**Minutes from September 13, 2022**

**Hanahan Council Meeting - 6:30PM**

**Debbie Lewis Municipal Chambers**

**1255 Yeamans Hall Road Hanahan, SC 29410**

A City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 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, Council Member Dyson, and Council Member Chandler. Council Member Boggs, Council Member Sally, and Council Member Spurlock were all absent tonight. We had a quorum for tonight’s meeting.

Staff members that were present were: Courtney Soler – Interim City Administrator, Lee Bailey – Interim Fire Chief, Danny Stewart – Parks & Recreation Director, Larry Sturdivant – Building & Codes, Lee Lawson – City Planner, Lieutenant Cassie Brooks, Gale Dollar – Clerk of Court, Tyler Dempsey – IT, Wynette DeGroot – HR Director, Allyson Driggers – City Treasurer, and Emily Huff – Clerk of Council.

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rainwater called the Tuesday, September 13, 2022, City Council Meeting to order at 6:32pm.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Pastor Josh Driscoll of Highland Park Baptist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Chandler led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITIONS**

1. **Employee of the Month** – Mayor Rainwater asked for Courtney Soler, Interim City Administrator to come up as they present the September Employee of the Month award. Courtney nominated Emily Huff as Employee of the Month. She said that she nominated Emily because or her work on the city’s annual fundraiser, the Yeamans Hall Golf Tournament. From that fundraiser, $49k has been put towards the Bettis Boat Landing/Amphitheater over the years. That is a huge event for the city and Emily spearheads it solo. Mayor Rainwater then added that other than the City Administrator, Emily also helps keep her and Council in order with her organization. Emily’s family was in attendance. A certificate of appreciation and a gift card was presented to her, and pictures were taken with her family and Council.
2. **Citizens of the Month** – Mayor Rainwater and Courtney Soler, then presented the Citizens of the Month award for September to Ric and Jenn Shuffler. It was stated

this group had a desire to support their local law enforcement officers, so they have taken them under their wing by praying over them and with them once a month, blessing them with several meals, snacks, and supplies, along with giving toiletry bags, blankets, and socks for the officers to give out to the homeless. This group not only shows the love of Christ, but also provides such wonderful role models for our community by making a real difference in other’s lives, by supporting them, praying for them, and blessing them in different tangible ways. Some of the members (Mandy Brabham, Ric Rush, Jenn Shuffler, Stephanie Mitchell, and a few others) of their Small Group were in attendance tonight and a certificate of appreciation and “thank you for being so sweet” cookie bags were given to them. Pictures were taken with Council.

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1. **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation** – Mayor Rainwater asked Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth to read the Childhood Cancer Awareness Proclamation. The proclamation stated that the ACCO (American Childhood Cancer Organization) was founded in 1970 by parents of children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer and is the oldest and largest organization dedicated to the cause, and that 43 children are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. everyday. And about 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed each year. Almost 10% of children with cancer inherited a genetic mutation.

There are 483,000 childhood cancer survivors hence making Childhood Cancer Awareness Month so important as it raises awareness. The month is essential since many parents do not even know the types of cancers that can be found in children until it is too late. The month is crucial to collect funds for children who cannot afford treatment. The funds raised are also utilized for research. The month of September gives hope, as it highlights the number of children who survived after treatment. The ACCO encourages everyone to spread awareness for the cause by wearing a gold ribbon.

* *A motion to approve Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
* *A second was made by Council Member Chandler.*
* *There was no further discussion.*
* *The motion was called, and the vote was 5-0.*

*\*Tonight’s votes will reflect three (3) Council Members being absent.*

1. **Swearing In of New Firefighters** – Interim Fire Chief, Bailey joined Mayor Rainwater up for the swearing in our new firefighters:

Ethan Labelle – Ethan was born and raised in Coeur D Alene, Idaho. He is married with four kids. Prior to joining the Hanahan family, he was employed with Spirit Lake Fire Protection District achieving the rank of Captain. He and his family decided to leave Idaho and move to South Carolina for better opportunities for the kids, career development, and to get away from the snow. Ethan very much understands the importance of education. He holds a Bachelors in Fire Science, Associates in Criminal Justice, and multiple certifications in fire, EMS, and Hazardous Materials. Hobbies include enjoying hunting, hiking, fishing, and camping with his family.

Donald Thompson – Donald comes to join our Hanahan family from Boston, Massachusetts. He is a second-generation firefighter, his father being a ARFF for Joint Base Cape Cod in Massachusetts. He is fire certified, also, achieving an Associate in Fire Science from Cape Cod Community College, and achieved his EMT which he utilized full-time in Boston. He attended Bridgewater State University, receiving a Bachelor’s in Exercise Science and he likes to spend his free time in helping others achieve their fitness goals, even worked part-time as a strength and conditioning coach for college and professional athletes. He played hockey and baseball, and loves attending live music and sporting events.

Andrew Kahlil –Andrew is 22-years old and moved to his Hanahan family from North Brunswick, NJ. He was born in Egypt and moved to the United States when he was 6-years of age. In New Jersey, he joined North Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company #2 as a volunteer in August 2020. He was motivated to get into the fire service after losing his home to a fire. Through volunteer, he attended Somerset County Emergency Services Training Facility. He is certified in Firefighter 1, and Hazardous Materials Operations; and holds an Associates in Criminal Justice. He and his girlfriend of 4-years love exercising, playing with their two dogs, playing video games, and watching / playing basketball and football.

Justin Ciaccio – Justin comes to join our Hanahan family from Toms River New Jersey. In 2021 he began his path towards becoming a firefighter, starting as a volunteer at Toms River Fire Co. 2 Station 26. He also served his country in United States Marine Corps (USMC) and has a great passion to serve his community and country. He moved to South Carolina in hopes to start a career in the fire service. We are happy to have him begin his career with Hanahan and even more excited to have him join our family.

A group of men cutting a cake

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1. **Swearing In of New Police Officers** - Chief Turner then joined Mayor Rainwater for the swearing in of our new police officers:

Monique McCoy – Monique was born and raised in West Columbia, South Carolina and began her Law Enforcement Career in Columbia in 2013, where she worked for six years. After, relocating to Moncks Corner, she spent the next 3 ½ years with the Goose Creek Police Department. Monique enjoys spending time with her family and Goldendoodle, Kainon. She is excited to see what opportunities Hanahan has for her.

Robert Cincotta –Robert Cincotta began his career by serving the United States in the Marine Corps. Corporal Robert Cincotta is a combat veteran with one tour in Iraq. From there, he went on to serve a full career with the New York City Police Department. He held various positions within the NYPD where he gained experience in all levels of policing. Recently, he retired out of the Counter Terrorism Bureau where he played an integral role in the department. Robert decided to move his family to South Carolina for a better life. He couldn’t be more honored to serve the great people of Hanahan. Chief Turner wished to add that Officer Cincotta helped at Ground Zero on 9/11/2011.

Trey Davis -Officer Davis was born here in Charleston and served in the US Army prior to starting his career in law enforcement in 2006. His wife of 21 years is the lovely Stephanie Davis, who is a realtor, serving the Charleston area. The Davis’s have two amazing children, both of which graduated from Hanahan High School. Wil – a sophomore engineering student at Clemson and Savannah – a freshman Media Arts major and marching band member at USC. As a longtime resident of Hanahan, Officer Davis is excited for this opportunity and happy to be one of the newest members of the Hanahan family.

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1. **Swearing In of New Code Enforcement Officer** – Building Official, Larry Sturdivant then joined Mayor Rainwater for the swearing in of our new Code Enforcement Officer, James Bundo. Larry stated that James was formerly a Battalion Chief here at the city for three (3) years. He retired two (2) years ago and is thrilled to be back.

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**CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were none.

There were no other comments/questions.

There were no comments/questions that were submitted online.

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 September 13, 2022, Consent Agenda were:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the August 9, 2022, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of the Minutes from the August 23, 2022, Special City Council Meeting
3. Approval of Ladder Truck Repair
4. Approval of Irrigation Pump Repair

* *A motion to approve the items on the September 13, 2022,* *Consent Agenda, was made by Council Member Chandler.*
* *A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
* *There was no further discussion.*
* *The motion was called, and the vote was 5-0.*

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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance #1-2022** – Budget FY 22/23 (Amendment #1) - Mayor Rainwater invited Courtney Soler, City Administrator back up for the budget amendment presentation to which Courtney stated this amendment is just as discussed at the August 23, 2022, Special Meeting/Workshop – use ARPA Fund $990,276 and Capital Funds $437,325.

Budget Revenues Expenditures

ARPA Fund $990,276 $990,276 (revised amount)

Capital Funds $437,325 $437,325 (revised amount)

* Council Member Chandler asked if this would cover us covering the negative balance, to which Courtney, City Administrator replied yes, it would.
* Mayor Rainwater asked if we should anticipate changes with the Steward Street Park, to which Courtney replied we don’t have anything with Steward Street Park just yet, as it is in the permitting phase. She went on to say that bids will be going out later this year. Courtney said that she is confident with these numbers.

There were no comments or questions from council.

* *A motion to approve Ordinance #1-2022 – Budget FY 22/23 (Amendment #1) was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
* *A second was made by Council Member Chandler.*
* *There was no further discussion.*
* *The motion was called, and the vote was 5-0.*

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**REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

1. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

-Nathaniel Freeman – 47 S. Basilica and Keith Hartman – 96 Monte Sano – they came tonight to ask about flooding at Sabina and Basilica and wondering if anything is being done to mitigate the flooding. They said that there have been several cars flooded out and one being one of our city trash trucks. Courtney Soler, City Administrator answered that Berkeley County came out that very night once hearing about the flooding to make sure there wasn’t anything blocking and causing back-up. She said that this will be a process and that we will keep our citizens current on. Mayor Rainwater stated that as far as sewer is concerned, that is something that the city does not handle.

There were no additional Citizen Comments.

1. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Courtney Soler presented her monthly report to Council:

1. **Foster Creek Road Flashing Crosswalk Sign** – The crosswalk lights have been put in place and this project is complete.
2. **Speed Humps** – Additional markings were added to the speed humps after they were graded to the proper level. While we are waiting for SCDOT to conduct a final measurement of the speed humps, this project is considered complete.
3. **Downtown Revitalization** (Solar Light Poles Installation) – Parker Land Surveying has staked the locations of where the poles are to be placed and we are coordinating with getting the locate completed for the utilities. Once this is done, we will be able to get an estimate of the final cost for the placing of the poles.
4. **Phase 3 Tanner Trail** – Staff met with Sara Cox of the COG and other stakeholders involved with this project and we are having to address logistical issues regarding where the trail intersects with Foster Creek Road due to the road widening and addition of the turn lane. The topic of adding a crosswalk light on Foster Creek Road where the trail will intercept Foster Creek Road was discussed with SCDOT. SCDOT advised the city could do this but would have to follow the same approval process that was required for the crosswalk light at Weavers Way and Foster Creek Road.
5. **Park Bond Projects** –

-**53-Acre Park** – Plans for the structures (pavilion, recreation building and restrooms) are being reviewed and the permitting process has begun. When the Construction Project Manager is hired, we will move as quickly as possible to procure the maintenance shed, pole barn, animal control building and carport (roof over dog run). The goal is to stay on track and have the park ready to open in early spring 2023.

-**Steward Street Park** – Summit Engineering met with staff at the site and will be conducting the Phase I environmental survey/testing. There is a possibility that a Phase II environmental survey may be required. Waiting for MS4 permit, likely November.

6. **Cul-de-Sac Islands on Dominion Drive** – This was a topic discussed at the recent workshop and Chief Turner spoke with SCDOT about this. The city would have to file for permitting through DOT and if approved, it would be the city’s responsibility to pay for the removal and repaving/surfacing of the cul-de-sacs. We will find estimated costs to see if this is something we would want to do this fiscal year or with future budgeted funds.

Notes/Dates:

* Next regular monthly City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, at 6:30pm.
* Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 29th at 6:00pm.
* The Red, White, and Blue Festival will be on Saturday, November 5th from 10-4:00pm.
* The November Council Meeting will be changed from November 8th to November 15th due to the Election Day holiday being on November 8th.
* The Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00pm
* The Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00am.

1. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

* Mayor Rainwater asked Courtney if we have spoken with COG regarding the cul-de-sac islands on Dominion Drive, to which Courtney replied with it being a county road and this being an issue for fire trucks to get through in the event of an emergency, we are looking into getting a grant.
* Council Member Chandler asked when the Ribbon Cutting ceremony would be held for Railroad Avenue. Chief Turner replied January 2023.
* Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth stated that there is some confusion with the new stop sign by the ballfields on Railroad Avenue and he thinks we need to, as a city, push something out to the residents to avoid the confusion of that new stop sign.

There were no further comments from council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

* *There being no further business to discuss tonight, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpeth.*
* *A second was made by Council Member Dyson.*
* *There was no discussion.*
* *The motion was called, and the vote 5-0.*

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* *Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.*

Our next regular monthly City Council Meeting will be October 11, 2022, at 6:30pm.