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KEVIN HEDGPETH
JOEL HODGES
DAN OWENS
MICHAEL SALLY

**Hanahan City Council
Minutes from March 12, 2019
Regular City Council Meeting
Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers
1255 Yeamans Hall Road, Hanahan, SC 29410
6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of Hanahan City Council was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in the Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers at 1255 Yeamans Hall Road in Hanahan at 6:30 p.m. 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 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. Council Member Mike Dyson and Council Member Michael Sally were not present. We had a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Staff Members that signed the visitor's log were: Mike Cochran, City Administrator, Kim Peters, Clerk of Council, Jon Ellwood, IT, Dennis Turner, Police Chief, Bo Bowers, Fire Chief, Larry Sturdivant, Building Official, Jeff Hajek, City Planner and Economic Development Director, Kristy Duffy, Finance Director, Hilary VanOrsdel, HR, Joe Gill, Public Works, Shaine Beal, Building and Codes, Randy Moneymaker, Recreation Director, and Doug Rogers, Recreation Department.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rainwater called the Tuesday, March 12, 2019 regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Owens led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

RECOGNITIONS

- A. Chief Dennis Turner swore in our new police officer, Jonathan Ayer. Officer Ayer is from Charleston. He graduated from West Ashley High School. Officer Ayer started his police career at the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program. He graduated from Trident Technical College in 2017. Welcome Officer Ayer to the City of Hanahan.
- B. Mike Cochran, City Administrator presented Randy Moneymaker with his 15-year service recognition pin. Mr. Cochran thanked Randy for his outstanding work as our Recreation Director.
- C. Mayor Rainwater recognized Lance Harrelson as the March 2019 Citizen of the Month. Lance is a recent Eagle Scout recipient from Scout Troop 409 in Hanahan.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Johnnie Harkness, 1036 Dominion Drive said at the February 12, 2019 Council Meeting that City Council did not let Citizens speak during the Public Hearing for the proposed Ordinances. Mr. Harkness said this was illegal.
- Mayor Rainwater said that citizens had a chance to speak during the 2 public comment sections of the Agenda.
- Mr. Harkness said that state law requires that they be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing section of the meeting.
- Mayor Rainwater asked to see the law Mr. Harkness had printed out to read what he was referring to.
- Mr. Harkness said he had called MASC to check out his information. He told Mayor Rainwater that city council was here to represent the citizens and that he should not have to stand there and tell them how to do their job.
- Mayor Rainwater stated again that citizens had two separate opportunities to speak during the meeting.

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 March 12, 2019 Consent Agenda are:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the February 12, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the March 12, 2019 Consent Agenda. Council Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler second the motion. Council Member Hodges abstained. All others voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 2nd reading of Ordinance # 1-2019 – Because of Mr. Harkness’s previous comments, Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler made a motion to table the 2nd Reading of Ordinance # 1-2019 until legal advice was received. Council Member Hodges second the motion. Mr. Harkness said he would drive to Columbia to report the City if they did a 2nd vote. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. 2nd reading of Ordinance # 2-2019 – Because of Mr. Harkness’s previous comments, Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler made a motion to table the 2nd Reading of Ordinance # 2-2019 until legal advice was received. Council Member Hodges second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Jeff Hajek presented Resolution # 2-2019 - updates of the Comprehensive Plan. This Resolution does not need a public hearing. Council Member Owens made a motion to approve Resolution # 2-2019. Council Member Hedgpeth second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. Council Member Owens thanked the Planning Commission for all their hard work on the comprehensive plan updates. He asked the members of the Planning Commission to stand and be recognized.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Jeff Hajek explained that Council Member Sally and himself had held interviews for the empty seats on the Design Control Committee. Staff recommended the reappointment of Joey Peters for another 4-year term and to appoint Danielle Woodford and Jamie Hairfield to a 4-year term on the Design Control Committee. Council Member Owens made a motion to appoint Joey Peters, Danielle Woodford and Jamie Hairfield to serve a 4-year term on the Design Control Committee. Council Member Hodges second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Mike Cochran, City Administrator explained the Cooperative Agreement with Berkeley County for Urban County Entitlement Status. Council Member Owens asked for clarification as to how the division of money worked. Mr. Cochran said there was a certain amount of money available for different projects. If the City received any money, it was reported to Berkeley County and was recorded by their recording marshal. Mayor Rainwater asked if we got a seat on the decision committee. Mr. Cochran said yes along with a Berkeley County Council seat. Council Member Owens asked if we don’t use the money one year would it still be available for any projects the next year. Mr. Cochran it would be available for the 5 years of the agreement. Council Member Hedgpeth made a motion for the City of Hanahan to approve this agreement. Council Member Owens second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried 5-0. The agreement will go into effect the beginning the FY 2020 through FY 2025.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

A. Citizens Comments

- Bessie Crume, 1306 Williams Lane thanked Ms. Patty and Mayor Rainwater for coming to her church service. She invited everyone to attend whenever possible.
- Danielle Woodford, 1225 Yeamans Hall Road said she understands the complaints and concerns of hens. She said she worked with the CDC at MUSC and there are 1.2 million cases of salmonella outbreaks each year. She said only 212 of these cases are related to hens. She mentioned if you wash your hands salmonella would not be a problem. She said you can't fix stupid. Ms. Woodford said that even if passed not everyone would run out and get hens. She mentioned an online petition and said that 2.5% of people in Hanahan had signed this petition. She mentioned that in 2016 the city amended the fireworks ordinance and feels like it is a reasonable request to amend it for hens.
- Courtney Martin, 1030 Dominion Drive said she signed the petition but would not go out and buy chickens if passed. She just wanted her friends to be able to get them if they want them.
- Jim Rowan, 1409 Cooper's Hawk Drive had a hand out for council about disease control and hens. He is opposed to changing the ordinance to allow chickens. He saw the facebook page inviting everyone pro chicken to attend the meeting. He came to give his side. He spoke about his issues with chickens in residential communities, about salmonella and the risks of illnesses to young children that handle chickens. He said that fireworks had nothing to do with the chicken ordinance being changed. He said he had lived in Hanahan for 15 years and moved here because it was a nice community. He asked why the pro chicken people would move to Hanahan if you knew you could not have chickens.
- Kelly Atkinson, 1901 Wild Indigo Lane said she had lived in Hanahan for 30 years. She said she was missing t-ball to be here tonight to fight for chickens. She said that you can find salmonella in grocery stores, but they did not ban chickens in grocery stores. She said if you wash your hands and feet and do not wear your shoes inside then chicken poop would not be a problem. She compared Hens to dogs and dog bites and rabies vs salmonella and said that Hanahan allows dogs so they should allow hens.
- Jim Rowan spoke again about the petition and said that not all that signed it were Hanahan residents. He said they were trying to hoodwink city council. He said that council had a big decision to make and to make is wisely.

- Forest Gibbs, 1059 Stonehenge Drive said that we needed to know about the history of Hanahan. He said it use to be called Gibbs Parish, named after his family. Mr. Gibbs said when Hanahan was a rural area any animal was fine to own like rabbits, horses and hens. He said he did not see what the problem was with having them now. He also mentioned that the Governor's mansion in Atlanta has chickens.
- Kathy Basnett, 5909 Murray Drive said the dogs in her neighborhood were worse than any chickens would be and that her neighbor's pool cause so many mosquitos and said she supports chickens. She said that Codes needs to be on top of more issues than chickens.
- Bessie Crume, 1306 Williams Lane said that before rezoning people could have chickens but that she never had chickens.
- Jean Lauver, 1061 Stonehenge said they had gotten codes to get rid of a pig in her neighborhood and said with no zoning people can do anything they want. (junk in yards, tall grass etc.) She asked council to put an Ordinance in place to protect the residents. She said that Hanahan is a pristine community so why infect it with salmonella and chickens. She said that one of her relatives had lost sign in one eye because a speck of dried bird poop got in her eye. She asked that we not infect the city with more poop. She said that when most people walk their dogs, they carry a poop bag with them. She said the hen issue had been going on for months and for council to do "you know what" or get off the pot. She said the hen issue was causing a division in Hanahan. She said to say yes or no and to stop this insanity. She asked that council decide soon.
- Francis Burgess, 1243 Woodside Drive said she has Lupus and needed to raise chickens so she could have nonbleached eggs for protein. She said she could not afford to buy nonbleached eggs in the store. She asked that council listen to the people. She asked that council take the facts and decide and to look at the fact when they make a decision.
- Neil Desmond, 1906 Wild Indigo Way said he has worked on a commercial chicken farm and had never heard of anyone getting sick from chickens. He said he did not see that owning four chickens would harm anyone.
- Mrs. Desmond, 1906 Wild Indigo Way said she wanted healthy choices and was yes for Hens for Hanahan.
- Victor Coon, 1425 Coopers Hawk said he has listened to everyone tonight and was worried how allowing chickens would be monitored. He said our community needed to work together. That nothing would be perfect. He also mentioned his concern for water contamination from chicken poop in our reservoir. He said this

- would be a challenge, but his main concern was how the chickens would be monitored.
- Gail Tisdale, 1263 Redeemer, said her main concern was not chickens but the continued flooding problem in Hanahan and specifically the downed trees in Turkey Creek.

B. City Administrator's Report

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

1. Boat Landing Boardwalk – The preliminary design was completed and submitted to the Army Corps. ACOE permit is expected to take 120 days.
2. Village Renaissance Grant – STANTEC is working on the engineering design and wetlands examination. Asbestos testing is being done on target properties. Project is proceeding.
3. Flooding Turkey Creek – ACOE hydrologist and GIS technicians were on site in early March. County surveyors were on scene last week marking property lines. County Stormwater has the limb and debris removal project on their list. ACOE has been contacted and they say the study is progressing.
4. Down town Revitalization – all right-of-way issues have been cleared up. Work continues on sidewalks, drainage and curbing. Water offsets are almost done. Mast arms near Blackwell's Hardware are being installed. Asbestos removal from the white cottages will begin in March. Work is continuing steadily.
5. 53 Acre Park – Surveyors were out on site early in March to reassess the areas identified as wetlands. While official report is forthcoming, some lands have been reclassified as non-jurisdictional. This will be helpful as we proceed. Design phase can proceed once the wetlands information is in place.
6. Railroad Avenue – This project is pending action by the SCDOT but it is on track to begin late 2019.

Notes:

Bike Rodeo – 3/16 at Hanahan Middle School

Lunch Buddies – 3/21

Keep Hanahan Beautiful Clean Up – 3/27

Movie in the Park and Easter Egg Hunt – 4/13

Spring Concert @ Amphitheatre

Office Closed for Good Friday – 4/19

C. Mayor and City Council Comments

- Council Member Hedgpeth wanted to wish his wife a Happy Anniversary. He mentioned that he was missing t-ball as well to fulfill his duties as a city council member. He asked for patience from everyone as council tries to work out the hen issues. He said they were elected to represent the citizens and will do so to the best of their ability. He asked that they take it easy on one another in person and on Facebook. He asked Jon Ellwood if they could create a bullet e-mail.
- Jon Ellwood said this could be done.
- Council Member Hedgpeth said he was looking forward to the opening day Jamboree on April 6th.
- Council Member Owens said that after listening tonight for the most part everyone was being cordial. He said he had seen lots of uncordial behavior about hens on facebook. He said no matter if you are for hens or against hens that council would look at the facts. He said this issue was not a quick fix. There were a lot of moving part that needed to be done in a certain order. He said for everyone to remember that the change in a hen Ordinance would not affect the bylaws of a HOA. He said that the number of people that signed the Pro hen petition only represented 2.5% of the population. He asked that the citizens give council time to do research so they can make the right decision.
- Mayor Rainwater said she had done research on the hens and has reached out to 7 municipalities. She asked that people be patient about the challenges that this subject is causing city staff. She asked for more time to contact additional municipalities. She said she appreciated each and everyone's opinion and said it was their job to represent everyone.
- Council Member Hodges said he would like to know what our animal control officer Karen Hagood had to say on the subject. He also said that the flooding problem was just as important and wanted this to be a top concern as well.
- Council Member Hedgpeth said we needed to reach out to Goose Creek and see why their hen Ordinance was voted down.
- Mr. Harkness chose this time to stand up and announce that a long time Hanahan resident Pat Cadell had passed away.

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 8:10 p.m.

The next regular City Council Meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberley C. Peters, Clerk of Council

ATTEST:

Mayor Christie Rainwater