

Special Council Meeting at 6 p.m.

May 21, 2012

Members Present:

Joe Owens, Mayor
Boyd Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem
Abbott L. Bray, Jr.
Eric L. Fowler
Casey Jordan Hallman
L. Dale Harley
Tommy Parler
B.J. Unthank
Teddy Wingard

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk
Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development
Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering
Ken Ebener, Municipal Judge
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Members of the Public and Press

Rick Hodge, City Treasurer
Stuart Jones, Building Official
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief
Brian Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning
Charles Garren, Public Works Director
Justin Black, Staff Accountant
Matt Edwards, Police Major

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and noted a quorum was present. *The State, Free Times, Lexington County Chronicle, Cayce-West Columbia News, and The Columbia Star* were notified of the meeting by e-mail on May 15, 2012.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Parler gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item III – Announcements by Mayor

Mayor Owens announced that city hall will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on May 28, 2012.

Agenda Item IV – Old Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 3.44 acres of unimproved property located as a parcel on the south side of Augusta Road near 17th Street (TMS# 004630-01-002). Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item V – New Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 1.53 acres of property located at 832 Chris Drive (TMS# 004599-10-042). Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item V – New Business (continued)

- B. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration to award bids to demolish two structures at 603 and 613 North Brown Street in the amount of \$6,400 and a duplex at 509-511 Jasper Street in the amount of \$4,400. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. Mayor Owens recognized Ms. Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development, who stated that the city received bids for structures to be demolished under a Community Development Block Grant project through Lexington County. She said the low bid to demolish the houses at 603 and 613 North Brown Street was received from JSQ Company, LLC in the amount of \$6,400. The low bid to demolish the duplex at 509-511 Jasper Street was received from Carolina Wrecking, Inc. in the amount of \$4,400. Ms. Smith said the staff recommendation was for Council to approve both low bids. Mayor Owens called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VI – Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss a Contractual Matter

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned to executive session at 6:08 p.m.

Agenda Item VII – Adjourn from Executive Session and Reconvene to Regular Session

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened to regular session at 7:20 p.m. Mayor Owens stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Mayor Owens recognized Council Member Unthank who made a motion to approve a personal service contract with Mr. Danny R. Frazier to provide assistance with the city's annexation program for compensation in the amount of \$1,250.00 per month for six months with renewable terms upon the approval of City Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Owens called for a vote. Council Member Harley stated that he would abstain from voting due to his personal friendship with Mr. Frazier. Mayor Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones and Council Members Bray, Fowler, Hallman, Unthank and Wingard voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Parler voted in opposition. The motion passed seven votes to one vote with one abstention.

Agenda Item VIII – Adjourn

Mayor Owens asked if there was any further business to discuss and received no response. Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk