fowls and Coop Requirements and vote on the Introduction and First Reading of this Ordinance. Council Member Hodges second the motion. Council Member Hedgpeth asked who would responsible for enforcing this Ordinance and Cochran replied that Animal Control would be. Council Member Hedgpeth then asked regarding Section 6.5B of Coop Requirements, are building permits going to be required? Cochran answered with no; a building permit won't be required. It is more like a basic doghouse, so a permit would not be needed as long set up requirements were met. Council Member Hedgpeth asked about the \$20 annual permit fee? Cochran replied that the \$20 annual fee is per address, not per hen and it is more of an administrator fee; which is very minimal.
- Council Member Owens asked what is the next step if this Ordinance does not pass tonight? Cochran said that it would be a year before it could be brought back before the Council.

- Mayor Pro Tem Chandler asked about the written permission form being obtained from adjacent property owners whom share a property line with the applicant. He said that this would allow your neighbors know about the hens and leaves it up to your neighbor for approving you getting hens.
- Mayor Rainwater said that we've done lots of research with other cities. There have been plenty of emails, calls, and voice of concern for both sides. There are a lot of people for it and a lot against it. She said that it's a pretty good place to live if this is our biggest issue.
- Council Member Owen stated that no one up here has gone at this issue close minded. We have listened to it for 6-8 months. He said that he sees hundreds of posts on social media. He said that it's sad that this is the biggest issue in Hanahan. He thanked Jeff Hajek for constructing this Ordinance. Owens went on to say that when we vote, we have taken the time to research as this is for the whole community.
- Council Member Hedgpeth jokingly said that if people want to do a Google search on his computer history, it would look as if he had some sick fetish with hens. He said that he is torn against this, but with the way it is written, he can't support it.
- Mayor Rainwater asked for Roll Call and a vote was taken. Mayor Rainwater voted yes, and all others voted no. The motion was denied with a 4-1 vote.

#### Meeting Opened for Citizens Comments

- Felicia Newberry with Troop 409 Fundraising Committee spoke about the spaghetti dinner @ Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church that will be held on 5/26 from 12:00-2:00. Dinners are \$8 and the proceeds will purchase new tents, kitchen supplies, and other needs for our scouts/troop.
- Danielle Woodford of 1225 Yeamans Hall had a question with the way the Ordinance was written. She wanted feedback against the naysayers and the other municipalities around us. Council Member Owens answer was that he looked to it as would it benefit the community? He said that most people were against it and he knows that people already have hens illegally. He went on to say that he stands by his decision whether it was 2, 3 or 5% vote. His biggest issue was the number of people in Hanahan that were already breaking the ordinance. Danielle then said that the Council is punishing those who are following the law. She said that we cannot petition our HOA's until the City changes its law.
- Council Member Owen replied with him saying that he sticks with his decision of this being more of a want, rather than a need. It doesn't kill it forever, it's only for a year.

- Council Member Hedgpeth said that he has sat out here for many council meetings. It is different to be up here, as we must think for the entire city. His issue is knowing that animal control would have to take on this task, knowing that they only work weekdays; Monday – Friday, during the day. He couldn't think of having the police have to take these calls when Animal Control was off.
- Mayor Rainwater said that she reached out to a lot of cities. One being Mt. Pleasant whom said they only had 6 complaints for the whole year. She said that she thought we could handle this with our own Police Department.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- John Snowden of 1000 Riverview Drive said that this is first Council Meeting. He doesn't have chickens, but he lived in Dunes West for over 10 years with a rule book of over 150 pages. He has lived in Hanahan now for 35 years now. He is opposed to setting up a lot more rules that one must follow. He is concerned with rules and rules and more rules.
- Darrell Burdick of 1245 Belvedere Drive said that he was a Veteran and he believes in freedom. He said chickens don't mean anything to me. He's been in Hanahan for 50 years. What he has found if there is a problem, go talk to them. I'm a Trump man. It doesn't take many people to take God out of the schools or to legalize abortion. We should look at taking some of the rules out. We don't need any new rules. He said that he has been cited before by Larry and he will try not to be cited in the future. He thinks that everyone should have held off on voting tonight as there is going to be more chickens after tonight.
- Dana Landis of 7402 Painted Bunting Way said that social media will now probably be even stronger now. When do we get to have a voice?
- Council Member Owens said that I think that your misunderstood. We have been talking about this for a year.
- Council Member Hedgpeth said that he wasn't saying that no one had the time to read the Ordinance as it was only a ½ page. We got them on Friday, but I just made my mind up tonight while sitting here. I was torn.
- Dana Landis spoke again and said that she can't get her HOA because it can't get passed Council.
- Jean Lauver spoke again and said to not let this fester for again for another year. The best thing I saw is that if you don't want the chickens, don't sign the papers and if you don't want to live here, leave. Say how you feel and fight for it.
- Kristy Schumaker of 1244 Greenfield Place said that if we bring this up again in a year, what else can we do, to have hormone free, healthy eggs? It's simple, 2 chickens. She doesn't understand the issue. All change is not always good.
- Charles Hehn spoke again, and he said that the part in the Ordinance about the neighbors having a say and not signing the form, isn't fair for everyone.

- Roger Tisdale of 1263 Redeemer Drive said he didn't care about the chickens. He wanted to know who was going to help him fill up sandbags. It's a big issue and it's on Turkey Creek. He said that a little work has been done but that didn't do much other than clean out some garbage. Debris is still down behind his house. He has a serious issue with flooding and the Council needs to address the real problem – the flooding.
- Council Member Owens said that you are right. This is a serious issue. The cleaning out that we've done should help some though. This has been a 2-year project and is ongoing with Army Corps of Engineers.
- Mayor Rainwater said that this may not seem like a hot topic like the chickens which has been loud. The flooding is the most important thing. However, this is ongoing and do monthly updates.
- Roger Tisdale said that he would like the monthly reports/updates that the Mayor spoke about.
- Kelly Adkinson spoke again, and she thanked City Council. She knows that this will be an uphill battle, but she is willing to lead the fight.

A. City Administrator's Report

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

1. Boat Landing Boardwalk – Is still pending the DHEC permit. Met with Dominion Energy & architects on site to discuss potential issues with monopole placement in the future. Project is progressing.
2. Village Renaissance Grant – Meetings with the engineers were held and the project is progressing into the design phase.
3. Flooding Turkey Creek – this has been progressing. The county staff has been clearing as much as they can get to as the tides allow them access. Their objective is to get where everything removed, that is likely to fall into the water. Work is ongoing.
4. Downtown Revitalization – Progressing steadily. Substantial completion is still on track although some change orders have delayed the process due to complexity and location of some sub-surface infrastructure. The asbestos abatement is nearly complete.
5. Railroad Avenue – Met with 6 members of the SCDOT and Mr. Nelson at his property on Mabeline Road. The project is moving forward pending SCDOT getting the contract this September.
6. 53-Acre Park – Met with architects and reviewed preliminary plans. They continue to work on the design. The advised that there is a 10-month permitting time once the final design is approved. This is an ongoing project.



*(Continued from City Administrator's Report)*

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

- Party with Morgan Wallen – Amphitheater, Saturday, May 18 6:00pm
- Budget Workshop – Wednesday, May 22 5:30pm
- Employee Appreciation Luncheon – Thursday, May 23 11:30-1:30pm
- Offices Closed – Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day
- First Reading of Budget – Special Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 29 6:30pm
- Lunch Buddies End of the Year Picnic – Thursday, May 30
- Music Jam – Amphitheater, Saturday, June 1

B. Mayor and Council Comments

1. Council Member Owens said that he wanted to call out the Chiefs of Hanahan for the money that they raised for the Carolina Children's' Charity. He also thanked everyone who gave/donated their money. He said that the money collected stays here with children in the TriCounty area.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Chandler took this time to thank Kim Peters for her 11 years of service.
3. Mayor Rainwater said that she wanted to bring recognition to the 11 first responders with their life saving accommodations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss tonight, Council Member Owens made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Emily S. Huff, Clerk of Council

ATTEST:

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Mayor Christie Rainwater