

Regular Meeting
Kershaw Town Hall

August 17, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Mark Dorman and Council members Jody Connell, Harvey Truesdale, Gail Rogora, Sonya Poole, Mike Cook, Town Attorney Mandy Powers Norrell, and Town Administrator Mitch Lucas.

Call to Order – Mayor Dorman and official roll call of Council

Invocation – Jody Connell

Mayor Dorman made a motion to add to New Business the use of firearms within Town limits the motion was seconded by Sonya Poole. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Proclamation presented to Dayna Singleton

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the Regular Town Council Meeting on July 27, 2020: Sonya Poole made the motion to approve the minutes as written and the motion was seconded by Harvey Truesdale. The minutes were approved as written by a vote of 6-0.

Reports/Updates

Administrator's Report: Mitch Lucas Reported: 1. The Aquatic Center will be closing on August 29, 2020 for the year. 2. Finalizing the PARD Grant for the Kershaw Aquatic Center, should be mailed next week. 3. Kershaw Branch sewer repair have been completed. There must be a certain amount of water for the sprinklers to work correctly. 8" line that is currently there doesn't provide enough water, adding an additional 8" line. 4. The diagram for the upstairs of the First steps building shows it will have stairs and an elevator. The bottom will have three classrooms, midwestern cellar. There have been some issues with removing the vault. If Lancaster County votes on the penny sales tax, the amount that the town receives, will be used for the renovation for the upstairs of First Steps. 5. Clyburn First Steps Building Playground is being designed by North Carolina State, with a train theme. The town will be using Statues that have been donated to place in the playground. It is going to cost \$300,000.00 for the current design of the playground. Mr. Lucas has a verbal agreement for \$100,000.00 to be donated. The town is expecting it to cost them \$100,000-120,000. Currently looking for donations. 6. SCDOT has provided the Town with street marking paint, the street crew has been repainting the intersections/curbing on Hampton Street. 7. SC Cares and FEMA grant information due by Friday August 21, 2020, for Covid Protection.

Old Business:

- A. **Heart & Soul Update by Tiffany Wayley** an email was sent Friday to the council members on what the actions items were. The action items are statements from the initial survey gathered from the citizens. Heart & Soul hopes that the town will adopt these statements. Mitch Lucas stated that

usually it comes as recommendations from the council based on the need assessment. Heart & Soul needs feedback on if these are accurate action items before creating an action plan. They are planning to have the action plan ready by September 10, 2020 so they can have the action plan in place for the next town council meeting on September 21, 2020. Tiffany Wayley asked if they could meet with council before the next town council meeting to discuss the action items. Mitch Lucas suggested a work session that way there could be input from town council.

- B. **Ordinance 2020-012- First reading of an Ordinance to correct Scribner's Error on FY-21 Fiscal Year Budget.** A motion was made by Harvey Truesdale and seconded by Jody Connell. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.
- C. **Business License Update-** The original due date was April 30, 2020, the due date was extended to June 30, 2020. There roughly 4-5 brick and mortars business that still have not paid. According to Mandy Nowell-Powers we cannot shut down the business, but we can post signs on the businesses stating that they have not paid their business license fees. We can site them everyday with a new violation. Several council members had recommendations. Sonya Poole suggest that we publish it in the newspaper. Harvey Truesdale stated the business needed to be served. Mitch Lucas stated they have not been sent a certified letter, yet. Gail Rogora wants them to be notified in the letter that we will be posting signs on the buildings if the fees are not paid.
- D. **Update on the Woodland Drive Tennis Court Renovation by Beverly Timmons.** Mrs. Timmons stated that everyone should have received the engineering proposal for design for the current tennis court renovations. It has taking a while to find an engineer to take on the project because renovations for a tennis court is unique. They were able to tweak the interest of Keck & Wood, but it is a complicated design process. Do we want to hire a engineering company to do the design development or not? It is going to cost \$70,000-\$80,000. If we have that amount of money, we do not have to have an engineering company. But to receive grant money it must be done by an engineering company. Mrs. Timmons has contacted Oceana Gold to see if they have someone who could do the survey, has not heard anything back at this time. She would be happy to apply for Grants through U.S.T.A, does not know how much grant money would be received. The max amount U.S.T.A would give is \$30,000. To receive a grant, there has to be a Junior or some type of Tennis program currently going on. Would also like for the town to add donation information to the Town's website.

New Business:

- A. **Duke Energy Efficiency Proposal for three areas: Town Hall, Marion Boan Community Center and the WWTP.-** Jason Rawady inspected the light in four of the Town's buildings to give an estimate on what it would cost to switch to the most energy efficient lighting. Mitch Lucas stated he could get bids from other companies as well if it is some that the council would be interested in doing. The main two to look closely at is Marion Boan and the Fire Dept. due to them having the oldest light in the town. Renovations will soon take place at Marion Boan Rec Center, something we could look at doing at that time. Adding to old business for next Town Council meeting on September 21, 2020, to give council time to look over all the information.
- B. **Firearm Use-** Mark Dorman has been receiving a lot of calls about firearms being discharge in the town limits. Noticed that there is not an ordinance on firearms for the town limits. There was an

ordinance 10-11 years ago, but it was codified. The old ordinance reads as follow: It shall be unlawful within the corporate limits to fire, aim or discharge any air rifle, pellet rifle, sling shot, or other device in any manner that is potentially used to harm any person or property. According to Mandy Nowell-Powers it would have to go through two readings to make it an ordinance again. A motion was made by Mark Dorman and seconded by Gail Rogora. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made by Harvey Truesdale to enter executive session and seconded by Jody Connell. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Executive Session

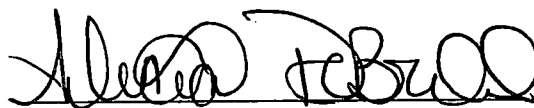
- A. **Update from the attorney on legal matters-** No action taken
- B. **Economic Development Issue-** Jody Connell made a motion to expend \$131,250 from Economic Development portion of the budget for an RIA grant with Lancaster County Water & Sewer Authority in the amount of \$562,500 and seconded by Sonya Poole. The motion was approved 6-0.
- C. **Sale of Town Property-** No action taken
- D. **Personnel-** No action taken

A motion was made by Mark Dorman to enter open session and seconded by Mike Cook. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made by Harvey Truesdale and seconded by Jody Connell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0



Mayor Mark Dorman



Alicia DeBruhl, Town Clerk